

MISSIONARIES TO BRAZIL  
BROTHER and MRS. JOHN HATCHER  
BROTHER and MRS. HAROLD BRATCHER  
BROTHER and MRS. MICHAEL CREIGLOW  
BROTHER and MRS. PAUL HATCHER  
BROTHER and MRS. HAROLD DRAPER  
BROTHER and MRS. ASA MARK BRATCHER  
BROTHER and MRS. ROBERT WACASER  
(Portuguese Language)

## MISSION SHEETS BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS

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BROTHER and MRS. SHERIDAN STANTON  
(Spanish Language)

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(Swahili Language)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FOUNDERS' DAY — PLEASE READ

Baptist Faith Missions, as it is known today, was started by three great men who were burdened for people living in the great Amazon Valley of South America. These three were H. H. Overbey, who served as secretary for forty years; Z. E. Clark, who served as treasurer for twenty-five years; and Joseph Brandon, who served as missionary for many, many years. Each year, we designate June as **FOUNDERS' MONTH** in honor of these three great men who are now in glory. We need special offerings at this time of the year to help us through "The Summer Slump". Will you help us this year with a special **FOUNDERS' DAY OFFERING**?

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**TICKETS** — Tickets to and from the mission field are expensive and are a tremendous strain on our budget. The Drapers will soon be coming home on furlough. The Andersons will be leaving for Kenya, Africa on July 13th. The Paul Creiglow family will soon return to Brazil. A good **FOUNDERS' DAY** offering will help with these great expenses.

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**OUR MIDDLE NAME IS FAITH** — Baptist Faith Missions does not have a large endowment to draw from in order to meet the monthly expenses of the mission. We operate from month to month depending upon the Lord to supply our needs through His people. All bills are paid each month. We do not borrow money. We do not operate in the red. If enough money is not received to pay the full salary and expenses of the missionary, then the money is divided equally among each missionary. We need your support each month to see that this does not happen and that the mission work does not suffer due to a lack of funds.

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### THE HAFFORD H. OVERBEY PREACHERS' FUND

Hafford H. Overbey, 1902-1994, was best known as the Executive Secretary of Baptist Faith Missions and the Editor of the Mission Sheets. He served in those positions for 40 years. He was known for his love for missions, his complete dedication to the Lord and his faithfulness to the Lord's Word and His work.

However, he was known by a few for something else which was very important. Throughout his life he sought to help young men called to preach and preachers in need. Many times he helped a preacher who was close financially to buy groceries, to pay a bill, or to pay his way to a Bible Conference. He bought suits for preachers in the states and on the foreign fields when he saw their need. He helped young preachers with the cost of their education, he gave them good books to help them study the Bible, he gave his time to instruct them and he prayed for them. He wanted to invest in something which would last for eternity.

The Directors of Baptist Faith Missions have thought it would be an appropriate way to remember Brother Overbey and to make an investment for eternity, by establishing the Hafford H. Overbey Preachers' Fund to continue this work. This fund would seek the following objectives: 1. To help in the education of men called to preach. 2. To help preachers with special financial needs. 3. To help preachers to become better preachers of the Word of God. This fund will be administered by the Executive Committee of BFM. This will be an on-going fund.

If you would like to help in this work, send your offerings to the Treasurer of BFM designated for the Hafford H. Overbey Preachers' Fund.

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**Do you enjoy reading the missionaries' reports in the MISSION SHEET each month?** If so, we would enjoy hearing from you. If you have suggestions concerning the work or how we could improve the quality and readability of the MISSION SHEET, we welcome your comments and suggestions. Send your comments to: Baptist Faith Missions, 51 County Road 7, Ironton, OH 45638.

## Exciting Letter About How God is Blessing ... The Need to Minister to the Youth ... Sixteen Wonderful Years ...

by Bobby Wacaser

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April 29, 1996

Dear Friends,

We are in a period of rejoicing in our ministries here. Notice the photos of recent baptisms. The fellowship and spiritual unity among our members is continually increasing. One of our greatest thrills is to see young Christians sharing their faith with friends and family.

Edinei, a recent convert, is an 18 year old boy who plays semi-pro soccer. His teammates hold him in high respect for his character and courageous stand for his Christian beliefs. I was happy to find out that he studies his Bible daily and shares his new insights with friends and classmates at school. He is hoping to be drafted onto a fully professional soccer team and broaden his opportunities for witness. In Brazil, pro soccer players are nearly idolized and I pray that Edinei will remain faithful unto the Lord if he achieves his desire to be drafted.

We recently inaugurated our youth ministry. This was necessary for an odd reason. We didn't have any more teenagers because they all grew older and married. When we began our ministry here 10 years ago, we only had one adult and around 25 teenagers. Now we have around 45 adults and 3 teenagers. I can remember when I was 16, I felt that adults were so oblivious to young people's feelings and problems. I promised myself then that I would be different when I became an adult. I was going to be sympathetic to their needs; I was going to ache when they ached and rejoice when they rejoiced. My only problem now is, I can't remember how they feel and I don't know what makes them ache or rejoice. I think I'm going to have my teenagers help me out in this new ministry. If not, I don't think we'll be getting anywhere soon.

Our Bible Club for children is producing some excellent results. Along with lessons on Bible characters, memory verses and manual activities, we try to keep informed on the personal changes that occur in our regular attendees. For over a year now a young boy named Marcelo has been attending. When he began he was very disruptive and disrespectful to adults. It was evident that he was intelligent, but his attitude made it difficult to like him. On one occasion I even had to send him home in the middle of class for rowdiness. His whole demeanor is different now. He doesn't speak out of turn and he is much more polite and thoughtful of others. He is young (9 years old), but seems to have a keen perception of spiritual matters. We pray that this interest will result in his genuine salvation.

Jessie is also learning much from the Bible Club. Last Sunday we did a review on the book of Joshua and the kids were asked to quote the six memory verses for



the past six weeks. She was able to quote five without help and needed only the first word of the sixth one to remember it. I was even more encouraged by her natural use of these verses with complete strangers. One day I took her to ride her bike in the park. As always, she readily made a friend. She began talking to a 9 year old boy and started telling him about Jesus and quoted a couple of her memory verses. I pray that Jessie will always retain this natural approach to sharing her faith.

Charlene and I celebrated our 16th wedding anniversary last week. That sounds like too many years for this young bride of mine. I certainly thank God for her. I know she deserves some very special honor for enduring such a rascal as me (no amens, please) for such a long time. I pray that we may be able to serve the Lord together in growing love until Jesus' return.

We love you and thank you for your prayers and support.

In Christ's service,

Bobby, Charlene & Jessie Wacaser  
(Pictures on Page Three)

### UPDATING MISSION SHEETS MAILING

Anyone wishing to receive our monthly paper may do so. If you do not wish to receive it, we will discontinue it. Changes in quantity can be adjusted up and down. Please help us bring the mailing list up to date. Address your requests to:

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Mike Creiglow's work





Completing 19 Years As a Missionary . . .  
How to Make the Devil Mad . . .  
God's Blessings on the Work . . .

by Harold Draper



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April 19, 1996

Dear Brethren,

"In what a terrible state will be the eternally lost, who will distant from He who is in all places!" (Augustine). Think about it. It will make you shudder. It will make you thankful that you are saved. It will burden your heart for your loved ones and friends who are lost. It will give you a burden for Missions.

As we are soon completing 19 years as missionaries in Brazil, we are made to reflect back and remember the many souls that have been saved, the many trials and temptations, the many difficult situations and also, the marvelous way in which the Lord has provided for us who are so unworthy! The hardships are soon forgotten when we remember the precious souls who have been brought into the fold. Last week a young mother professed Christ as Saviour in a home service. Since then, Satan has been really trying her faith. Her home has been in a state of confusion with the children being disobedient, the husband being upset and the neighbors being hostile. I've learned that this is to be expected in many cases. Satan and the demons

concentrate their strongest efforts where people are trying to serve the Lord. If you want to make the Devil mad, make a sacrifice to serve the Lord. In my childhood I grew up in the "Bible Belt". I thought this talk about demons was just a fairy tale. I learned very quickly in Brazil that it is a real thing. Thankfully, when we claim the blood of Jesus, these evil spirits flee from us.

Our church had its highest Sunday School attendance of the year two weeks ago. Also, we have a very good attendance on Wednesday and Sunday nights. Our new members are growing and beginning to work in the ministry of the church. We now have a young family who are helping out a lot. He takes care of the music and works in Sunday School and his wife teaches Sunday School.

We are starting to make plans for our furlough this fall. We will write more about it next month. I just finished a "crash course" on the Book of Revelations at the Primavera Mission. I was blessed by it. I believe the people were too.

Always remember us in your prayers.

In Christ,

Harold M. Draper

71 Years Old - 49 Years in the Ministry -  
41 Years in Brazil . . .

Thankful for Family and Friends  
Who have Stood With Him . . .

Request for a Special Birthday Present . . .

by John Hatcher



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April 30, 1996

Dear Friends:

Today is the day! 71 big years have passed in my life. God has been so good. He has blessed me with a godly wife, 5 marvelous children, 15 grandchildren, 49 years in the ministry and 41 of those years as a missionary in Brazil. God has given me sons and daughters, mothers and fathers and homes without number.

For the first time in my life, I am asking my friends to give me a special birthday present. Read about it at the end of the letter.

Alta and I have been in the States since March 27, and when you read this we will be back in Brazil. It has been a lovely and profitable visit. The Spring Missionary Conference at Thompson Road Baptist Church was a blessing. Our sincere thanks to pastor Dave Parks and his wife, Debbie; to pastor Tim Doss and his wife, Neka, and to all the members of Thompson Road Baptist Church and the South Lexington Baptist Church for their hospitality, work and love shown in providing generously for the physical needs of those attending the conference.

During our absence, the four works are being cared for by a fine group of workers. Maria is caring for the children's work in Urai and living in our house. The young preachers from Cornelio are preaching at the Sunday services. In the three other missions - Leopoldo, Santa Terezinha, and Casa da Familia - the services are being directed by members of the Cornelio church. In three of these

missions they have held evangelistic meetings. I will tell you about these in our next letter from Brazil. The regular services of the Tabernacle Baptist Church are being conducted by the men of the church.

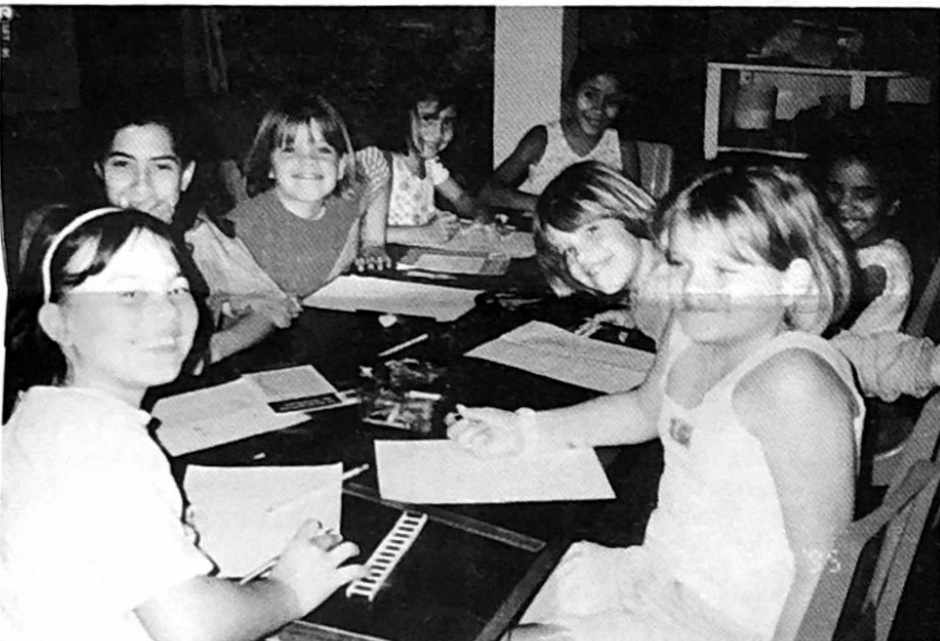
Dear friends, we have journeyed together for many years. Some have been with us for 41 years of our pilgrimage in Brazil. God has blessed our laboring together. Only eternity will tell how much your prayers and faithful support have meant. God bless you. But there are still great needs and the doors are open wide. Our time together is short, for soon Alta and I must depart, for our race will be run. However, God has blessed us with good health and we are still laboring. Besides the church in Cornelio we have four missions: Urai, Leopoldo, Casa da Familia and Santa Terezinha. We have lots purchased and paid for in Leopoldo and Urai. We need to build now in these missions. We need to buy lots in Casa da Familia and Santa Terezinha. And, God willing, we hope to start two other missions before the end of the year. Your help is needed.

For these works, I am asking you to give me a birthday present. The present I would like to have is \$71,000 for the 71 years God has given me. The present will be used to build and to purchase lots. Some students at Lexington Baptist College gave almost \$100. Ada Mayfield and the church at Coffeen, Illinois have sent me \$1,000. I hope God will touch your heart to join this party for reaching the lost and establishing churches.

Pray for us. We love you.

In Christ our Lord,

John and Alta Hatcher



Top Left: Color time during the children's hour at Urai, Brazil. Alta Hatcher, Teacher.



Center Left: Group of sixteen believers baptized by Brother Asa Bratcher, 14<sup>th</sup> of December Baptist Church, Manaus, Brazil. Brother Asa Bratcher's work.



Singing group at mission work at Altos do Coxipó. Harold Draper's work in Cuiabá, Brazil.



Top Right: Ordination of Pastor Edimas at Mourapiranga, Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil. Mike Creiglow's work.



Harold Bratcher helping a boy celebrate his birthday.





**Many Souls Saved . . .  
Great Opportunities to Preach the Gospel . . .  
The Need to Build . . .  
Enroll Over 200 Students . . .**

*by Mike Creiglow*

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March 28, 1996

Dear Brethren:

Can you believe that we have gone through 25% of 1996? I don't know about you, but to me time seems to be accelerating. The blessing are, too, so let 'er fly!

Our attendance has been good, if not exceptional. The building was completely packed last Sunday night, but it isn't always. We suspect that the crowded feeling and heat are starting to take their toll. The church is praying about what to do to expand our facilities. In fact, we have been praying for a good, long while. We are not able to just begin a building program whenever we like. We have less building codes to contend with, but the financial aspect of building is much more complicated for us. Building materials are many times more expensive and although we have a pretty large body, the earnings are much lower than in the U.S. Earnings in Cruzeiro do Sul are lower than other cities in Brazil. Anyway, the Lord can take care of it.

We are still having people saved right along and some really great opportunities have arisen for us to preach to people who have never set foot in a Baptist church building. Last Sunday night we had 4 more people saved. Two very special services this month gave me opportunities to tell large crowds about Christ. On March 5th there was a thanksgiving service for the college graduates. Only 2 of the 20 plus graduates are saved, but all were present. There were many of their family members in the service. Then there were also 3 nuns and a friar present. This service caused quite a stir here in town. Then last week, one of our oldest members, Brother Secundes, died. He was 92 and had pastored the church here back in the 50's. There was a large crowd at his funeral service, with many, many people who had never heard the gospel. This service, too, got a lot of "press". On all of these occasions I preach the gospel of Christ as eloquently, plainly and directly as I can. Many of the preachers around here and some that I have heard in the States (such as the one who "preached" at my grandmother's funeral in 1990) say what the crowd wants to hear. This is disturbing, to say the least. I'm not going to say anything to deliberately hurt somebody's feeling, but I'm also not going to let the only chance I may ever have to share Christ with them slip away. Our members are known for their boldness in proclaiming Christ. As time goes by, the fruit of this witness grows.

I have made 2 visits to our mission at Santa Rosa this month. The work there is doing great. They have been having a steady number of people saved. There were 3 more during the 2 visits I made there. Of course, the Catholic church is persecuting and the Assembly of God bunch is proselytizing our work, but that is always standard here. The Assembly crowd moved in just across the street from us and the racket is unbearable. Our building and property are too small, so we are now looking at a new location. We had our first baptism, with 15 candidates.

The new school year just started this month, with quite a few changes. The lady who had been principal for the first 4 years resigned. She did a good job and is very efficient academically. She was working at our school full time, teaching at the university and still trying to be a



housewife. She decided it would be best to give up one of these full time jobs. She had been struggling for some time with the business and public relations aspects of the school, too. She and I were aware of these things and had been trying to work through them. Anyway, she resigned and the Lord immediately gave us a replacement. This young man, Pedro Lopes, is not quite finished with college yet and doesn't have all the academic skills, but on the other hand, he is very capable with the finances and PR. We have over 200 students again this year. We just moved two classes into the third wing. This wing is far from being finished. In fact the 2 rooms in use are under roof, but the rest of the building isn't! We continue to hold the lowest tuition of any private school in the state. This, of course, keeps us from having any money for the buildings. The tuition barely makes payroll. We just ordered 100 more desks. We still need 350 sheets of roofing for the third wing. We have a campaign going right now at church to try to get this roofing. Hey, folks, there it is again. A sheet of roofing costs \$6.00 and a desk costs \$20.00. Last month it was the TV program, this month the school. I can't seem to help myself. We are being blessed so much and I just can't help trying to get you into it, too!

Well, this letter is much longer than it is supposed to be and I didn't tell you all I had intended. I'll save up a couple of really great pieces of news for next month. God bless and thanks.

In Christ,  
Mike Creiglow

**Departure Date Drawing Near . . .  
Visit With Churches in Michigan . . .  
Pray for Wife's Eye Problem . . .**

*by Mike Anderson*



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April 30, 1996

Dear Friends,

Well, we are very aware that our long awaited day of departure is creeping upon us very quickly. Pam and I are beginning to put in long hours in preparation to leave for our ministry in Kenya this July. There are many things that need to be done before we leave for the field.

We continue to be busy in meetings. Recently, we were up in Michigan and had a great time. I got to speak in three churches. First, we were in Twelve Ryan Missionary Baptist Church on a Sunday morning. We enjoyed our time of fellowship with Brother Lamb and his wife, and the good people in the church. We thank the Lord for their kindness and very generous support for the ministry in Kenya. May the Lord bless them for their love for the missionary efforts overseas.

Later that evening we were in Zion Missionary Baptist Church where Brother Jon Rule is the pastor. Pam and I were thankful for their generosity as well. It was nice getting to stay a few days in the church's "prophet's quarters". We also appreciate the meal that Mrs. Rule prepared for us in their home. My wife, Pam, and her first husband, Ron Radford, who died in 1990, were close friends in the ministry at Mountain State Baptist High School in Alderson, West Virginia in the 1970's with the Rules. Pastor Rule and his wife, Diane, were a real help and encouragement to them in the ministry there.

On Wednesday of that same week, I got to share briefly with the good people

of Grace Missionary Baptist Church where Pastor McDaniel was the pastor. Please pray for the church because they are presently without a pastor.

While we were in Michigan, we were able to get some needed supplies at International Aid for a very good price. We praise the Lord and thank Him for providing the funds to get needed items for the field.

Before I forget, at the beginning of April, we were able to attend and give a mission report to those who attended the Spring BFM Bible Conference at Thompson Road Baptist Church, where Dave Parks is the pastor. The church did a great job in preparation for the conference. We also want to thank Pastor Tim Doss and his church, South Lexington Baptist Church, for their help in co-sponsoring the conference.

Please continue to pray for Pam because she continues to have problems with her eyes. An eye doctor diagnosed her sensitive eye problem as an intolerance to contacts. One doctor says that it may take her another six week or more before her eyes heal and adjust back to normal. Please pray for Pam, because it is depressing for her not to be able to function well without the full use of her eyes.

In closing, we would ask you to remember to pray that our registration for BFM to minister in Kenya may be finally approved.

May the Lord richly bless you.

For Souls in Kenya,  
Mike & Pam Anderson  
Acts 26:18

## REMEMBER FOUNDERS' MONTH

### TAKE UP A SPECIAL OFFERING TO HELP OUR MISSIONARIES. THEY NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!!



Brother Wacaser Baptizing  
At a beautiful waterfall in Brazil.



Brother Wacaser speaking to a crowd of people before  
baptizing this young man.

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## APRIL OFFERINGS, 1996

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	65.00
Antioch Baptist Church, Belleville, MI	50.00
Antioch Baptist Church, Jackson, MI	157.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	1,700.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY (Designated)	115.00
Battle Baptist Church, Mackville, KY	20.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY	215.00
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenite, NC	100.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Williams, IN	76.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN	200.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	296.76
Bohon Road Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY	175.00
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV	364.00
Burleson, W. T., Knoxville, TN	20.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH	612.53
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	300.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	241.36
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, WV	30.00
Community Missionary Baptist Church, Port Washington, OH	40.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	300.00
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV	308.26
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	254.00
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Orma, WV	10.00
Elgin Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL	61.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV	37.00
Elk Lick Baptist Church, Booneville, KY	50.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	130.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN (Sun. School Classes)	24.60
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	1,600.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY	368.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY	229.00
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY	175.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	1,000.00
First Baptist Church, Siloam, KY	375.13
Friend, Leesville, SC	40.00
Friend, Michigan	25.00
Friends, Texas	400.00
Friend, Virginia	510.00
Friend, West Virginia	300.00
Friends	75.00
Galilean Baptist Church, Walled Lake, MI	50.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, OH	70.00
Goldfloss Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	25.00
Goodsprings Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL	100.00
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, KY	20.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH	500.00
Grace Baptist Church, Holly, MI	500.00
Grace Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO	100.00
Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Springs, MS	200.00
Hallum, Marguerite, Hammond, LA	50.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, OH	113.50
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Letter Gap, WV	200.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	100.00
Hitchens Baptist Church, Grayson, KY	70.00
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC	60.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI	200.00
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculum, AL	90.19
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	100.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, KY	50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	731.71
Lewis, Clifford & Jessie, Stilwell, OK	100.00
Life Line, Oklahoma City, OK (Pastor Louie Carver)	4.25
Life Line, Oklahoma City, OK (Bro. Joe Ranson)	1.55
Lilly Valley Baptist Church, Rainelle, WV	100.00
Little Sewell Baptist Church, Rainelle, WV	50.00
Lynams Creek Baptist Church, Lone, KY	50.00
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH	50.00
Morris Fork Baptist Church, Meadow Bridge, WV	150.00
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Sadieville, KY	20.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Hgts., MI	660.00
Northside Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, AR	150.00
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesborough, TN	160.00
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, FL	118.80
Poplar Creek Baptist Church, Leighton, AL	200.00
Potter's Ind. Miss. Baptist Church, Pottersville, MO	75.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	539.20
Riverview Baptist Church, Point Pleasant, WV	34.80
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN	150.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV	150.00
Roselawn Baptist Church, Middletown, OH	15.00
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	600.00
Rupert Baptist Church, Rupert, WV	50.00
Sims, James & Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS	110.00
South Irvine Baptist Church, Irvine, KY	30.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	170.00
Southside Baptist Church, Fulton, MS	75.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	449.04
Temple Baptist Church, Ocala, FL	50.00
Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	5.00
VanArsdale, Rick, Normal, IL	150.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, WV	500.00
Total	19,872.68

## MISCELLANEOUS

Creighton, Mr. & Mrs. Bob (Kirkman Medical)	25.00
Friend, Leesville, SC (H.H. Overbey's Preachers' Fund)	40.00
Friend, MI (Mission Sheets)	25.00
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC (Administrative Costs)	2.50
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH (H.H. Overbey Fund)	50.00
Thompson Rd. Baptist Church, Lexington, KY (H.H. Overbey Fund)	455.00
(Offering - Spring Conference)	
Total	597.50

## HOME MISSIONS

First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY (Reinhardt)	175.55
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI (Reinhardt)	110.97
New Hope Baptist Church, Dbn. Hgts., MI (Reinhardt)	120.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dbn. Hgts., MI	60.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY (Reinhardt)	53.92
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC (Reinhardt)	50.00
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC (Reinhardt)	200.00
(Gatewood)	
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, WV (Reinhardt)	50.00
Total	820.44

## IN MEMORIAM

Overbey, Dale & Doris, VanBuren, AR (Helen Calley)	100.00
Total	100.00
Car Fund	200.00
Korean Work	405.23
West Indies	270.47
Mike Anderson	660.00
George Bean	83.00
Asa Bratcher	942.60
Harold Bratcher	1,173.60
Homer Crain	170.00
Mike Creighton	532.50
Paul Creighton	30.00
Harold Draper	425.00
John Hatcher	1,658.81
Paul Hatcher	379.00
Sheridan Stanton	560.00
Bobby Wacaser	300.00
Miscellaneous	597.50
Home Missions	820.44
In Memoriam	100.00
Regular Fund	19,872.68
Received for all purposes	29,180.83

## OFFERINGS FOR CAR FUND, APRIL

Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	200.00
Total	200.00

## OFFERINGS FOR KOREAN WORK, APRIL

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH (Dr. Seo Ku Lee)	65.00
Battle Baptist Church, Mackville, KY (Korea)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Coffeen, IL (Bro. Lee)	28.81
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC (Dr. Seo Ku Lee)	100.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Hgts., MI (Dr. Lee)	60.00
Northside Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, AR (Dr. Lee)	37.50
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY (Dr. Lee)	53.92
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH (Korea)	50.00
Total	405.23

## OFFERINGS FOR WEST INDIES FUND, APRIL

Friend, Florida (Punallal)	20.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI (Academy)	50.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI (E. Jaggernauth)	50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI (Sewnauth Punallal)	50.97
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, FL	49.50
Temple Baptist Church, Ocala, FL (Sentuma Jaggernauth)	50.00
Total	270.47

## OFFERINGS FOR ANDERSON'S FUND, APRIL

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	65.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hornbeck, LA (Personal)	50.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	20.00
(Youth Grp. - Ministry & Support)	
Faith Baptist Church, St. Albans, WV (Salary)	50.00
Friend, Leesville, SC (Kenya Prep & Support)	40.00
Grace Baptist Church, Surgoinsville, TN (Salary)	50.00
Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL (Personal)	25.00
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV (Salary)	100.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN (Personal)	50.00
Wade, Dr. & Mrs. James, Abingdon, VA (Personal)	100.00
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV (Support)	100.00
Yanek, Albert & Ruby, Saint Albans, WV (Salary)	10.00
Total	660.00

## OFFERINGS FOR BEAN'S FUND, APRIL

Battle Baptist Church, Mackville, KY	10.00
Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Nicholasville, KY (Salary)	73.00
Total	83.00

## OFFERINGS FOR ASA BRATCHER'S FUND, APRIL

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH (New Works)	65.00
Brooksbury Baptist Church, Madison, IN (Personal)	263.60
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS (Food Pantry)	130.00
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 Works)	30.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI (New Work)	50.00
Kirby Road Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH (New Work)	100.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI (Bible Inst.)	29.00
Northwest Baptist Church, Tampa, FL (New Work)	125.00
Total	942.60

## OFFERINGS FOR HAROLD BRATCHER'S FUND, APRIL

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH (Bldg.)	65.00
Brooksbury Baptist Church, Madison, IN (Personal)	263.60
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, KY (Salary)	150.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY (Salary)	40.00
Friends, OH (Spec. Offering-Personal)	170.00
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
Hardy, Wilodene, Guntown, MS (Salary)	40.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Burton, MI (Personal)	70.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH (Personal)	65.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH (Salary)	35.00
Northwest Baptist Church, Tampa, FL (Bldg.)	100.00
Total	1,173.60

## OFFERINGS FOR CRAIN'S FUND, APRIL

Friends, Ohio (Spec. Offering-Personal)	170.00
Total	170.00

## OFFERINGS FOR MIKE CREIGLOW'S FUND, APRIL

Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN (Work Fund)	150.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hornbeck, LA (Airplane)	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hornbeck, LA (Personal)	50.00
Creighton, Mr. & Mrs. Frank, Lancaster, OH (As Needed)	30.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS (Food Pantry)	130.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	57.50
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI (New Work)	50.00
Meadowthorpe Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	15.00
Total	532.50

## OFFERINGS FOR PAUL CREIGLOW'S FUND, APRIL

Creighton, Mr. & Mrs. Frank, Lancaster, OH (As Needed)	30.00
Total	30.00

## OFFERINGS FOR DRAPER'S FUND, APRIL

Bible Baptist Church, Plant City, FL (Work Fund)	175.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Charleston, WV (Salary)	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI (New Work)	50.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Letter Gap, WV (As Needed)	100.00
Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY	50.00
Total	425.00

## OFFERINGS FOR JOHN HATCHER'S FUND, APRIL

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH (New Works)	65.00
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN (Salary)	50.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL (Salary)	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Coffeen, IL (As needed)	28.81
Grace Baptist Church, Coffeen, IL (Birthday Project)	1,000.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI (New Work)	50.00
KJW, Lehigh Acres, FL (Personal)	30.00
Meadow Bridge Baptist Church, Meadow Bridge, WV (Salary)	70.00
Sims, James & Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS (New Work)	15.00
Spicer, Mr. & Mrs. Hubert, South Bend, IN	300.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH (Maria)	25.00
Total	1,658.81

## OFFERINGS FOR PAUL HATCHER'S FUND, APRIL

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH (Seminary)	100.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN (Seminary)	150.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY (Seminary)	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI (Seminary)	50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI (Seminary)	29.00
Total	379.00

## OFFERINGS FOR STANTON'S FUND, APRIL

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH (Bldg. Fund)	65.00
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH (New Works)	65.00
Albritton, Tommy, Hurricane, WV (Tuition)	30.00
Durrun, Anthony & Linda, Winter Springs, FL (Personal)	200.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Camden, TN (Alberto Fabian)	25.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL (Personal)	60.00
KJW, Lehigh Acres, FL (Personal)	30.00
Meadowthorpe Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	15.00
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Sadieville, KY	20.00
Restoration Baptist Church, Dickson, TN (Personal)	50.00
Total	560.00

## OFFERINGS FOR WACASER'S FUND, APRIL

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	65.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Piqua, OH (Salary)	35.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Bainbridge, GA (Training Ctrs.)	50.00
First Baptist Church, Covington, OH (Salary)	25.00
Meadows, Mr. & Mrs. Harold, Covington, OH (Support)	25.00
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV (Salary)	100.00
Total	300.00

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## CHAPTER SIX

## Personal Trials in the Missionary Life

Nothing happens in the life of God's child by accident. This ought to be a sobering and comforting fact. "He who keeps Israel doth neither slumber nor sleep." "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." "I will not leave you as orphans." Such promises caused James to write under Divine inspiration the following: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations (trials) knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire wanting nothing."

God's wisdom is perfect and trials have their place in the life of the child of God. There is perhaps no person more likely to pass through the fiery trials than the preacher and especially the missionary. The Scriptures reveal the reasons for trials. Here are a few:

1. They display God's ability before a wicked world to deliver. This is true in the case of salvation. "And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the

dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come." (I Thess. 1:10) This is clearly seen in the cases of Daniel and his three friends. It was also true in the deliverance of Peter from prison by the angel. It was true in the bondage of the children of Israel in Egypt.

2. Trials oftentimes open doors for preaching the gospel. Paul, shipwrecked on the island of Malta, bitten by the viper while suffering arrest, preached the gospel to those found there and many believed. The terrible beating of Paul and Silas and their unlawful imprisonment was only an opportunity to gain eternal reward through preaching to the jailor and his family.

3. Trials often guard us from great dangers and pitfalls. Paul's going to Rome saved him from the radical Jews. The apostle declares in the letter to Timothy, "And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will present me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for

ever and ever. Amen." In Brazil there lived in our home a young preacher boy who possessed great ability. He claimed to be called to preach. For one year he studied in the Bible school and lived in our home as one of us. When thieves attempted to plunder our house, the story got out that the boy could identify some of the gang. For six months our house was molested. The police department sent a nightguard for more than a month. During this time, many acts of witchcraft were displayed in our yard in an attempt to bother us. We could not understand. At the end of six months, a brute of a man met the boy on the street and threatened to kill him. With this the preacher boy went into the interior where he was pastoring and there it was discovered that he was a sodomite. Then it became clear. God had allowed all this to protect our three sons. Having a leg cut off would have been worth saving a family from this. In times of trials, trust God!

4. Trials cause one to search out the promises of God's Word. When my wife lay so near death in an interior village as a result of the death of an unborn baby and all the infection which resulted, God's Word was searched to find His promises. The same was true after being shot by the thieves. These promises are necessary to our lives for they are the means by which we become partakers of His divine nature. (II Peter 1:4-5) Trials help us to search them out.

5. Trials prove to us our own weakness and help us to submit ourselves unto the Lord. Paul experienced this as he writes in II Corinthians 12:7-9, "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness ..."

Many other reasons could be given, but these will suffice to get you started in making a list of your own.

(To be Continued)

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