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GREAT NEWS FROM CHURCH IN MATO GROSSO



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Dear Brethren,

Hope you are all well. Right now, I am not. I have been down for almost a month. Last month I went to Manaus for our conference and on the way home came down with the flu and later another virus. I am getting better, but still very weak and will have to take it easy until I can get back to my usual self. But let me tell you about that conference.

A number of years ago Paul Hatcher, David Hatcher, Bobby Wacaser, Hershael York and I got together for a fishing/work getaway outside of Manaus. During the day we reeled in the peacock bass and at night talked shop. One of the things that we discussed was the need for a practical get together, rally around, for independent Baptist pastors and missionaries in Brazil. We have our annual missions conference here every year, but we are too far off the beaten path and hard to get to for it to be practical. Bobby is way down on the other end and still doesn't have the infrastructure to handle this kind of event. So, David and Paul took on the project.

The conference happened a few times sponsored by Nova Igreja Batista where David is pastor. It was a huge success. Then...the pandemic.

This year we are back! It was a miracle that David was able to pull this off. Air travel and logistics in general are far from back to normal. Nevertheless, there were hundreds of workers from all over Brazil and even a couple of foreign countries.

Our group from Cruzeiro do Sul is usu-

ally the biggest, but this year there were only 4 of us. We had to drive to Rio Branco (9 hours of potholes) then flew to Manaus. Flew back to Rio Branco then bus to Cruzeiro do Sul (14 hours). On this last leg is when I came down sick, almost a month.

Our group took full advantage of all the workshops and seminars they could jam in.

It was my privilege to speak at Nova Igreja Batista on Saturday night to a crowd of over 2500. Then on Sunday I spoke at Tabernacle Baptist Church to, I think over 2000. Tabernacle had been down, but boy are they back! That was one of the highlights for me.

Let me share a couple of more bright spots. Of course, it was great to run into pastors that I have known for years from all over Brazil. One of those is Pastor Gilberto from Marília, São Paulo. He is writing a book to commemorate the century mark of Baptist Faith Missions (1923). I spent a lot of time with him sharing as much as time would permit from the history of the mission work here.

Then on the very first night, a young pastor introduced himself to me. He knew me, but he was a new acquaintance to me. His name is Manoel. He pastors one of the churches that my Dad started in Mato Grosso, Brazil. Dad had asked me many times if I ever heard anything about those churches. Well briefly, here is the great news: The church had gone off the deep end into Pentecostalism and prosperity gospel. Then after one of their usual scandals the pastor called in Manoel to take over. Pastor Manoel brought them back out of their errant ways and back to sound doctrine and true evangelism. Today they are back up to 40+ members and doing fine.

Thanks for all of your prayers and support. God bless you as much as He has us.

In Christ,
Mike Creiglow



Mike Creiglow with Pastor Manoel

THANKSGIVING OFFERING APPEAL

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FOR OUR \$50,000.00
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May God give them wisdom and discernment
as they prayerfully make decisions.

ELECTION UPDATE + DISCIPLING YOUNG MEN

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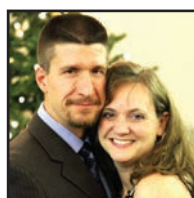
Dear praying friends,

Another month has come and gone,
and there are many important items in
the country to update you on. This update
will share current prayer requests as well
as ministry progress.We thank the Lord that the Kenyan
presidential election was resolved yester-
day, September 5th. It was a very close,
competitive race with less than two per-
centage points separating the two main
presidential candidates. The election
results were sent to the Kenyan Supreme
Court for a two-week consideration and
examination, to see if there was probable
cause to overturn the election. In this
case, the election would need to be done
a second time within 60 days of the pre-
vious election. This is called a "run off."
In this case this year, the Supreme Court
decided the results were legitimate and
declared the presidential elect, without arunoff. He will be sworn into office next
week, Lord willing.So far, much of the country has been
calm. Both of the main presidential
candidates have urged calm with their
supporters, and not to resort to violence
or any kind of unrest. Where we are in
Kitale, it has been calm, for which we
thank the Lord. There were some skir-
mishes last night in a different part of
the country, but we hear that the police
are prepared and many. We will see how
things go in the coming days as it is still
early. We trust the Lord with our safety
and follow all the precautions we can.
Proverbs 18:10 says "The name of the
Lord is a strong tower: the righteous
runneth into it, and is safe." Also, Psalm
27:1, which says "The Lord is my light
and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
the Lord is the strength of my life; of
whom shall I be afraid?" These verses are
certainly a comfort during these times.Please pray my wife, as she contin-
ues to homeschool our daughters. She is
doing a great job, and the girls are stay-
ing on schedule. Please pray also for new
families with kids the girl's ages to come
to Kitale, so they can have stable friend-
ships. We have heard of some familiesthat are interested in coming later in the
year, so please pray they would come when
planned, and that the girls would make
friends. Many long-term families that were
here in Kitale have moved this year, so it has
not been easy, but we are praying and trust-
ing the Lord and His timing. Lamentations
3:25 says "The Lord is good unto them that
wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him."
We are waiting in faith, trusting the Lord.I (Nathan) am continuing along in the
discipleship course in the village of Taito.
Please pray for me as I continue to disciple
and train the men, as I trust the Lord for
the results. I am praying that God would
raise these men up to go out and start
churches as the Lord leads them. It is God
I am trusting, every step of the way. I like
1 Corinthians 3:6, where Paul says "I have
planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the
increase." Amen. It is still the same today,
and may God receive all the praise and
glory for all things.This is the current update from Kenya.
We appreciate each of you so much and
your heart for missions. We will keep you
updated.

Blessings,

Nathan and Carrie Radford

TEACHING MEN HOW TO PROPERLY READ THE BIBLE

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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,
Beloved, Brothers and Sisters, thank
you so much for your prayers over the
past 16 years and especially over the last
couple of months. God has been moving
in our lives and Julie and I find ourselves
in a much more spiritually healthy posi-
tion than we have been in for a long
time. And Chloe is also getting some of
the help that she has been needing for
years. Life is still hard, but I think Julie
and I would both say we are not living
day to day in absolute survival mode. We
believe this is the result of many prayers
on our behalf and God working power-
fully behind the scenes and directing us
in ways we could not have envisioned. So,
dear friends, thank you for your prayers
and loving support and please continue
to pray that God would uplift us and fill
us with His Spirit, His grace, His love, and
His strength.I am very tired as I write this, but it
is a good kind of tired, knowing that the
last couple of weeks have been filled with
good things. The students have returned
to the college, and I am teaching them
wonderful things about the Bible. I am
teaching them how to properly read andinterpret the Bible, and, frankly, they
need it. These are young men coming
from various parts
of the country who
have not received
much training
yet in their young
lives. My oldest
student, Simon,
is 35. His parents
died when he was
very young, and
he was never able
to go to school.
When he became
an adult, he went
back to school. He started at primary
school and went and sat in the primary
class with primary age students until
he could proceed to secondary school.
This is a great shame for an adult in
this culture and is almost unheard of.
But Simon wanted his education, not
caring about the shame, and he finally
finished it a couple of years ago, got mar-
ried last year, and now finds himself in
my Interpretation class and wanting to
be a minister of the gospel. Amazing.
Anthony is 19. When he wanted to be
baptized his pastor asked him, "You do
realize that being a Christian is more
than going to church on Sundays and
having Christian parents, right?" Actu-
ally, Anthony did NOT realize that,
and it got him thinking about what a
Christian really is. Now, he is trusting,
following, and loving Jesus as his Lord,**"These are young
men coming from
various parts of
the country who
have not received
much training
yet in their young
lives."**

-Roger Tate-

Savior, and Master and wants to help other
young people know what it really means
to be a Christian. These two are just
a couple of my students. The others
have similar kinds of testimonies. I
also have a Ugandan student who is
arriving in Kenya this weekend after
struggling with immigration issues.I also serve at the school as the
finance manager. This means that
every student must eventually funnel
through the door of my office to
receive my signature stating they
have paid their fees. When they
cannot pay their fees, it is me that
they need to see. This past week Ihave sat with many impoverished students
who could not pay their fees. I would cry
with them, pray with them, help them
put together a plan on how to raise their
money, and pray with them some more.
It was a hard week for me because most
of these students have never had to take
any responsibility whatsoever for their
finances, being completely dependent on
parents and/or sponsors. Being responsible
for their finances is a hard lesson that many
of them need to learn. The financial culture
and mentality in Kenya could not be more
different than the financial culture and
mentality of America. Another time I will
try and explain some of the vast differences
between the two cultures when it comes to
dealing with money. But not right now, as
this newsletter is now full.

Blessings to all,

Roger, Julie, and Chloe

SENDING TWO MISSIONARIES TO PORTUGAL



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Dear Friends,

Last month, Charlene began giving English classes again and we had one student already make a profession of faith after coming to a church service on the following Sunday. We are also having students from some of our computer classes and martial arts classes attending church as well. These classes have been a great way for us to get to know people in our community that probably wouldn't come if we only offered Sunday worship services. We are rejoicing!

There is a young couple in our church who feel called to missions and we are preparing them to go to Portugal in the near future. Their names are Yago and Manoela. Right now, they are waiting on their work

visas to Portugal to be processed. In the meantime, they are helping with various ministries at our church, and I have had Yago preach in the pulpit as well. *I am super excited about our young church learning that they are also a sending body of Christ, not just a growing body of Christ.* It's not going to be easy to support them, but Yago will also be a "tent-maker", having a secular job as computer consultant to help with their support. Charlene and I plan to go visit them after they get settled in to use our experience to help them identify some fields of opportunity for gospel outreach. Less than 1% of Portugal's population identifies as "born again" believers in Jesus Christ. At the same time, most Portuguese people claim to have religion, just not Biblical religion. Yago and Manoela know that their work will not be easy, but they know also that the Lord will be with them to work in the hearts of those whom He will call at the preaching of the gospel.

Our travel team, Alpha, is in the middle of a three-week trip to minister in the interior of our own state, Parana, and in the next state northwest of us, Mato Grosso do Sul. They have invitations to share the gospel in several schools and I will be traveling there tomorrow to minister with them. This month we have already had the privilege to preach to over 2500 students along with their school staff. There have been hundreds of public professions of faith at these events, and we constantly receive word from school principals and local pastors of what a change they are seeing in many of those who receive Christ. We are thrilled to have this liberty still open to us and we plan to take advantage of it for as long as the Lord provides.

Charlene and I are very grateful for your faithful prayers and generous support of our ministries. Thank you very much.

In Christ's love,

Bobby and Charlene Wacaser

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT PRAY

*We pray for those who do not pray!
Who waste, O Lord, salvation's day;
For those we love who love not Thee—
Our grief, their danger, pitying see.*

*Those for whom many tears are shed,
And blessings breathed upon their head;
The children of Thy people save,
From godless life and hopeless grave.*

*Hear fathers, mothers, as they pray
For sons, for daughters far away—
Brother for brother, friend for friend—
Hear all our prayers that upwards blend.*

*We pray for those who long have heard,
But still neglect Thy gracious Word;
Soften the hearts obdurate made
By calls unheeded, vows delayed.*

*Release the drunkard from his chain,
Save those beguiled by pleasure vain,
Set free the slaves of lust, and bring
Back to their home the wandering.*

*The hopeless cheer; guide those who
doubt;*

*Restore the lost; cast no one out;
For all that are far off we pray,
Since we were once far off as they.*

Words: C. Newman Hall, in The Song Victor, edited by R. A. Glenn (Cincinnati, Ohio: F. W. Helmick, 1878), number 62

OPEN DOORS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL



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Dear Co-Laborers,

Thank you for your faithful support in many different ways. Compared to last month this one has been relatively quiet. We enjoyed having Lydia and Adam (our daughter and son-in-law) along with their children with us for nearly a month. These rare moments with family are a great blessing.

One day when Judy was at the grocery store near our house along with one of our granddaughters, she was stopped by a

young lady who had heard them speaking in English. This lady has a son in grade school, and she wants him to become proficient in English. They set up a time to come by our house while our grandchildren were still here. Judy has had continuing contact and walks with this lady. God opens doors for us to have relationships with people with whom we can share the gospel.

One of the ladies in our church is a chiropractor and a

people magnet. She called me the other day because one of her patients had approached her seeking information for her daughter's sake. The patient said that her 12-year-old daughter wanted to get baptized. The family has no religious practice. The request is interesting considering the fact that only about 2% of French people are practicing Catholics, less than one half of a percent are evangelical believers. I do not yet know what instigated this desire in the

"God opens doors for us to have relationships with people with whom we can share the gospel."

-John Mark Hatcher-

girl. The mother told Anaelle, the chiropractor from our church, that she had approached her on the subject because she thought Protestants were more open than Catholics.

Anaelle called me to discuss the best way to talk to this lady and her daughter about baptism. The lady lives on the other side of the metropolitan area of Toulouse from us. Coming to meetings here would be quite a drive, but we are hoping to see her Sunday.

We are very encouraged with the Bible studies and hope to be starting a new one in a different city this month.

May God bless you and use you as His light where you are.

In His service with you,
John and Judy

UPCOMING SEMINARY GRADUATION + HAIRCUTS



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Dear friends and family,

AWESOME is the Lord we serve. I am starting this letter a little different, because He is the One who is in charge, and He will carry us through. We will have the first graduation on schedule, and it will be on September 17th. How AWESOME is the God we serve. After so many attempts, it is really happening; however, not without some difficulty, but God is in charge. Some of the students are not able to attend this graduation because of conflicting schedules. Please pray for them as we go forward.

As for now, those who will attend stands as follows: nine (9) for the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministries and eleven (11) for the Master of Arts in Biblical Studies. The difference between these two is that the Pastors who choose the Pastoral Ministries have an additional three (3) classes: Greek, Hebrew, and Thesis Writing. This course is only offered to Pastors. In addition, there are seventy others who will receive certificates for the classes completed until now. We are hopeful that these students will be able to complete the studies they have started. Many of them are very close to completion.

"No matter where we are, we serve the Lord."

-Aj Hensley-



Barbara cutting hair

Everyone seems to be excited, especially the Professors and I.

Barbara and I will be traveling on September 6th and will arrive in Brazil on September 7th. Pray for our trip. After the graduation, Pastor Derek, Pastor Marcos, and I will be visiting with the Pastors and students and future students

to get them enthusiastic about the upcoming classes in 2022 and 2023. This will be lots of traveling and we will need prayers for safety.

COVID has set us back and rearranged our focus. So now we will begin to see how we can help the students with different aids. We are hopeful for the new semester and the new students. We are planning new ways the students can participate by rearranging the classes and offering more classes on Zoom. So, prayers for the students are greatly appreciated.

As we are waiting to make this next trip, we have been participating in the congregation at the First Baptist Church here in Florida. We help with their feeding the hungry program. Barbara took her haircutting equipment and cut one head of hair, and that started a line for haircuts. So, we see that no matter where we are, we serve the Lord.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our family and our seminary work.

In His Service,
Aj and Barbara

BLESSED WITH MUSIC IN UBIM



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September 19, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have had a blessed month, praise the Lord. We had a couple to visit the church and, as we were talking, found out that their grandpa worked with Bro. John Hatcher in the ministry in Manaus. Now this couple is helping us in two places. He plays several instruments. What a blessing. They have been a great blessing at the village of Ubim. They live close to the village. Now we have music when we sing.

We are also working on reaching a couple we met with the fish market. The wife is a Christian and the husband is a dedicated catholic. We have them over to our house every once in while to make friends with them. I invited him to church this weekend. He said, "One of these days I'll go." They came to our home and fixed lunch for us. Pray for them: Rocha and his wife Josi.

Also, the family that lives here with us are doing well. The wife has many struggles with her past. Especially drugs. Pray for her. Kathy talks to her as opportunities open for a good conversation. They are a great family, and their children are very special. We take them fishing and do as much as we can to spend time with them.

Our plans for the next month are to have more pizza days. Now that the water has gone down enough, we will be able to have the pizza day at the Indian village at Ubim.

Next week is the last Sunday for



This boy is from the Indian Village at Ubim. His birthday is the same as Odali's and he always stays at their home.



the training classes we have had. Now we will be putting the training to practice. Pray that God works in the heart of the members, that each one will find an area to serve in the different ministries in the church. We want to start Sunday School Classes and more services in the homes.

We want to thank each of you for the prayers and support. May God bless each of you.

In Christ,
Odali and Kathy



Singing in Ubim

GOD'S PROVIDENCE SHOWN STATESIDE



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Dear friends,

Last year as our family prepared to come to the US for the one-year State-side assignment for 2021-2022, the Lord opened the door for Raquel to gain experience and expertise in foster care in suburban Chicago. In May 2021, it was confirmed she would begin an internship in August 2021. Consequently, we searched for housing. I signed a lease agreement on a home and placed a deposit. In the following weeks, significant policy changes were made in foster care services, and several people resigned from this organization, including the supervisor who hired my wife. The new supervisor informed Raquel she had to begin in mid-June or lose the opportunity. Logistically, she couldn't begin before the initially agreed date. So, now we had two alternatives: (a) cancel the housing lease and go to another opportunity in a different state (but lose the deposit), or (b) move to suburban Chicago and see what the Lord had planned. Our decision-making involves this main principle: What is decided through much prayer and confirmed by the Holy Spirit should not be canceled haphazardly. So, we moved to Chicagoland, not knowing what the Lord had for us during this next season in the States.

A month after arriving in Wheaton, IL (September 2021), I was diagnosed with cancer and would need chemotherapy and radiation therapy. This shocked us as a family, but we rejoiced in the Lord to be in an excellent location for treatment. My

wife found an opportunity to serve as a clinical therapist at a local clinic and participate in several equipping seminars to equip her to work better with orphans in Brazil. Our second child (who lost her hearing in the left ear two years prior) had a cochlear implant installed in December 2021 by one of the nation's best cochlear implant surgeons and has regained hearing. I began my doctoral study at Columbia International University in January 2022 (began studying during my cancer treatment). This last month I was diagnosed with severe carpal tunnel syndrome on both hands. I underwent the surgical procedure and can now sleep at night uninterrupted by pain. It is impressive to see the hand of God at work in unique ways. I could write endlessly about God's marvelous care for us during this season of life.

Our reaction to this turn of events was to trust in God and rest in His sovereign hand and providence. Matthew 6:25-27 often came to mind as we navigated these uncertain waters: "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?"

The outcome is that I am now cancer-free, can sleep throughout the night without waking up from the pain in my hands, my wife has grown in her expertise as a professional, our daughter can hear again, and I have begun my doctoral studies. Praise the Lord!

Another unique event over the last



Hiking with the family at Starved Rock State Park, IL



Sarah received her driver's license

month is that our three older children – Sarah, Laura, and Benjamin – expressed a desire to be part of the "ministry team" and do more than just "help." Raquel and I were elated to learn of their desire. We began equipping them with the same approach we use for training leaders for church planting. We are studying the philosophy of ministry, strategy planning, and having in-depth theological discussions. We love working with this great team!

Thank you for partnering with us through prayer and financial giving. We are grateful.

Always grateful,
Judson Hatcher



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Jud's carpal tunnel release surgery



Celebrating Brazil's Independence Day



Benjamin's cross-country school competition

BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS THANKSGIVING OFFERING FAQ

(Frequently Asked Questions)

Will you please take the time to read this appeal for a much-needed generous Thanksgiving Offering? Maybe you have not given in previous years. May we explain the importance of the Thanksgiving Offering for the continued support of your missionaries? And may we invite you to join us this year in giving to supply the benefits and services we have committed to our missionaries?! *Thank you!*

1. "WHY DO WE HAVE A THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

We have a Thanksgiving Offering because WE NEED IT for the coming year to supply the financial commitments we have made to our missionaries for the services and benefits we provide from a common contribution receptacle account called the "Missionary Support Fund." The monthly contributions we receive for the Missionary Support Fund are not sufficient to supply ALL of the benefits and services we commit to provide for our missionaries. So, we NEED the Thanksgiving Offering to supplement the monthly Missionary Support Fund offerings.

2. "WHY IS THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING SO IMPORTANT?"

The Thanksgiving Offering is ESSENTIAL because it is the only source of funds for supplying many of our missionaries' needs during the coming year. Those services and benefits NOT sufficiently funded by monthly offerings to the Missionary Support Fund are supplied by contributions received in the Thanksgiving Offering.

3. "WHAT SERVICES AND BENEFITS DOES THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING HELP PROVIDE?"

The Thanksgiving Offering enables us to provide the services and benefits we have committed to our missionaries "as the Lord provides" – *in addition to monthly salary, housing and ministry allowances, and hospitalization.* These benefits include:

- reimbursements for missionaries' Furlough (Home Assignment) airfare/transportation expenses to and from the field
- reimbursements for their hospitalization personal deductibles for the year (their personal deductible is \$1000 and we reimburse them \$600 of that amount)
- children's school/education expenses (if funds are available)
- expenses for mailing *BFM News & Reports* (missionaries' monthly letters, reports, updates -- and a brief summary report of all offerings given through BFM that month)
- expenses for maintaining Stateside office for communication and daily services – there are a lot of activities that go on Stateside to keep our missionaries functioning on their fields of service

4. "HOW ELSE IS THE MISSIONARY SUPPORT FUND SUPPLIED?"

The primary supply for the Missionary Support Fund is from monthly offerings that are given to the Missionary Support Fund. These monthly Missionary Support Fund offerings are used to supply the "Essential Missionary Support" [EMS] that we have committed to the missionaries for their standard essential monthly expenses. These include:

- their monthly salary
 - their monthly standard housing allowance
 - their monthly standard ministry allowance
 - their monthly hospitalization premium
 - expenses for printing *BFM News & Reports* – their monthly newsletters, reports, and updates
- We just wish to reiterate – and we cannot over-emphasize – that we have no sources of funding for these*

committed benefits other than the monthly Missionary Support Fund and the Thanksgiving Offering. If we do not receive the necessary funding through these two contribution streams, we cannot disburse the benefits.

5. "WHY IS THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING GIVEN AT THE THANKSGIVING SEASON?"

- The BFM Thanksgiving Offering began many years ago in conjunction with the annual Thanksgiving Missionary Conference in the Detroit-area and has continued that way to this day.
 - Also, the Thanksgiving season is good reminder of the thanks we owe God for His Indescribable Gift in Jesus Christ – and our Thanksgiving Offering is a good way to express that thanks.
 - And, the Thanksgiving season and Offering is a good occasion for us to give missionary offerings so others, also, may hear the blessed Good News of salvation through Christ...and, in this way, share our Thanksgivings to God with others and MULTIPLY STILL MORE THANKSGIVINGS TO GOD.
- See 2 Corinthians 9.11-15

6. "HOW CAN I GIVE MY THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

If your church receives a Thanksgiving Offering for the missionaries supported through BFM, then we encourage you to give your offering through your church. Most of the Thanksgiving Offerings that are given by churches are made up by the voluntary offerings of individual members who give to the Offering. *Pastors, we encourage you to give your church the opportunity to contribute to our BFM Thanksgiving Offering.*

7. "WHAT IF MY CHURCH DOES NOT RECEIVE A BFM THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

If your church does not participate in the Thanksgiving Offering, you may send your personal gift to the Treasurer of BFM and *designate it "Thanksgiving Offering."*

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You can also give online at www.bfmnow.org and click on 'Give' and *designate for "Thanksgiving Offering" in the memo field.*

8. "CAN I GIVE MY THANKSGIVING OFFERING ONLY AROUND THANKSGIVING ... OR DURING NOVEMBER?"

No. Many churches and individual Friends of BFM give on or around "Thanksgiving Sunday." However, offerings begin coming in before November and continue to come in to the Treasurer during the months following November, and sometimes on into the next year. *You can give your Thanksgiving Offering any time. But, all offerings designated "Thanksgiving Offering" go toward the same collective Offering for that year.*

9. "HOW IS THE "EVERY FRIEND A GIVING FRIEND" PERSONAL GIVING MINISTRY PERTINENT TO THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

We introduced the "EVERY FRIEND A GIVING FRIEND" ministry and plan during the 2003 Thanksgiving Conference. "Every Friend a Giving Friend" encourages each of our missionaries' friends to personally participate in regular giving to the Missionary Support Fund. This plan is nothing new or unique; it is just another way to express and articulate what the Friends of BFM have been doing since the inception of the Mission.



It is also patterned after the instructions Paul gives us in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9: that is,

1. to purpose in your heart to give an offering (9:7)
2. to give as generous an offering as God enables you (8:1-3 & 9:6)
3. to ask God – and trust Him – to supply you with the funds you will need to give the offering (9:8)
4. to plan and begin preparing even a year ahead of time (as Paul instructed the Corinthians and the other churches to do) (8:10-11 & 9:2)
5. to give your offerings to the Lord and to the Lord's missionaries willingly and cheerfully (9:7)
6. to express your love and obedience to the Lord through your generous giving (8:8 & 9:13)
7. to give as your response to Jesus Christ's grace and gift of Himself to you (8:9 & 9:15)

We encourage every Friend of BFM to be a **Giving Friend** and give a personal Thanksgiving Offering to help supply our missionaries' needs that are met through the monthly Missionary Support Fund.

"EVERY FRIEND A GIVING FRIEND" also challenges each Friend of BFM to personally participate in missions by giving monthly offerings *over and above the regular tithes and offerings you give to your church to meet the needs of your local church's ministries.* We encourage each **Giving Friend** to make a personal commitment to either begin giving or increase your giving each month to the Missionary Support Fund.

10. "WHY DO YOU SET GOALS FOR THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

We set goals because the goal amount is keyed to the projected needs we expect to provide for the coming year of missionary ministry. And, when we increase the commitments, services, and benefits we give our missionaries so they can better fulfill their ministries, our needs for the necessary funds increase also.

And, please remember with us that we cannot approve and commit to increasing the services and benefits we provide for our missionaries unless we believe the Lord will supply those funds through your giving.

OUR 2022-23 THANKSGIVING OFFERING GOAL IS \$50,000.00.

Would you please pray and ask the Lord of the Harvest what he would have you give to this year's Thanksgiving Offering? And then ask Him also to supply you with that gift from his inexhaustible resources of Grace?

Thank You, GIVING FRIENDS!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING APPEAL

Will you pray about and consider giving your personal offering toward the 2022 THANKSGIVING OFFERING?

There is just no way that we can exaggerate or over-state the importance of our Thanksgiving Offering. The Thanksgiving Offering is indispensable if we are to maintain providing our missionaries with the levels of service and benefits we are giving them now – and we certainly can't increase the benefits we give them without a very generous Thanksgiving Offering.

All the offerings given to the Thanksgiving Offering go directly toward the support of our missionaries by funding the commitments, benefits, and services we give them over the course of the next year.

Consider these truths:

- ▶ All the commitments, benefits, and services we give our missionaries are funded through offerings and contributions given to the *Missionary Support Fund*
- ▶ The only contribution streams that supply the Missionary Support Fund are the monthly offerings given to the *Missionary Support Fund* and the THANKSGIVING OFFERING
- ▶ The monthly *Missionary Support Fund* contributions do not sustain all the accrued annual disbursements for the commitments, benefits, and services we give our missionaries
- ▶ Therefore, we need and depend upon the THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS to make up for the monthly deficits we will incur in providing the commitments, benefits, and services we give our missionaries over the upcoming year
- ▶ This year's THANKSGIVING OFFERING will make up for next year's monthly deficits

in *Missionary Support Fund* contributions and disbursements

- ▶ IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE SUFFICIENT THANKSGIVING OFFERING FUNDS NOW IN ADVANCE OF NEXT YEAR'S DISBURSEMENTS, THEN WE WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO REDUCE THE COMMITMENTS, BENEFITS, AND SERVICES WE GIVE TO OUR MISSIONARIES
 - we have no other reserves, subsidies, or endowments to draw from or fall back on
 - we cannot borrow money to operate
- ▶ So, it is essential that we all give as generously as possible so our missionaries' needs will be supplied
- ▶ Will you give a generous personal THANKSGIVING OFFERING right now?
 - and, at the same time, may we encourage you to commit to making monthly – even recurring – offerings to the *Missionary Support Fund*!
- ▶ Your missionaries' needs will be met – and thanksgivings to God will abound and increase and continue!



WE NEED TO REACH FOR OUR \$50,000.00 THANKSGIVING OFFERING GOAL!

GIVE NOW!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING FAQ

(Frequently Asked Questions)

Visit our FaithWorks Blog to learn more about this offering and some of our most frequently asked questions.

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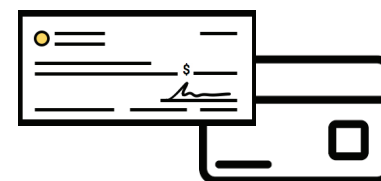
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Mail a Check



All offerings should be addressed to:

**BFM, c/o George Sledd
P.O. Box 471280
Lake Monroe, FL 32747-1280**

If your offering is for a specific missionary or project, it should be so designated.

The greatest need each month is for the Missionary Support Fund.



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PRAY & PRAISE

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THANKSGIVING OFFERING APPEAL

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THANKSGIVING OFFERING GOAL!**

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67th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MISSIONS CONFERENCE

in the interests of Baptist Faith Missions

NOVEMBER 14-15-16, 2022

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH | Dearborn Heights, MI

Pastor Terry Adkins | 313.920.7389 | pastorterrynewhope@yahoo.com

CONFERENCE THEME:

**"...UNTO THE UTTERMOST PARTS OF THE EARTH." ACTS 1:8
UTTERMOST BEGINS WITH "YOU"**

*Do you have any questions about Baptist Faith Missions, about who we are and what we do? Please join us at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday
for our BFM advisory meeting (bring your questions and/or suggestions). EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND.*

MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 14TH

5:00 p.m. – Dinner

6:30 p.m. – Music

6:45 p.m. – Singing

7:15 p.m. – Message, Pastor George Sledd, Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL

8:00 p.m. – Singing

8:25 p.m. – Message, Pastor Dan Hillard, Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Wyandotte, MI

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 15TH

9:15 a.m. – Music & Singing

9:30 a.m. – Message, Evangelist Kerry Smith, New Heights Baptist Church, Ringgold, GA

10:15 a.m. – Message, Pastor Mike Farmer, Covenant Baptist Church, Troy, MI

11:00 a.m. – Break

11:15 a.m. – Message, Pastor Denny Herndon, Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI

12:00 Noon – Lunch

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 15TH

1:30 p.m. – BFM Advisory Meeting

Everyone is welcome! Please feel free to ask any questions you may have about BFM or our missionaries.

TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 15TH

5:00 p.m. – Dinner

6:30 p.m. – Music

6:45 p.m. – Singing

7:15 p.m. – Message, Pastor David Humphreys, 7th Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, IN

8:00 p.m. – Singing

8:15 p.m. – Message, Keven Humphreys, Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, MI

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 16TH

9:45 a.m. – Music

10:00 a.m. – Singing

10:15 a.m. – Message, Pastor Doug Armstrong, Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI

11:00 a.m. – Singing

11:15 a.m. – Message, Missionary Judson Hatcher, São Paulo, Brazil

12:00 Noon – Lunch

