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Remember The Thanksgiving Offering

A SPECIAL REQUEST

Would each church
take a Thanksgiving Offering
for our missionaries?

Whether big or small,
all would be greatly appreciated.

Perhaps you have said
we are going to do it sometime.

Why not begin this year??

We have never had
100% participation
of our supporters,
but
we would like to have it this year.

The offerings are greatly needed.

Please pray that God would enable
and then Give!



The People gave the lot and built the walls. I helped them by furnishing them with money to put on a roof and doors.



*Mt. Mission in the Andes Mountains
1 1/2 hours from Huanuco, Peru.
Brother Crain's work.*

MISSION STUDY

by John Hatcher

First Things First

Now the church in Ephesus about which we have been talking was a sound church. Its problem to be overcome was to practice what it preached. Churches and individuals need to realize that it is possible to let secondary things take the place of the "first things". Take music for an example. No one denies the fact that music is commendable in the worship service and in attracting people to hear the Gospel. It cannot be denied that a nice piano or organ can be a real blessing to the public services of the church in the praising of the Lord. These have, however, become the traditional in christianity of today and many times churches are judged by whether or not they have an organ, piano or choir. It comes to my mind that while I was pastor in Alton, Illinois, one lady member made the remark that ours was not even a Baptist Church for we did not have a choir.

It is sad to say, but today many people join the church which has a music program or other type program rather than because it is a spiritual and working church in the matter of spreading the Gospel. Many people go the Lutheran and Presbyterian churches because they can hear Handel, Bach and Beethoven. Sad as it is, this is happening in some Baptist churches. This is certainly not the primary work and purpose of the church of Jesus Christ. If such things take the place of spreading the Gospel, then the "first works" have been abandoned. One church in Eastern Kentucky bought an organ. Do you not imagine that it was a sweet sound to the Lord when they tuned up "Send the Light"? What hypocrisy! They gave nothing to tell of the Lord Jesus but boisterously sang with the organ accompaniment, "Oh, How I Love Jesus" and "To the Regions Beyond."

"He that hath begun a good work in you from the very first day." The promises in the book of Philipians are to those who faithfully serve Him. They are not promises to heretics or men who follow after perni-

cious ways, but to those who are faithful. It will be well to look at Philipians 4:17-18. "Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God." What was it he had received from this church? It was an offering among other things perhaps. Now what do you think about the savor of a church which says, "We are going to begin a building program and we must cut down. We must stop sending the gospel. We cannot afford to send the Gospel." What about such? Do you think that would be a sweet smell or rather acrid?

Is it possible for God to bless a church which is not faithful in spreading the Gospel? That depends on what you call blessing. I think that it is possible for churches to do nothing in the work of the Gospel and yet have what they term blessing. God will give churches what they ask for and then reward them according to their works. Some meet together from time to time and pray, "Lord, bless us materially, give us this, give us that." And God permits them to have just what they ask for. But one day they will stand to be judged for their works. Remember, most of the things you can see are rewards in themselves. Paul said that their offering was a sweet savor. Even though poor, they gave and Paul assured them that God would supply all their needs according to His riches in glory.

Personal Purposing

The whole book of Philipians is written in commendation of this church which was a real missionary church. You must purpose in your own life to be missionary.

Now this involves the giving to God your being and your possessions. It is a matter of the witnessing in your life with righteous living. You have not only the responsibility

of witnessing where you are, but also to send someone where you cannot go. This is true of the persons in the pulpits as well as the persons in the pews. Do you know why many churches do nothing in obeying the Great Commission? They do not have a missionary pastor. Pastors, if you are going to have a going and sending church, you must set the example.

It needs to be pointed out to our people that they spend a lot of money foolishly, and that this is going to rob them of eternal rewards. Some preachers and churches act as if they do not believe in rewards. Try giving an amount to missions equal to that which you spend foolishly - on sports, cosmetics, etc. It needs to be pointed out that missions is a work of faith. It is amazing how some interdenominational men have part truth and are so zealous when Baptists have so much truth and so little zeal. It would be well for us to remember that God does not only look at what we do and give. He looks also at what we do not do and what we have left over.

The New Testament does not set down a set of rules and regulations but rather gives principles. The first principle of service is this: You are not your own for you have been bought with a price. Not being your own, your possessions are not yours. David expressed this same idea in his prayer to God during the latter part of his reign, "Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee and of thine own hand have we given thee. For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding." (I Chronicles 29:13-15). Giving is a grace (unmerited favor). The first church understood this principle of giving and sold all when the need demanded. No, you do not have to sell all you possess. But remember, God will not reward you for earthly goods stored up.

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The Great Importance of Prayer ... The Lord Is Blessing in Lima ... Enjoying Fellowship With the Crains ...

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THE POWER OF PRAYER

The day was long, the burden I had borne
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,
And then it lifted - but I did not know
Some one had knelt in prayer;
Had taken me to God that very hour,
And asked the easing of the load, and He,
In infinite compassion, had stooped down
And taken it from me.
We cannot tell how often as we pray
For some bewildered one, hurt and distressed,
The answer comes, but many times those hearts
Find sudden peace and rest.
Someone had prayer, and Faith, a reaching hand,
Took hold of God's promise, and He answered that very day!
So many, many hearts have need of prayer:
Oh, let us pray!

- Anonymous

We have several dear ladies in our mission work here in Lima that are "well up in years". They love the Lord and desire to serve Him every day. A few weeks ago, one of them expressed to me that because of age and health she felt there wasn't much she could do in the Lord's work anymore. I asked her if she could pray, really pray, and she assured me that she could. So I asked her to pray for me and a multitude of other things. I explained to her that PRAYER brings power and is an absolute necessity in the work of the Lord. She smiled, knowing that there was something she could still do in the Lord's work, something very important and necessary. She promised that she would pray every day.

How about you? Do you make time to pray each day? I know that in the States so many seem to be caught up in the rapid pace and rush of every day living. There is always some place to go or something to

do. Time and Stress are common "buzz words" in every household now, but do we have time to pray?

I know that some of you pray, because I've felt it. As a missionary I have had experiences where I know that God intervened and I have been saved in some "close calls", then I would realize that you had been praying for me, and then I would pray and thank God for you. Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to hold us up before the Throne of God.

Pray for the work here in Lima. It is doing well. Nearly every service we are seeing folks coming forward in response to the invitation. Sunday School is going much better now that Anita is working directly with the teachers, encouraging and helping them. My Bible Study on Saturday nights is going real well. It's a true blessing to see these Brothers and Sisters in Christ get excited about learning the truth of church (Baptist) history, and the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. Pray for them.

Pray for the Pucallpa Baptist School and for my safety as I travel back and forth each month to take care of school business. Pray for the other churches and missions and their pastors out in the jungle town of Pucallpa. A request must be made before it can be answered. So pray, pray, pray!

Pray for Brother and Sister Homer Crain, as they are trying to get a house ready to move into. They have a nice place, but it needs to be cleaned and painted; then they must move their things that they had in storage. Furniture, appliances and dishes must be bought in order to set up house. Moving is such a stressful thing to have to do, and Brother Crain has several health problems, so pray for God's strength and care for the Crains. We have enjoyed their fellowship as they've stayed with us for the past two weeks. Missionaries are always busy with their own works and we don't seem to have the time for a lot of fellowship together, so we enjoy it when we can. Until next month.

Your servants in Peru,
Sheridan & Anita Stanton



Pray For Brazil ... The Lord Continues to Add to the Church ... Lost Faithful Maintenance and Construction Manager ...

by Paul Hatcher

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Dear Friends:

Brazil has made the news several times during the last few weeks. The murder of Indians in the Amazon and children in the ghettos of Rio have been headline stories. Pray for the salvation of the Brazilian people as you see news from Brazil. Pray for God to give us wisdom to preach the gospel with boldness and that the people's hearts are receptive to the Gospel. Ask God to enable His children to walk in His Word.

Our family is doing well. Leigh, our oldest, is in Sao Paulo in my sister Kathy's home. Judson, our son and middle sibling, is at the church camp painting in preparation for the upcoming youth camp. Michelle, our youngest, is in school.

The Lord continues to save and add to the church and missions. This month the mission buildings are getting maintenance. We lost our very faithful maintenance and construction manager which has increased our work load tremendously. David and I have picked up the slack of the projects that are still incomplete.

It is essential to have a maintenance manager well suited to the unique job of maintaining 20 mission buildings and the main church and school facilities. We need to care for these without losing sight of the main objectives of our ministry of evangelizing and discipling. Pray that the Lord will lead us to the right person.

We thank the Lord for your support through finances and prayer.

Love,
Paul Hatcher and Family



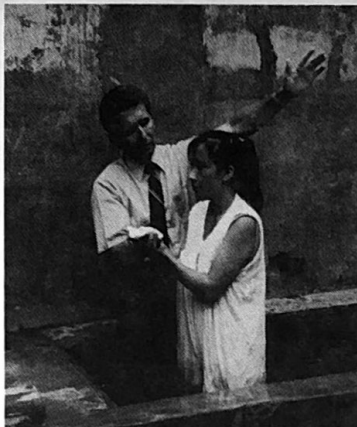
Presenting the Bible to newly ordained pastor Paulo Moises Melo of the newly organized Manacial Baptist Church. March 6, 1993. Brother Asa Bratcher's work in Brazil.



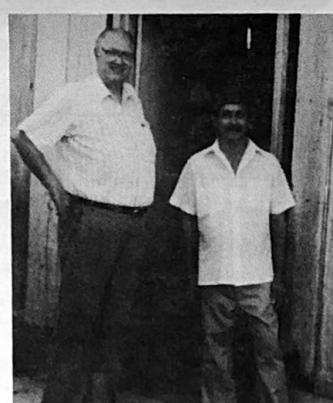
At Vantanilla, Peru Alberto Fabian playing and singing. Brother Crain's work.



Baptizing at Jordan Baptist Church in Lima, Peru. June, 1993. Brother Sheridan Stanton's work.



Baptizing in Jordan Baptist Church Lima, Peru. Brother Stanton's work. June 1993



Hermosa Baptist Church, Peru. Homer Crain & Pastor. The building now has a new brick front. BFM helped

Remember 2 Deaths ... Busy Preaching ... Dona Rute Saved ...

by Harold Bratcher

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Dear Brethren:

Yesterday we remembered that 22 years ago, our youngest son, Joel Harold Bratcher, left us to go to be with the Lord. Yesterday afternoon at 16:30 our evangelist of many years, Secundino Alfaia Belez of our Buzzard River Baptist Mission, went to be with the Lord. Brother S. was 78 years old. He died in Itacoatira. Joel spent his last days with me in a revival there on the Buzzard River. About three weeks before Brother S.'s death, Marie and I visited him in Itacoatira.

"And it came to pass," as I wrote in the last Mission Sheet letter written in Gotha, Florida on July 17, "Tomorrow, I will be preaching at the Park Ridge Baptist Church, where J. Douglas King is the pastor. The Lord willing we will arrive Tuesday at 1:00 a.m. in Manaus." I preached and we did arrive. On Wednesday night the church, 14th of December Baptist Church gave us a reception and I brought a short message. We indeed were given a royal welcome. On Saturday night I preached at the anniversary service of the church. More than 500 people were present. On Sunday, July 25, Marie and I attended both services at the Church and heard Asa Mark preach.



During Asa Mark's two weeks trip to the U.S.A. I supplied for him on the Wednesday nights and the two Sundays. Last Sunday I preached at both services at the 29th of March Baptist Mission, Multirão. We had 51 in Sunday Bible School, almost 30 for the preaching service and around 35 that night. At the evening service, we were made glad when Dona Rute Celestino da Silva, 59 years old, whom we had visited that afternoon, made a profession of faith.

I had hoped to not have to teach in either one of the Bible Schools where I taught from March to June of last year, but before the end of this month, the Lord willing, I'll again be teaching in both of the schools. I still hope to be able to make a trip to the interior once a month.

Each month we are made glad to learn of the generosity of the churches and individuals in the U.S.A. in giving to B.F.M. regular fund and the designated gifts of offerings to us. Thank you and may you continue to give cheerfully to both. The needs are many. May the Lord's richest blessings be upon you.

Yours in His Service,
Harold & Marie Bratcher

Two Weeks in Florida ... Arrived in Peru on July 30 ... Report on Early Days Back in Peru ...

by Homer Crain



August 5, 1993

Dear Brethren:

We were two weeks in Florida preaching at the First Baptist Church of Ojus. While we were there we were busy buying the things we needed to bring back to Peru.

We arrived back in Peru on July 30th about 1:40 p.m. We were about three hours trying to get everything out of customs.

I preached Sunday morning at Vantanilla and all the people seem glad that we are back. Wednesday, August 4, we flew to Tarapoto for the annual Thanksgiving Conference. I am to preach Friday night in the open air meeting where the community has an invitation to come and hear.

At this time we do not have an address or telephone number where we can be reached. We probably will return to Lima on Monday if we do not continue our trip to

Iquitos. We shipped our offset press and equipment July 26th from Miami. They should arrive in Iquitos about the 25th of August.

We hope to rent an apartment in Lima until the building is finished in Vantanilla. Then we plan to move to Iquitos where we will finish up our ministry in Peru, South America.

The problem with the terrorists has calmed down, but the prices are out of reach. Please pray for Elizabeth's and my health. Thank you for your cards, letters, prayers and concern during my operations and recuperation (it is still happening) while we were in the States. God Bless you All.

In Jesus' Name,
Homer & Elizabeth Crain

Baptize 5 at Rio Branco ... Report on the Mission Conference ... Mission Trip Up the Moa River ...

by Mike Creiglow

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July 30, 1993

Dear Brethren:

The congregation in Rio Branco and I have stayed in touch by phone over the past several months, but I had been unable to visit them. My first trip this month was the long overdue visit there. They are doing well in spite of the fact that they are still meeting in the school building. In fact, on Sunday night, the building was about as full as it could get. There was one profession of faith and one man coming back into their fellowship. On Sunday afternoon I baptized 5 more.

The next weekend we held our annual missions conference. We had over 150 in attendance during the day sessions. This time we asked the workers to bring their wives and families. On Saturday night we had our building pretty full (pretty full can be interpreted as over 700 - packed is over 1000). During the day Brother Mario from our mission at Profeta came around to tell me that the Lord was leading him to take care of the new work that we will be starting at Porto Walter and the river work on the Cruzeiro do Vale River. The mouth of this river is right at Porto Walter. Later on the same day Brother José Maia from the church at Mâncio Lima said he wants to assume the new work at Taumaturgo. He will be getting married in October. Instead of building his house beside his dad's at Mâncio Lima, as is customary, he is going to build his house way up river at Taumaturgo. As many of you may recall, we have been praying for a long time that

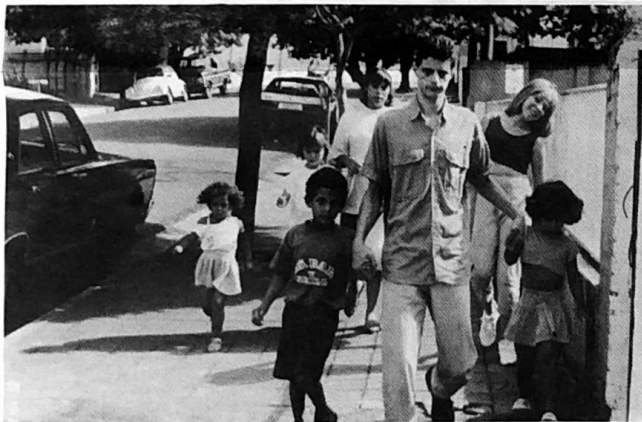


God would provide workers for these new towns. He provided them both at once and during our missions conference. By the way, our conference dealt with international missions for the first time. The seed was planted and now we will wait for the results.

The following weekend I was away from my home church again. This time up the Moa River. The first service was at Belo Monte. The 2 orphan boys that live with us were born and reared there. They were with me on this trip. I got to witness to their uncle and the rest of the villagers. I intended to stop at Peri-Peri, but all of the brethren were in town. Although they are still saying that the work will continue, it appears that the church there will either close or relocate to São Salvador. São Salvador is a mission out of the church of Peri-Peri. The problem is that all of the village of Peri-Peri has moved to Cruzeiro do Sul. On the other hand, São Salvador has continued to grow. Brother Moisés Moura is pastor at São Salvador and is very faithful. When we arrived there he had just arrived from a mission trip. My next stop was the mission point at the mountains. They continue to meet every Sunday and have an average attendance of 40. We don't have a preacher stationed there, so all things considered, the work is doing pretty well.

There are more trips to report and, yes, more folks saved here in town, but these reports will have to be later. I am out of time and space! Lord bless you.

In Christ,
Mike Creiglow



Everson and Marcia, young married couple, expecting their first child, bring child to Sunday School in South Brazil. Brother John Hatcher's work.

Five Waiting for Baptism ... Report on Building Fund ... Ursula Has Very Hard Month ...

by Harold Draper

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August 18, 1993

Dear Brethren:

We just got home from our Wednesday night service at Altos do Coxipo. The service was full of lost people and I had good liberty to preach. No moves were made but the seed was sown. We have 5 waiting for baptism which is scheduled to take place on the 29th of this month. All of the works are going along at an even pace without major difficulties. We would like to see more souls saved but we have to leave that with the Lord and try to be faithful.

Many of you have given toward our building fund. We want to thank you for it. It is a great encouragement and makes us know you are backing us in the work. We only owe \$3,350.00 on the Tijucal building now. We would like to see it paid off by the end of the year if the Lord so permits. If not, His will be done. Until we get that debt paid off we are sort of limited in any expansion of our work here. We are not complaining. We praise the Lord for the way you back

home have responded already for this need. Pray about it with us and, if the Lord so leads, please help us get it paid off.

Ursula has had an extremely hard month with her arthritis. The weather is hot one day and cool the next at this time of year, which doesn't help matters. We haven't had rain for 3 months and there are over 20 thousand brush fires in the State. We are waiting for the rain to come and take away the dust and smoke.

Sr. Helio died of cancer and we buried him last Wednesday night. He trusted the Lord as Saviour some four months ago and we have had opportunity to preach to most of his family since. Some of them are attending services some. Our hearts are saddened by his death but comforted in the fact that he left this world prepared to meet God. That's what we desire for every soul.

May the Lord bless all of you there.

In Him,
Harold M. Draper & Family



Plans For Book on Missions ... Some Personal History ... Looking at the Future in the Right Way ...

by John Hatcher

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Dear Friends:

Several years ago I began to write a book on Missions. With nine chapters finished in the first draft, I decided to let the book cool. Two or three years later I thought it had cooled sufficiently. I dug it out from under a pile of papers and read it. It was very impressive. So much so that I put it back under the pile of papers and it is still there, I suppose. The book had not only cooled - it had frozen.

The problem? The writer did not know enough about the subject. More than ten years have passed since reading those nine frozen chapters. I would still like to write a book on Missions if I ever learn enough to make it worthwhile for those who would read it.

My history in active mission work began in 1946. At the end of May, 1946, I left the merchant marine and in June, two weeks later, I enrolled in Georgetown Baptist College to prepare for the ministry. In the fall of that year the First Baptist Church of Shelbyville, KY called me to pastor a mission in the same city. From that time to this my mission and passion has been the beginning of new churches. In every phase of life there have been new challenges and emphasis, but one thing has not changed - the passion for beginning new churches.

However, there is one danger that I sense since passing 65 years of age. I have begun to have a feeling that it is all just about over and there is not much reason for future planning except to make provision for the winter days. And I have an old acquaintance who has stayed by me in all the years of my ministry, who subtly and constantly reminds me, "Look, it is all about over. You have done all that you can do, so do not worry about the future. Just make some plans for your own security and comfort". This old acquaintance is not my friend. He is my old nature and he loves to listen to the suggestions of the father of lies. With Satan as the mastermind and the old nature as his faithful listener, they make a bitter war against any plans for the future. Listen to what they say:

"The world is as bad as it can become. There is no future, no need to make plans. Economy is bad the world over; there is no possibility of financing new and larger missions projects. The thing to do is hold

fast to what you have and make some plans for security for the final years."

Dear friend, dear church, dear pastor, dear missionaries, and dear supporters, do not fall for this line of "gab". This is the thinking that stops churches from winning souls, pastors from inspiring their churches, missionaries from reaching out, Christians from praying fervently, and families from preparing their children for serving the Saviour around the world. We must listen to the Faithful Saviour who lives in eternity. We must live with Him with eternal thoughts and visions. There is no end, there is no slowing down, there can be no taking of time to plan for our security. He is our security forever.

Make plans to launch out, to lengthen the cords, to secure the stakes, to fly as the eagles, but make no plans just to hold on! Plans to hold on because it is all over is the death dirge for the living. Go into all the world; give your sons, your daughters, your wealth; sow, cast your bread upon the waters, plant in hope.

One of my dangers is to live in the memories of the past - rejoicing over and over in harvests gone by. This is fatal. Idle contentment is not the work of faith. Take no time to content the flesh. Our rest is not here. We must go, give, pray, and sow generously and persistently. We cannot build bigger barns to store our harvests. This is not God's will. Let us plant trees though we personally will never eat of their fruit. Let us sow the fields though we may never eat the grain. The just shall live by faith. "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap."

When Alta and I have the joy of visiting our sons and sons-in-law, each one, almost invariably, asks, "What are your next plans for the work?" I hope that by God's grace I will never have to say, "I do not have any". "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-2.

Lovingly in Christ,
John and Alta Hatcher



Pastor Dias baptizes 15 who became charter members of New Bethany Baptist Church, Manicure, Brazil. Brother Harold Bratcher's work.



Ladies Bible study at Jordan Baptist Church, Lima, Peru. Anita Stanton teaches every Friday afternoon. May 1993

AUGUST OFFERINGS, 1993

Antioch Baptist Church, Belleville, MI	50.00
Antioch Baptist Church, Jackson, MI	291.00
Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, Lexington, KY (Designated)	42.00
Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	1,700.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY	188.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY	30.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY (Work Horse Fund)	136.43
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenville, NC	100.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN	150.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	380.98
Bohon Road Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY	175.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	500.00
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV	377.00
Burleson, W.T., Knoxville, TN	20.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH	1,145.79
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	365.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	348.85
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, WV	30.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	330.00
Dawson Baptist Church, Glenville, WV (Mt. Pisgah Assn.)	600.00
East Corbin Baptist Church, Corbin, KY	100.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	410.00
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Orma, WV	10.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV	36.00
Elk Lick Baptist Church, Booneville, KY	50.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	145.03
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Old Town, KY	228.00
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY	175.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	1,000.00
First Baptist Church, Island City, KY	50.00
First Baptist Church, Niles, IL	170.00
Friends	65.00
Friend, Fancy Farm, KY	100.00
Friend, Leesville, SC	20.00
Friend, Michigan	140.00
Friends, Texas	400.00
Friend, Virginia	460.00
Friend, West Virginia	180.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, OH	20.00
Goldfloss Baptist Chapel, Winston-Salem, NC	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, KY	20.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH	500.00
Grace Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY	125.00
Grace Baptist Church, Melbourne, FL	444.42
Grace Baptist Church, Melbourne, FL	460.50
Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Springs, MS	225.00
Hallum, Mrs. Marguerite, Hammond, LA	50.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, OH	534.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Letter Gap, WV	200.00
Henderson, SSGT. John Jr., Chicksands, England	80.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	100.00
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC	75.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI	200.00
Isabel Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculum, AL	94.01
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	100.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, KY	50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	349.56
Lilly Valley Baptist Church, Rainelle, WV	100.00
Little Sewell Baptist Church, Rainelle, WV	150.00
Lynams Creek Baptist Church, Lone, KY	25.00
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH	50.00
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Grafton, OH	200.00
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Sadleville, KY	20.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Hgts., MI	611.00
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY	237.23
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesboro, TN	80.00
Poplar Creek Baptist Church, Leighton, AL	200.00
Potters Ind. Missionary Baptist Church, Pottersville, MO	75.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	600.00
Riverview Baptist Church, Point Pleasant, WV	19.68
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN	100.00
Roselawn Baptist Church, Middletown, OH	30.00
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	600.00
Shanks, Mr. & Mrs. Barton, Lexington, KY	45.00
Smyrna Baptist Church, Courtland, AL	411.58
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	575.00
Sprouse, Leola, Richmond, VA	20.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	1,951.50
Trent, Elder G.B., Chatteroy, WV	40.00
Trickle Creek Trust	1,200.00
Trinity Baptist Church, Nauvoo, AL	75.00
Tuppers Valley Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	30.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, MI	2,627.50
Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	10.00
VanArsdale, Rick, Normal, IL	105.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, WV	911.00
MISCELLANEOUS	
Creiglow, Mr. & Mrs. Bob, Brasli (Kirkman Medical)	25.00
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC (Admin. Costs)	2.50
Total	27.50
HOME MISSIONS	
First Baptist Church, Niles, IL	20.00
Grace Baptist Church, Melbourne, FL	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Melbourne, FL	10.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI (Reinhardt)	29.13
New Hope Baptist Church, Dbn. Hgts., MI (Reinhardt)	47.00

Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY (Reinhardt)	50.00
Spicer, Mr. & Mrs. Hubert, South Bend, IN	100.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, WV (Newport Bldg)	25.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, WV (Reinhardt)	25.00
Total	316.13
Car Fund	
Korean Work	200.00
West Indies	229.13
Bean	314.42
A. Bratcher	1,044.06
H. Bratcher	965.05
Crain	675.50
B. Creiglow	200.00
M. Creiglow	800.00
P. Creiglow	10.00
Draper	336.06
J. Hatcher	656.81
P. Hatcher	530.00
Stanton	1,231.00
Wacaser	110.00
Miscellaneous	27.50
Home Missions	316.13
Regular Fund	25,460.06
Received for all purposes	33,155.72

OFFERINGS FOR CAR FUND, AUGUST	
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	200.00
Total	200.00

OFFERINGS FOR KOREAN WORK, AUGUST	
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	50.00
Total	50.00

OFFERINGS FOR WEST INDIES FUND, AUGUST	
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI (Jaggemauth)	50.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI (Academy)	50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI (Sewnauth Punallal)	29.13
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH (Sookraja)	50.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, MI (Barosa)	50.00
Total	229.13

OFFERINGS FOR BEAN'S FUND, AUGUST	
Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Nicholasville, KY (Salary)	94.68
First Baptist Church of Ojus (Pers. Needs)	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Columbia, TN (Personal)	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Monticello, KY (Personal)	50.00
Lamb, Linda, Brookville, PA (Salary)	50.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Hgts., MI (Love Offering-June)	30.00
Valley View Baptist Church, Farmers Branch, TX (Bldg.)	64.24
Total	314.42

OFFERINGS FOR ASA BRATCHER'S FUND, AUGUST	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH (Salary)	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL (School)	600.00
First Baptist Church of Ojus (Pers. Needs)	30.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA (Field Needs)	25.00
Glen's Creek Baptist Church, Versailles, KY (Relief Fund)	75.00
Grace Baptist Church, Columbia, TN (Personal)	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Hamilton, OH (New Work)	30.00
Kirby Road Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH (New Work)	50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI (Bible Inst.)	30.00
Northwest Baptist Church, Tampa, FL (New Work)	104.06
Total	1,044.06

OFFERINGS FOR HAROLD BRATCHER'S FUND, AUGUST	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH (Bldg. Fund)	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL (Pers. Needs)	200.00
Faith Decision Baptist Church, Paint Lick, KY (Pers. Needs)	100.00
First Baptist Church of Ojus (Pers. Needs)	25.00
Friends, Ohio (Special Offering)	210.00
Glen's Creek Baptist Church, Versailles, KY (Relief Fund)	75.00
Grace Baptist Church, Columbia, TN (Personal)	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI (New Work)	50.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH (Personal)	30.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH (Salary)	70.00
New Haven Baptist Church, New Haven, WV (Salary)	27.00
Northwest Baptist Church, Tampa, FL (Bldg.)	78.05
Total	965.05

OFFERINGS FOR CRAIN'S FUND, AUGUST	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH (New Works)	50.00
First Baptist Church of Ojus (Pers. Needs)	120.00
Friends, Ohio (Special Offering)	210.00
Kanawha Baptist Temple, Charleston, WV (Salary)	40.00
Lamb, Linda, Brookville, PA (Salary)	50.00
Prather, Phil, Louisville, KY (New Work)	200.00
South Irvine Baptist Church, Irvine, KY (Salary)	30.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, KY (New Work)	25.00
Total	675.50

OFFERINGS FOR BOBBY CREIGLOW'S FUND, AUGUST	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH (Bldg. Fund)	50.00
Creiglow, Mr. & Mrs. Frank, Lancaster, OH (Where needed)	10.00
First Baptist Church of Ojus (Pers. Needs)	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI (New Work)	50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI (Bldg.)	15.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Brawley, CA (Where Needed)	50.00
Total	200.00

OFFERINGS FOR MIKE CREIGLOW'S FUND, AUGUST	
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL (School)	600.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hornbeck, LA (Personal)	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hornbeck, LA (Airplane)	50.00
Creiglow, Mr. & Mrs. Frank, Lancaster, OH (Where needed)	10.00
First Baptist Church of Ojus (Pers. Needs)	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI (New Work)	50.00
Meadowthorpe Baptist Church, Lexington, KY (Mission Work)	15.00
Total	800.00

OFFERINGS FOR PAUL CREIGLOW'S FUND, AUGUST	
Creiglow, Mr. & Mrs. Frank, Lancaster, OH (Where needed)	10.00
Total	10.00

OFFERINGS FOR DRAPER'S FUND, AUGUST	
Bible Baptist Church, Plant City, FL (Work Fund)	50.00
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY (Theol. Class-Bldg. Fund)	11.06
First Baptist Church of Ojus (Pers. Needs)	25.00
Friend, Fancy Farm, KY (Work Fund)	50.00
Friend, Fancy Farm, KY (Bldg.)	100.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, AR (New Works)	25.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, KY (New Work)	25.00
Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY (Works)	50.00
Total	336.06

OFFERINGS FOR JOHN HATCHER'S FUND, AUGUST	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH (Salary)	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN (Salary)	40.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL (Salary)	50.00
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY (Bldg. Fund)	79.00
First Baptist Church of Ojus (Pers. Needs)	25.00
Forsythe, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin, Alton, IL (As Needed)	35.00
Grace Baptist Church, Coffeen, IL (Where Needed)	29.76
Grace Baptist Church, Coffeen, IL (Where Needed)	43.05
Grace Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY (Bldg.)	30.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI (New Work)	50.00
Meadow Bridge Baptist Church, Meadow Bridge, WV (Salary)	50.00
Redding, Bro. Warren, Tucker, GA (Rehoboth Baptist Ch.) (Salary)	50.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, KY (New Work)	25.00
Spicer, Mr. & Mrs. Hubert, South Bend, IN (Salary)	100.00
Total	656.81

OFFERINGS FOR PAUL HATCHER'S FUND, AUGUST	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH (Seminary)	100.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY (Seminary)	50.00
Friend, Fancy Farm, KY (Work Fund)	100.00
Friend, Fancy Farm, KY (Work Fund)	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI (Seminary)	50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI (Seminary)	30.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, KY (Seminary)	50.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, MI (Seminary)	100.00
Total	530.00

OFFERINGS FOR STANTON'S FUND, AUGUST	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH (Bldg.)	50.00
Abrittton, Tommy, Hurricane, WV (Tuition)	15.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL (Bldg.)	600.00
First Baptist Church of Ojus (Pers. Needs)	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Melbourne, FL (Ladies Bible Cl.) (Pers. Needs)	31.00
Grace Baptist Church, Melbourne, FL (Ladies Bible Cl.) (Pers. Needs)	35.00
Grace Baptist Church, Melbourne, FL (Pers. Needs)	30.00
Grace Baptist Church, Melbourne, FL (Pers. Needs)	30.00
Howe, C.R., St. Augustine, FL (New Work)	100.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Burton, MI (Tuition)	104.00
Meadowthorpe Baptist Church, Lexington, KY (Mission Work)	15.00
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Sadleville, KY (School)	20.00
Shanks, Mr. & Mrs. Barton, Lexington, KY (Tuition)	45.00
Shawnee Baptist Church, Louisville, KY (Salary)	70.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, KY (New Work)	25.00
Trinity Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, TX (Tuition)	16.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, MI (New Work)	20.00
Total	1,231.00

OFFERINGS FOR WACASER'S FUND, AUGUST	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH (Salary)	50.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Piqua, OH (Salary)	35.00
First Baptist Church of Ojus (Pers. Needs)	25.00
Total	110.00

Where to Send Offerings

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WHAT ABOUT MISSION SUPPORT?

by Jim Orrick

While we may all agree that we need to support missions, there is much controversy today over how a missionary is to receive this support. Many well meaning brethren and churches become very dogmatic over this point. While we bicker among ourselves about this, mission work often suffers and souls are perishing.

In studying the work of missions as it is set forth in the New Testament, there seem to be several principles set forth by which a missionary can be supported or receive support. Any one of these could be used, but to select one and then to condemn all others as being heresy is wrong.

First, a missionary can support himself on some fields by his own labors. Paul did this when he was at Corinth. "And because he was of the same craft he abode with them and wrought; for by their occupation they were tentmakers" (Act 18:3). (Also note Acts 20:34). This is not the most desirable way, because it takes away valuable time that could be spent in preaching, studying, and witnessing. It may sometimes be necessary for a missionary to work at some job in order to supplement his income, but to say that it has to be done because of what Paul did at Corinth is indeed stretching a point.

Another way to support a missionary is to send the offering directly to him on his field of service. The church at Philippi did this for Paul. "Now ye Philipians know also that in the beginning of the gospel when I departed from Macedonia no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity (Philippians 4:15-16). We are at the present time sending a monthly offering directly to one of the missionaries whom we help to support. There is nothing unscriptural about this, but we do not say that all mission offerings have to be sent this way because this is the way we do it with one of our missionaries.

Many missionaries raise their support by doing deputation work among interested churches. This means that they visit different churches and tell of the work and the burden that they have for it, and seek to enlist the help of that church in supporting them on the field. Supporting churches often send their offerings to the missionary's home church, and this church will send them a monthly financial report as well as a report from the missionary. I see nothing wrong with this means of raising support, but I must confess that I know of no scriptural basis for it. I have searched in vain for a scripture that shows where the church at Antioch received any

offerings for Paul and Barnabas, or Paul and Silas and then sent these offerings on to them. I know of no scripture that tells of Paul doing deputation work to raise support before he went on a missionary journey. However, I know of no reason to say that this method of support is wrong. We have in the past supported, and are at the present time supporting, missionaries who have raised their support in this manner.

Yet another method of supporting missions is by a church delegating someone, or a group of people, to see that their mission offerings get to their desired destination. This method greatly upsets some well meaning persons, but this principle is set forth in 11 Corinthians, chapter eight. In this place we see that the churches of Macedonia had an offering that they wanted to go to Jerusalem. When Paul and his companions came through Macedonia, these churches asked them to carry the gift to Jerusalem for them. "Praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering of the saints" (Verse 4). "And we have sent with him the brother whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches; and not that only but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us this grace which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord and declaration of your ready mind (18-

19). Was there anything wrong with these churches choosing these men to carry their offerings to Jerusalem? Certainly not! If there had been any wrong in it, Paul and his companions would have had no part in it. If a church wants to authorize a group of men to see that their mission offering gets to a certain mission field, they can do so without being unscriptural.

We here at Storms Creek have used each of these methods of supporting missionaries, and feel that we have been within the bounds of the scriptures in doing so. We feel that the blessing of God upon all of these methods is a good evidence that God is pleased with any of them that a church chooses to use. However, to choose one of these methods as scriptural and then to criticize other pastors and churches because they do not use the same method is wrong. Our real enemy is not those who send their mission money to the mission field by a different method than we use; the real enemy is the devil and we should spend our time and energy fighting him. A very great danger that we need to guard against is that we not become so narrow that we cannot find anyone sound enough for us to support. May God help us to get down to the really important task that we have of preaching the gospel to lost sinners.