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MISSIONS — A FAMILY AFFAIR

By John Hatcher

Dear Friends:

William and Anne Bagby were the first Baptist missionaries to Brazil. They were sent out by the Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptists in 1881. They had nine children. Two died in infancy and one drowned trying to save a friend. Four of their children and spouses were missionaries in Brazil; another served with her husband for 37 years in Argentina. Two grandchildren, also, served in Brazil. In his appeal for laborers William Bagby wrote: "There is a mine in Brazil richer than her gold mines, more precious than her diamonds. Who will come down to illumine the darkness and collect jewels for the Master?"

Five months before his death in August 1939 he prayed, "Now let thy servant depart in peace for the five Thou hast allowed him to follow to maturity have taken up the torch, have descended into the mine, and with their God-chosen companions will gather in the jewels for the royal crown." (Taken from the COMMISSION, May, 1996)

Is missions a family affair in your life? Those who give their lives for gathering jewels for the Master's crown will shine like the stars for all eternity. "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 11:30. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12:3.

It is wise to make missions a family affair; it is a serious responsibility. Listen to Proverbs 24:11-12 "If thou forbear (fail) to deliver them that are drawn (being lead) unto death, and those that are ready (being taken) to be slain; If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; does not he that pondereth (examines) the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, does not he know it? and shall not he render (give) to every man according to his works?"

How quickly men forget what God's purpose is for their life. How difficult it is to keep the main thing the main thing. Missions (preaching the Gospel, baptizing the saved, discipling the baptized) is the main thing. It was the main thing in God's heavenly plan, the main thing in Jesus' earthly ministry: life, death and resurrection and the main thing in the work of the Holy Spirit. Nothing will transcend this life except the sinners saved through the preaching of the Gospel for praise and glory of His grace. God is glorified when we bear much fruit. Excuses from dried branches will not impress the Master.

Move to Kitale to Begin Work . . .

Hope to Get Vehicle Through Customs . . .

Note New Address . . .

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Dear Friends:

Greetings from Kitale in Western Kenya. Well, we finally made the "big move" out to our new home, and the area for our new ministry. About two weeks ago, we moved our 20 foot shipping container from Nairobi on a big truck. Since we still do not have our vehicle, Pam and I rode in the truck all the way. The trip usually takes a little over 5 hours to drive by car, but this time, it took us over 10 hours! We thank the Lord that we made it here safely.

Since then, we have been busy trying to get moved into our small block house. The Lord gave us a good Christian landlord to rent from, who is Kenyan, he has had us over many times to his house to eat. We have also gotten to meet many other missionaries in the area. Today, the missionaries met together early in the morning for a sunrise service on this Easter Sunday. Pam and I really enjoyed their fellowship.

We have asked many people to pray for the drought Kenya has been having since December. Some said it was the worst drought Kenya has had since 1984. Well, the Lord has an-

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Mike and Pam in front of Ezekiel Ndoro's home. Ezekiel is a Kenyan Baptist Pastor. Mike preached in his church and rested in his home on Sunday afternoon after church.

Wonderful Leadership Conference . . .

A Special Prayer Request . . .

Seventeen Years of Marriage . . .

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Dear Friends,

It is evident that God heard our prayers concerning the leadership conference last week. I had been praying that the Lord would help me to find a way to increase our outreach. During the progress of the conference one main principle kept surfacing; make multiple attempts at the same time. We have been training young leaders for several years with the hope of getting them all involved in bringing new people into our existing church. We also expected one or another to be called to different location, but the Lord has shown us through the conference that this principle of a multiple front outreach has to be the central aim in our approach to sharing the good news of Christ.

We have around 8 to 10 lay-workers that are plenty capable of starting Bible clubs for children and home Bible studies for adults. Instead of them trying to find another classroom and people to fill it at our main church we can begin to take the Word of God to the people in their homes and neighborhoods.

Many of you may remember Paulo, the young man who was saved from a life of cocaine addiction earlier this year. We have some great news and some sad news concerning him. He attended the outreach conference with us and gave his testimony to God's grace to him. Just today, though, I received a call from his sister in northern Brazil informing us that their father had passed away during the night. As far as I know, Paulo's father was an unsaved man and Paulo was very close to him. He traveled back to Manaus for the burial services which will be very catholic and I would like to ask you all to remember Paulo in your prayers. None of his brothers or sisters are truly saved and he may have an excellent opportunity to witness to them. When I took him to them airport I noticed that he had his Bible close at hand and I pray that God will be near and dear to him at this trying time. He is a very young Christian and his faith will be surely tested.

Jessie is doing very well in kindergarten. I had a talk with her teacher last week and she told me that Jessie was advanced (I knew that, of course, she's my child), but what thrilled me most was that she pointed out her character and willingness to help others. Each night when I pray with her she remembers to pray for her little friends and "those people who don't know God".

Charlene and I will be celebrating our 17th anniversary on the 25th of April. That lady deserves a reward that I can't afford to give

her for all her patience and understanding. The amazing fact is that it appears that this marriage goes well with her. She is getting more and more beautiful and I didn't think that she had any room to improve. She is a great friend and we make a good team working together. I couldn't see myself being any good without her. I thank God for the marvelous gift of her companionship.

As we work together to bring more people to the saving knowledge of Jesus, keep us in your prayers. Pray that we will be pure in our motives and faithful in our service.

Your brother and sisters in Christ,
 Bobby, Charlene and Jessie Wacaser



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Brother Donald Porter Bratcher, brother to missionary Harold Bratcher, passed away April 2nd. He had just finished preaching a message at the Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro, Kentucky, in which he admonished the people, especially the youth, to carry on in the faith. When he stepped out of the pulpit he dropped dead. The funeral was attended by a large congregation, including many preachers who came to pay their respects to him and the Bratcher family.

The 1997 Spring Missionary Conference is now history. Special thanks to the Thompson Road Baptist Church, David Parks, Pastor, and the South Lexington Baptist Church, Tim Doss, Pastor, for sponsoring the conference. A great time was had by all who attended.

There will be a conference in the interest of Baptist Faith Missions at the Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, West Virginia, August 11th through the 13th. Mark these dates and plan your vacation so that you can attend this spiritual feast.

Thankful for Supporters . . . Husband & Wife, Walking and Falling Together . . . Preach in Many Places . . .

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Dear Brethren:

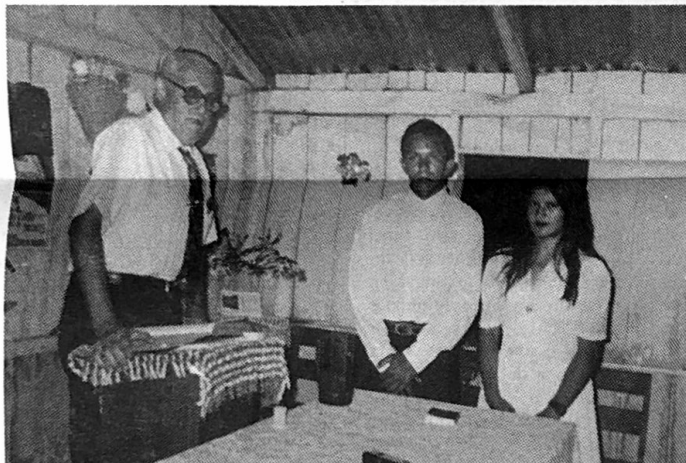
Today, March 20, 1997, I am remembering that the Psalmist declared: "To give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever." Psalm 136:1. The Psalmist asked in Psalm 116:12, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" He then, in verse 13, responded to his own question: "I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord." Many benefits of the Blessed Lord have reached us through you, his people, his saints. Psalm 116 terminates . . . "Praise ye the Lord."

I have before me the February Mission Sheet. We rejoice for the offerings given to the Harold Bratcher Fund. "Thank you, Lord." We rejoice for all that was given to the other funds. We are commanded in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Thus we thank the Lord that on page three of the February Mission Sheet someone misspelled my niece's last name- it is Bratcher and not "Porataheon." We thank the Lord for a mother and daughter that read in the Mission Sheet about the need of the floor in the Vessel of Blessing Baptist Mission and sent us a special offering. We thank the Lord for Pastor Wayne Brickner and his advice. And now the news.

Sunday, February 23rd—This morning I preached to 24 people at the 29th of March Baptist Mission. Tonight to an estimated 150 at the Mount of Olives Baptist Church, Pastor Osvaldo Correia Rodrigues, Filho. After the services, Marie and I were walking while we were waiting for Ediberto to come after us. We were walking hand in hand when suddenly Marie stumbled and fell by the side of the street and "great was the fall thereof" because I fell on top of her. She suffered some scratches and was sore and sad for some few days.

Tuesday, February 25th—Ediberto and I visited in an hospital, Pedro Cunha de Araujo, married and the father of 4 children. His wife and mother were at his side. He died a few days later. He told me some days before that no believer had made more rededications than he had. We through the years often had to forgive. I'm sure he is with the Lord.

Thursday, February 27th—Preached at the Vessel of Blessing Baptist Mission to 18. The car slipped and slid on the slick roads going and coming.



The bride and groom. São José de Amatari Baptist Mission.

Wednesday, March 5th—At 15:00 I preached to an estimated 200 people at the New City Baptist Church the funeral service of Josias Marques Evangelista, the father of 17 living children. All 17 were present. I wrote about his 50th wedding anniversary service a few months ago.

Friday, March 7th—I performed a wedding at the 14th of December Baptist Church, Asa Mark Bratcher, Pastor.

Saturday, March 8th—I performed the wedding of Pastor Lauro da Silva and Tatiana at the Monte Horebe Baptist Church. The pastor, Levir Perea de Merlo, assisted me.

Still Visiting Churches . . . Hope to Return to Brazil Soon . . .

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Dear Brethren:

At present I am participating in the Spring Missions Conference at the Thompson Road Baptist Church, with the cooperation of the South Lexington Baptist Church. It is being a great blessing to me. Ursula and Michelle are in West Kentucky because of school.

Since the last letter we have preached and told about our work at the Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Springs Mission, Bill Roberts, Pastor; Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana, with John M. Hatcher, Pastor; I held a meeting at the Rosemont Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina with E. W. Parks, Pastor; Hiddenite Baptist Church, North Carolina, with Brother Charles Cook, Pastor; Grace Baptist Church near Kingsport, Tennessee, with James Miller, Pastor; Mount Gilead Baptist Church of Pool, West Virginia, Jeff Lawrence, Pastor; and at the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Summersville, West Virginia, Roger Frame, Pastor. We appreciate all of these churches as well as all of the churches and brethren who have loved us and supported us while on furlough.

We will write only one more letter before leaving for Brazil. We plan to leave the end of May after that Michelle finishes school. Pray for us that there will be no further delays. We are anxious to get back to our work. May God bless all.

Yours in Him,
Harold M. Draper

Saturday, March 15th—I performed a wedding in the home of Parana da Eva and then preached at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church where I am the pastor, to an estimated 35. The next morning 49 persons heard my message and there was joy in heaven because a sinner - a young wife and mother - made a profession of faith. That afternoon Marie and I traveled on down the river for an hour to the town of Novo Remanso. There I preached to a few and the next morning we left by bus bound for home. At 11:30 we were home.

You can fill in the spaces. The Sundays and Wednesdays nights not reported we were at the 29th of March Baptist Mission, Manaus.

Again, dear folks of the Father, loved of the Lord, you have freely given to us and we have freely passed it on to the Missions and Churches that we work with. Pray for us.

Yours in His Service,
Harold and Marie Bratcher



The wedding feast. São José de Amatari. Joédison Portela Tuenama and Marcia da Silva Tuenams.

Coming to Spring Conference . . . New Preaching Point . . . Ebenezer Mission Doing Well . . .

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Dear Friends,

My wife, Anita, and I will be in the States for the BFM Annual Spring conference in Lexington, Kentucky. We're excited about being there and we'll also get the chance to see our daughter Leah. We haven't seen Leah since last year! Our home church the Jordan Missionary Baptist Church of Sanford, Florida is paying our way so we can attend the conference. We'll be picking up a lot of books and supplies for the Bible Institute while there. We hope to see many of You at the conference.

Last Saturday, a group of us from the Ebenezer Mission (new work in south of Lima) went to another new area (in a shanty town) and held services. One lady trusted the Lord. The folds in this area may turn out to be another new work in a couple of years. However, at this time it is only a "preaching point". Please pray for these few Saints of God in this area and for our continued efforts in the area to reach them with the Gospel of Christ.

The Ebenezer mission is going well. We are still in desperate need of more room! We need to get a location where we can grow. Pray about this please. Brother Carlos Estabridis con-

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Students of the Monday night Bible Class of Brother Sheridan Stanton in Lima, Peru.

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MISSION STUDY

By John Hatcher

THE WORK Starting A New Work



To the missionary, the greatest thrill is to see a new work started, growing and organized into a new church. Imagine the blessing of going into a place where there has never been the preaching of the gospel! Any religion existing is of a pagan or idolatrous nature. There are no Christians there and so you go from house to house until God in His working opens a door for the preaching of the Word. Hearts are opened by the Holy Spirit to receive the Gospel and believe unto the saving of their souls. Being instructed as to baptism the newly saved are baptized and then formed or established into a church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Missionary's Seal

The Apostle Paul writing to the Corinthian church said, "Ye are the seal of mine apostleship." This is the seal of every missionary-- the organizing of churches. Now there are some lessons that the missionary must learn if he will be used greatly of the Lord. The establishing of churches is the supreme work of the missionary. The church is the "pillar and ground of the truth" and so the necessity of new churches is obvious. This is the only way to have a permanent and lasting work for it is with His church that Christ has promised to be. There are hundreds of problems that arise in new works. Here it will be impossible to deal with even a majority of them but attempt will be made to deal with some of the most pertinent.

BE LED OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This is the most important element in a new work. He who thinks otherwise is certainly doomed to failure or, at the best, only a portion of what could have been accomplished. The leadership of the Holy Spirit must be active and directive and not passive. This was most true in the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul as well as the brethren traveling with him. It was true in the life of Phillip the Evangelist. It was true in the case of Peter as he went to the house of Cornelius. When the Holy Spirit bade Paul to go into Macedonia, there was already a little group of worshippers that God had prepared to receive them. The same was true in the other cases mentioned. The same Holy Spirit works in like manner today. It behooves us to know and do His bidding. In this way the maximum will be accomplished in the best stewardship of time and effort. This is true anywhere in the field. United States or foreign country.

If there is one necessity among God's churches it is the teaching of knowing the presence and leadership of the Holy Spirit. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God." While it is true that we are to go to every creature it is also true that we cannot be omnipresent. Therefore, it is necessary to realize that there is a certain place and a certain time. Phillip was needed on this road to Gaza when the Eunuch passed that way. God works at both ends and only He knows the end from the beginning. The first time that I preached at the Baptist Mission in Shelbyville, Kentucky, God burdened me with that work. Another brother had just been called as pastor, but I asked God that if it would please Him to call the brother to another place and give me that work. In one month it happened. One year and a half later the Second Street Baptist Church was organized with forty seven members.

While pastor at Alton, Illinois, there was a group of believers in Pleasant Plains, Illinois, who wished to start a work. The Lord impressed this work upon my mind. For several weeks the 180 mile trip was made each Sunday between the morning and evening service at our own church. The Lord blessed. A short time later Brother Del Mayfield was invited by the church to take charge of the work. In a few months the Pleasant Plains Baptist Church was organized.

At the Baptist Church of the Chapada in Manaus Brazil, the members had been praying for the Lord to lead in the opening of a new work. Just a few weeks later the boy who lived with us went to visit another brother, and while visiting came in contact with a man who lived in the interior. The man was lost but had a desire for a preacher to come to his house. Years before his parents had heard the Gospel and had been saved. He had invited three preachers to go to his home but none had gone. When this report came to the ears of the church it was impressed to go without delay. At that time Brother Wallace York was in Brazil and a member of the Chapada Baptist Church. He and the preacher boy went and the first trip there were six professions of faith. The next trip there were more saved and in a matter of three months there was a Baptist Church organized.

God Knows Where to Fish

"Let down your net on the other side . . ." was a strange command to men who had fished all night and caught nothing. God must direct our going and working, for He knows where the fish are. One day an article in a news magazine caught my attention. It told of the pathetic conditions of one state in Brazil with relation to the medical assistance, only one doctor to thousands. God spoke to my heart and said, "What of the spiritual need also?" That thought never left. There were 2,500,000 people in that state and only 25 Baptist churches, these being mostly in cities. The state was unknown to me except for what had been read. The people for the most part did not own their own homes and lands, these belonging to the big landowners. These people possessed nothing in the world and nothing in the world to come.

When the Seminary term was over my bag was packed and I traveled by plane about 1500 miles to the capitol state of Maranhao. After inquiring as to the modes of travel and the places that could be reached by bus, God's will in the matter was sought. Feeling that it was His leadership I purchased a bus ticket to a little place called Peritoro, in the interior of the state. Early the next morning the bus was loaded and at 5:30 a.m. we were on our way. After two hours of travel over graded highways with no permanent surfacing all the passengers looked the same -- all covered with red dust. At noonday the bus arrived at the place where I was stopping. What a surprise! There was a small restaurant, one small store, and about five houses in sight. I thought "there is no use staying here." And so thinking, I instructed the bus boy to leave my baggage on the bus. While eating lunch, however, God impressed me that I should stay, and stay I did. A lonely feeling possessed me as the bus drove off and left me in the midst of a strange people and a strange place. The man who owned the restaurant and store rented me a room for two weeks. By inquiring among the people, two nominal Christians were found: one a Presbyterian lady and the other a Pentecostal man who had joined the Presbyterians with his Pentecostal baptism. These immediately invited me to have a service in their homes. After the first night it was my plan to visit in every house in the

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swered prayer, because in the last few days we have had a lot of rain! In fact, today after church service, we had to walk through a very hard downpour. Our clothes were soaked, but we thank the Lord for the rain.

In our church service, Pam and I greeted the church in Swahili, and our Kenyan pastor preached the Easter message. Praise the Lord, one lady got saved. Please continue to pray for our church and the other four Kenyan pastors in our fellowship. Pam and I are really excited about being finally in our new home, and in our place of ministry.

We do plan to return back to our cottage at Brackenhurst for a short time. There are several reasons for our going back. We still have not been able to get all our paperwork done with the Kenyan government. And we are still in the process of trying to get our vehicle. After 4 delays, our vehicle was finally shipped from Japan on March 18th. We should get our vehicle around April 18th, Lord willing. Please pray that we will be able to get it without paying the expensive import tax (by Kenyan law, registered ministries are to be exempt from paying import tax), but some ministries have had to pay unfortunately. Also, Pam has recently seen an ophthalmologist and the doctor thinks her problem is neurological and has referred her to a neurologist for tests. Pray that the doctors will be able to find out her problem, and then be able to treat it. Do pray that the Lord will heal her eyes, or continue to give her grace in this time of testing.

Finally, our son, Nathan, is planning to come out to see us this summer. He also plans to do an internship in a Christian organization in the capitol city of Nairobi. Nathan's communication major at Cedarville College, requires him to do an internship. He also plans to minister with his ventriloquism. The Lord has been blessing in his vent ministry in the States this year. Several people have come to know the Lord as their personal Saviour as a result of this ministry.

Pam and I are grateful to be able to minister the Word of God here in Kenya. Thanks again for your prayers and financial support. We do appreciate your partnership in this ministry. To God be the glory!

For Souls in Kenya,
Mike and Pam Anderson

P.S. Please take note of the new mailing and E-mail addresses that are at the beginning of this letter when you communicate with us. If you should use our old address, don't worry, we will still get it.

community. This was done, with the result of finding only one professing Christian, other than the two mentioned. One unsaved man opened his house for services and they were continued for almost two weeks. During this time every home in the village was visited and the Gospel was preached from house to house to every person that would listen. Six persons made professions of faith, and three were baptized. This was the first baptism that the community had ever seen. The next trip there, three more were baptized, and on the fourth trip, there was a church organized with about twenty members.

Brother Hallum was 52 years of age when the Lord called him to the city of Iquitos, Peru. He said that God had called him to Peru and to the city of Iquitos before he left the States. Today the First Baptist Church of Iquitos testifies to the fact that he was led by the Holy Spirit.

Precautions in Starting New Work

1. Jesus sent out his disciples two by two. In the case of Phillip, He sent one. In the case of Jonah, one was sent. In starting a new work it is good to remember that you are going into enemy territory and it is usually better to go alone or by two. The reason for this is that a big crowd many times attracts too much attention and the enemy will cause a lot of needless disruption. In one village called Terra Santa we took boatload. That night there was to be a dance at the Catholic church. When they saw the large number coming to attend or hold services, they closed the dance and came to destroy the meeting. Many times when larger numbers go, there is the mixed multitude which will follow and harm greatly. Where the work is started the larger crowds do not hurt but rather tend to help the services.

2. Be patient with new believers. In many fields such as parts of Brazil the new converts will lose their jobs and many will be threatened with losing their jobs if they continue in their profession of faith. In Faro, Brazil, one man professed faith in Jesus and his boss, the big shot and power of that community, threatened to discharge him. In his weakness he stopped coming and sold his Bible. In a few months he was dead, and I believe, in heaven. God saw his weakness and disobedience and took him home. In Peritoro, Brazil, a Presbyterian lady fired a girl who was saved and baptized by us.

3. Abstain from any appearance of evil. Especially is this true in any and all dealings with women and girls. Most foreign countries do not look at the purity of men as we do even though they expect it of the women they marry.

4. Be extremely careful with the manner in which you give invitations at the close of the preaching services. Remember that people in most places in the United States are accustomed to this type of thing and wait for it to publicly profess their faith in Christ. The mind of the pagan is not so, and false professions will literally destroy a new work. In Faro, Brazil, Brother John Dias, Manoel Aguiar and I had held a preaching service in the front yard of a man's home. When the invitation was given at the end of the service and sinners were urged to trust Christ, three young girls, ages 17 to 19, came forward. The next day we went to their homes to visit and they could not be found. After three days we were able to talk with one and she told us that they thought we were giving out some gold medals to each one that came forward. The people at the service saw the professions and knew that they meant nothing. It discouraged others and made the preaching and the invitation a farce. Our invitation is the Gospel. When the Holy Spirit pricks the hearts of the lost they will ask "What must I do to be saved?" This is indication that it is time for an invitation. This very excess of invitations and false professions almost destroyed the work at the Chapada, Manaus, Brazil.

5. Do not proselyte. In Maues, a city in Brazil, a work had been started with much work and sacrifice. Several were saved and baptized. There was a real prospect of organizing a Baptist church. Before long another missionary, also a Baptist, came into the town and found it more enticing to proselyte a few of the saved and baptized, than to build his own work. This is not only anti-Christian but is a hindrance because usually such action will cause hard feelings among the new Christians as well as the older ones.

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JUNE IS FOUNDERS MONTH

*Plan now to give a special offering to help us
through the Summer slump*

Baptist Faith Missions

MARCH 1997 OFFERINGS

REGULAR FUND	
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Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	1,287.90
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Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Springs, MS	200.00
Hallum, Marguerite, Hammond, LA	50.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, OH	114.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, OH	115.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Letter Gap, WV	300.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	100.00
Hitchens Baptist Church, Grayson, KY	70.00
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC	25.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI	200.00
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tuscumbia, AL	89.36
Jenkins, William & Sonora, Appling, GA	50.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	100.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, KY	50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	750.56
Liberty Baptist Church, (Mt. Pisgah Assoc., Normantown, WV)	100.00
Life Line, Oklahoma City, OK	8.08
Life Line, Oklahoma City, OK	1.52
Lilly Valley Baptist Church, Rainelle, WV	100.00
Little Sewell Baptist Church, Rainelle, WV	50.00
Lynmas Creek Baptist Church, Lone, KY	25.00
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH	50.00
Marshall, Mr. & Mrs. E.O., Craigsville, WV	20.00
Morris Fork Baptist Church, Meadow Bridge, WV	50.00
Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, Grafton, OH	250.00
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Sadieville, KY	20.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	444.00
Norris, Wallace, Richmond, KY	100.00
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesborough, TN	160.00
Poplar Creek Baptist Church, Leighton, AL	200.00
Potter's Independent Missionary Baptist Church, Pottersville, MO	100.00
Riverview Baptist Church, Point Pleasant, WV	22.17
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN	150.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN (Special Offering)	79.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV	200.00
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	600.00
Rupert Baptist Church, Rupert, WV	50.00
Sims, James & Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS	125.00
South Irvine Baptist Church, Irvine, KY	30.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	220.00
Southside Baptist Church, Fulton, MS	100.00
Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, Hico, WV	50.00
Sovereign Grace Fellowship, Meadville, PA	200.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	885.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	127.00
Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	20.00
VanArsdale, Rick & Kimberly, Normal, IL	75.00
Watkins, Bert & Louise, Richmond, KY	110.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, WV	500.00
Total	17,909.59

STANTON

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tinues to work with me in this new work. He's a great man of God and he and his family are all involved in the work. Please remember this work in your prayers. Thanks.

Tonight, March 27th, Pastor Jorge Dianderas and the members of Jordan Baptist Church here in Lima, the Capital city of Peru, start their anniversary services. The meeting will last until Sunday night. This is the work we organized last year. They continue to grow and be blessed of the Lord. They also need more space. Pray!

The Baptist Institute of Biblical Studies is going well. Anita and I return from the States on, Friday, the 18th of April and the following Monday I must be in the Northern jungle town of Iquitos for another week of classes. I have 39 men studying there, I am very busy getting everything ready for that week of classes before we leave for the States. Will share more next month.

Serving Jesus in Peru,
Sheridan and Anita Stanton

CARE FUND	
Storms Creek Baptist Church	200.00
Strickland, Al & Renea, Goldsboro, NC	200.00
Total	400.00
KOREAN WORK	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	(Dr. Seo Ku Lee) 65.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	(Dr. Seo Ku Lee) 50.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	(Dr. Lee) 58.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	(Korea) 50.00
Total	223.00
WEST INDIES	
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI	(E. Jaggernauth) 50.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI	(Academy) 50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	(Sewnauth Punallal) 46.46
Total	146.46
BEAN FUND	
Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Nicholasville, KY	58.00
Wanville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL	Salary 50.00
Total	108.00
ASA BRATCHER FUND	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	New Works 90.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	Building 300.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	Food Pantry 130.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	Field Needs 25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Columbia, TN	Personal 50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Hamilton, OH	New Works 60.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Works 50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Institute 31.00
North West Baptist Church, Tampa, FL	New Works 125.00
Total	861.00
HAROLD BRATCHER FUND	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	Building 65.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Designated 385.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	Personal Needs 100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Happy Birthday H&M 100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY	Salary 75.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Personal 94.50
Friends, Ohio	Special Offering 220.00
Friends, Ohio	Relief Fund 122.00
Grace Baptist Church, Columbia, TN	Personal 50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work 50.00
Hisle, Raymond & Juanita, Lexington, KY	Salary 76.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Burton, MI	Personal 140.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH	Salary 35.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH	Personal 65.00
North West Baptist Church, Tampa, FL	Building 100.00
Ranson, Joe & Vinila, Culloden, WV	Salary 30.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Salary 58.00
Stoney Run Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Personal 107.72
Total	1,873.22
CRAIN FUND	
Friends, Ohio	Special Offering 220.00
Total	220.00
MIKE CREIGLOW FUND	
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	School 300.00
Central Baptist Church, Grenada, MS (\$65 Addyston Bap. Church)	Work Fund 165.00
Creiglow, Mr. & Mrs. Frank, Lancaster, OH	As Needed 15.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	Food Pantry 130.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	5.04
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work 50.00
Meadowthorpe Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary 45.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Salary 58.00
Total	768.04
HAROLD DRAPER FUND	
Bible Baptist Church, Plant City, FL	Work Fund 175.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work 50.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Letter Gap, WV	As Needed 100.00
Jenkins, William & Sonora, Appling, GA	As Needed 50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Work Fund 31.00
Richland Baptist Church, Letter Gap, WV	Salary 58.00
Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY	50.00
Total	514.00
JOHN HATCHER FUND	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	Building 65.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	New Building 250.00
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN	Salary 50.00
Friend, West Virginia	Work Fund 40.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work 50.00
KJW, Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal 40.00
Meadow Bridge Baptist Church, Meadow Bridge, WV	Salary 100.00
Mitchell, Leslie & Mary Helen, Lexington, KY	Where Needed 25.00

Park Layne Baptist Church, New Carlisle, OH	Salary 20.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Salary 58.00
Sims, James & Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS	New Work 25.00
Spicer, Mr. & Mrs. Hubert, South Bend, IN	300.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	Maria 25.00
Total	1,048.00
PAUL HATCHER FUND	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	Seminary 100.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	Seminary 50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	Seminary 50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Seminary 31.00
Mitchell, Leslie & Mary Helen, Lexington, KY	Where Needed 25.00
Total	256.00
PAUL CRIELOW FUND	
Creiglow, Mr. & Mrs. Frank, Lancaster, OH	As Needed 15.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Salary 58.00
Total	73.00
STANTON FUND	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	Peru New Works 65.00
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	Building Fund 65.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	Building 300.00
Durrum, Anthony & Linda, Winter Springs, FL	Personal 200.00
Farias, Albano Rodrigues, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil, SA	Salary 60.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	Personal 60.00
KJW, Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal 40.00
Meadowthorpe Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary 45.00
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Sadieville, KY	20.00
Restoration Baptist Church, Dickson, TN	Personal 100.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Salary 58.00
Total	1,013.00
WACASER FUND	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	Salary 65.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Piqua, OH	Salary 35.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Brinson, GA	Salary 50.00
First Baptist Church, Covington, OH	Salary 25.00
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	100.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Salary 58.00
Whaley, Curtis & Lois, Winston-Salem, NC	Charlene personal 100.00
Total	433.00
MISCELLANEOUS	
Creiglow Mr. & Mrs. Bob (Kirkman Medical)	25.00
Friend, Leesville, SC (H. H. Overby Preacher's Fund)	15.00
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC (Administrative Costs)	2.50
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH (H. H. Overby Fund)	50.00
Total	92.50
HOME MISSIONS	
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	Reinhardt 183.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Reinhardt 46.76
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	Reinhardt 74.00
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Norris, Wallace, Richmond, KY	Reinhardt 135.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Reinhardt 58.00
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	Reinhardt 50.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, WV	Reinhardt 50.00
Total	670.46
IN MEMORIAM	
Hardy, Ola M., Guntown, MS	Wilodene Hardy 100.00
Overby, Dale & Doris, Van Buren, AR	H. H. Overby 125.00
Total	225.00
MIKE ANDERSON FUND	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	Salary 65.00
Anderson, J. D. & Margaret, Saint Albans, WV	Salary 200.00
Black, Gary & Sandra, Scott Depot, WV	Personal 200.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV	Car Fund 70.00
Faith Baptist Church, Saint Albans, WV	Salary 50.00
Freeman, Larry & Lou Nan, Saint Albans, WV	100.00
Friend, Leesville, SC	As Needed 60.00
Grace Baptist Church, Surgoinville, TN	Salary 50.00
Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL	Per expense 25.00
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	100.00
Ranson, Joe & Vinila, Saint Albans, WV	Salary 33.00
Richardson, Chuck & Margaret, Point Pleasant, WV	Personal & Household 300.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Salary 58.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN	Salary 50.00
Simmerman, Carl & Glenna, Port Washington	Salary 20.00
Stuck, Louise, Scott Depot, WV	Personal 20.00
Wade, Dr. & Mrs. James, Abingdon, VA	Personal 100.00
Westerman, Vernon & Sonja, Seebree, KY	Salary 75.00
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV	Salary 100.00
Yanak, Albert & Ruby, Saint Albans, WV	Salary 10.00
Total	1,686.00
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$28,520.27

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Please consider increasing your offerings.