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## Many Adversaries ... To Open New Work ... Need For National Pastor ...

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Dear Brothers and Sister,

April 19, 2000



This has been a good, yet difficult month. Some souls have been saved. Some of the new converts are growing. Yet there are many adversaries. We are being attacked by the Charismatic movement. They are opening up "churches" on every corner it seems. They preach a false message of material prosperity and miracles. They stress tithing as a way to guarantee salvation and miraculous benefits, mostly material prosperity. The poor ignorant people who live without hope are drawn to this kind of thing. They are professionals at manipulating and deceiving. God will be their judge. We just try to keep on preaching the truth of God's amazing grace.

To all you who have given or prayed for our work here, we are so thankful to give you the news that the Lord seems to be opening the door for us to start a new work already. It is on the other side of the river on the outskirts of Varzea Grande. It will be a work under the authority of the Faith Baptist Church in Primavera. We have 3 preachers in that church. Besides the Pastor Jairo, we have 2 more who are sharing the responsibility of the new preaching point. I am trying to help some too. We are starting to pray about trying to soon buy a lot to build on later. Pray with us that this will be blessed.

Our church at Boa Esperanca has voted to vacate the pulpit due to the age and lack of Baptist convictions of their interim pastor. Pray for them as they seek a Godly, Bible preaching pastor to lead them. I have a preacher in our church at Altos do Coxipo who studies at a Baptist Bible school here in town. He is getting a lot of good Bible knowledge but very little real meat of the word. I pray I will be able to train him so that he can assume one of our



Ursula Draper with three young wives and mothers who serve as Sunday School Teachers

works. I am praying about looking for a preacher from out of town. The Lord has blessed us in doing this in the past. We really need one to take over at the Altos do Coxipo work, I believe.

Saturday we will be going to the Faith Baptist Church in Novo Diamantino to celebrate their 11th anniversary. Pastor Wagner and family are doing a great job there. We ask that you continue to pray for all your missionaries. In every part of the world sin is waxing worse and worse. May we all be found faithful. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! May God bless you all. We thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Yours in Christ, Harold Draper and Family

## Busy In The Amazon ... Visit and Preach In Seven Places ...

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

April 13, 2000



Things have been very busy and hectic here in the Amazon Valley. Everyone is involved in the work here. Lucia is very busy with the day school which this year has around 100 students, grades K-4. Lucy Marie is busy finishing up 7th grade and looking forward to concluding Jr. High next school year at ACLIA (the English school for missionaries children here in Manaus). Marcia is very, very busy in her last year of Brazilian High School, second year of Spanish, choir, etc. I continue busy with sermon preparations, pastoring, teaching, conducting seminars, and a mission trip from time to time.

Last month during Carnaval we spent a week at Codajas, where I visited two of the works. Also last month I preached at the Regular Baptist Church of Petropolis, on Friday the 24th, and then Saturday at the 24th of March Baptist Church, celebrating their first anniversary. We have had good services at the 14th church this month with attendances of 375 and 390 in Sunday School. Saturday I will be conducting the Escatology Seminar at the Belo Jardim (Beautiful Garden) Baptist Church.

Do continue to pray for the Bratchers in Brazil as there are so many needs and much that remains to be done. In February we were pleased to preside over the organization of the Root of David Baptist Church with 40 charter members. This church is a granddaughter of the 14th Church, and daughter of the 17th of August Baptist Church. Also both the Institute and the day school desperately need a building to continue their ministries. We thank each one of you that pray and contribute so that the work may go on.

Our congratulations to Missionaries Harold and Marie Bratcher on their 73rd birthdays. May the Lord give them many more, or better yet, may He come soon. Maranatha, even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.

In His Service, The A.M. Bratchers



Ordination of four Deacons, 14th of December Baptist Church

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Brother Jim Hicks**, long time friend and supporter of BFM, departed this life March 8, 2000. Brother Hicks pastored East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois for 35 years.

**Brother George Bean**, former BFM missionary, passed away May 11th. Sister Bean's address is, 401 Co. Rd. 213, Hollywood, AL 53752. Phone (205) 259-5463. More details in next month's Mission Sheets.

**Brother Marvin Summers**, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, Michigan, and a director of BFM, had open heart surgery May 1st. His address is: Marvin Summers, 6221 Mayburn, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127. Phone (313) 562-5579.

**From time to time** people inquire about Brother and Sister Crain. They are both in poor health, but still able to go and to serve God as he opens doors. Their address is: Rt. #2, Box 273, Linden, TN 37096-9802. Phone (931) 593-2155.

**Remember the Summer Conference** that will be July 11-13 at the Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY. Mark these dates and plan to attend. For information about lodging, etc., call Glenn Archer at (270) 278-2493. List of speakers will be in next month's Mission Sheet.

### MISSION RECEIVES GREAT GIFT

We wish to express our gratitude and thanksgiving to "The Estate of Texas Friends" for their gift to BFM. This estate donated 1,048 shares of blue chip stock valued at more than \$125,000. The donors would have been content to remain anonymous, but they wanted others in similar financial circumstances to know that contributions can be made to BFM in this way, and to encourage others to consider BFM in the settling of their estates.

"For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God" (II Corinthians 9:12).



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## Preach Eighteen Times . . . Both Celebrate Birthdays . . .

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Saviour: April 5, 2000

During this MS month - March 1 to April 3, I preached 18 sermons - one at the Calvary Baptist Church where I baptized the son-in-law of the pastor, Francisco Jesus Dias who was ill with an infected foot. 14 of the 18 sermons were preached at or to the 24th of March Baptist Church where I am the pastor.

On the 5th of March I preached the Sunday morning message at the 14th of December Baptist Church in the absence of the pastor, Dr. Asa Mark Bratcher. The day before I performed the wedding ceremony of Shelton and Janaina, a young couple both members of that church. Sunday night, March 12th, I preached at the Manacial Baptist Church where Paulo Moises Melo is the pastor. Saturday night, March 18th, I preached at the home of Oseias da Silva Martins, a member of the 14th Church. It was a thanksgiving service for his mother still being with them.

The 24th of March Baptist Church celebrated her first anniversary with 5 special services. I preached the first sermon on Friday night the 24th which was my 73rd birthday. Saturday night Asa Mark Bratcher preached, and Sunday morning Antonio Sena Vieira from Maues preached. We then furnished transportation for some 25 of us who went to the Manacial Baptist Church. There I baptized six believers. After the baptism we, the members of 24th church present, celebrated the Lord's Supper. That night my helper at the church brought the message, thus concluding the 1st birthday of the church. The Church was organized with 13 members. During the year we baptized 16 and received 11 by letter, and one under the watchcare. Thus we began the new church year with 40 members. "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

We thank all who here and in the USA wished us a happy 73rd birthday. Today, April 5th, I am wishing a happy 73rd birthday to my dear wife, Hattie Marie Moore Bratcher. May the Lord bless her is my prayer. We thank you dear supporters of BFM for your faithfulness in the service of the Saviour. We ask because we need your prayers. Our God is able!

Yours in the service of the Saviour,  
Harold and Marie Bratcher

## Monday & Thursday Night Bible Classes . . . To Open New Mission . . . Reports From Carlos and Carlos . . .

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Dear Friends, April 30, 2000

April has been a very busy month for Anita and me. Besides our usual busy schedule, I started a Monday night Bible Doctrines class for the members of the three churches located here in Huanuco. We have about 40 in attendance. I also have seven preachers studying in a Thursday night class. Two weeks ago I baptized six into the fellowship of the Central Baptist Church of Huanuco where I am the interim pastor. We've been having great services and the Lord continues to bless us in many ways. We are about to take on a new mission work in the town of

Huariaca about one-and-a-half hour drive from Huanuco. Please pray about this work. It appears to be very promising, and the members here are excited about starting a new work.

Brother Carlos Estabridis called from the Ebenezer Baptist mission in the south of Lima. He reported that he baptized five during the month and that the work was going well. They still need about one thousand dollars to finish the second floor of the house where they meet. This will give them much more room. At present they are meeting in the garage of the house.

Brother Carlos Gonzales of the Faith Baptist mission in Huaral is doing very well. The folks there are very excited about getting started their new meeting house on the property we recently bought for them. We still need about eight hundred dollars to pay off the property there. Anita and I will be traveling there the first week of May to be with them. Please remember these works in your prayers.

We will be having more visitors from the States during the month of May, June and July. We always enjoy having our friends come and visit and see the great way in which God is blessing His work in Peru. We invite you to come and visit us also. The "Sheridan Inn" of Huanuco is always open. We love you all and thank the Lord for you. Write us sometime when you can.

Serving Jesus in Peru,  
Sheridan and Anita Stanton

## 300-400 Teens In Services . . . Lindsey Coming To States . . .

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Dear Friends: May 1, 2000

Greetings once again from Cruzeiro do Sul. Things are continuing to grow here in the youth ministry. Our attendance is up on Saturday Night Youth Night, and we have been averaging well over 300 teens with many weeks closer to 400. Even on the rainy nights we have been having 200+ in attendance. But better yet, we have seen over 60 professions of faith since the first of the year. We are finishing another group of evangelism training this week, and our discipleship classes, though down in number from last time, are in full swing.

As usual when things are progressing, Satan has been working. He has been attacking from within and without; please pray for the leadership of the church as they deal with the problems that accompany such growth.

Our oldest daughter Lindsey will be starting college in the fall at Christian Heritage College in El Cajon, CA. She and I will be leaving for the states on May 4th to get her settled in. I will be returning to Brazil the 1st of June, and she will remain to start this next faze of her life. Please keep her in your prayers and pray for Brenda and me.... this is our first to leave home.

Thank you for all of your prayers and financial support; we couldn't be here if it weren't for you.

In His Service, Paul D. Creiglow

## Letter From Brenda Creiglow . . .

Dear friends,

March 16, 2000

Well, what can we say except: What an awesome God we have! Camp was a tad bit wet and muddy this year, actually it was soaked. The boys had gone up the week before and spent 3 days cutting the grass (which was up to their waist) and cleaning and clearing out all the rats, bats and cockroaches that settle in when the camp's not in use. Thieves had broken in and left trails of their mess everywhere. So that part was pretty bad this year, and the boys worked hard to get everything cleaned up. Paul managed to get a tractor driver to use his bush hog to get the really thick grass, but with all the rains, the ground was just a mess. There weren't as many teens as we expected because of the rains and some were sick. There were about 76 teens plus our family and one other family who went to help. Praise God, 2 were saved another asked for baptism and several more rededicated their lives for Christ. The games and activities were interrupted by the rains, but the food and fellowship was great! Yeah, the food had to be good.... I was the cook! Ha! Chinese food the first day with chopped up chicken and veggies and Chinese rice, the second was beef, the third was hamburger gravy and of course, at every meal we had rice, beans and farofa. (It had to be a little Brazilian) For supper we had hot dogs, pizza, grilled cheese and ham sandwiches (and tell Kevin and Kyle that they didn't have black stuff on them! Ha!) with soup, and the last day macaronada, which is Brazilian spaghetti with chopped up onions, hot dogs, and sausage with mayonnaise mixed in the sauce. Every morning hot chocolate. Hummmmm sounds good, huh? Hey, they loved it and there was enough for them to have seconds and sometimes thirds. Needless to say, there were no complaints. God really blessed, and we were able to get a semi-industrial stove with eight burners and a semi-industrial oven to cook our pizza this year. You all know that Paul's not the type to ask for the needs of the ministry, and it never ceases to amaze me how God gives. Paul's thought is "God knows our needs and He'll provide." The stoves were a little out of our budget, (Okay way out of our budget!) but we were in real need, so we paid half and made an agreement to pay the rest later. The day after we got back there were packages waiting for us at the mail box. In one package was a letter saying that they had sent a \$300 check to use as needed. Wow, why do I always doubt? Thanks, the stoves are paid for! Again, God is so awesome!! All in all, camp went real smooth.

For those of you who were wondering about our patio. ... We were not able to get it built before the rains came. We had about a 9' retaining wall that didn't retain. There were concrete columns supporting the cement beams for the roof and cement arches, but when the rains came the dirt swelled and the wall broke out. It was awful! Paul has just started some men working on the tear down. It seems to be going well. Hopefully, we'll have a smaller patio built soon.

The past couple of months, over 50 teens have made public professions of faith. Youth night is averaging 350 or more teens each Saturday. The small group meetings are still real active. Tuesday, Paul met with some of the teen leaders to start training for the teens who want to learn to witness one on one. This evangelism class met tonight with 25 teens there to learn. Next month the teens will be starting Sunday school in another building a block away from the church. Discipleship classes started again with around 50 teen and adults, and many others are getting involved in the teaching. The group is growing physically and spiritually. Keep them in your prayers.

Now, a little about the family. Well, Jon is still hobbling around with a cast on his leg and has 2 more weeks. David has a wonderful Christian girlfriend. The boys still keep up on all the biking events on espn and jump any and everything in town. They all keep real busy in all the ministries. Alyssa and Joey are still helping me with the cantina after youth night and with swimming lessons out at the military base. Lindsay is keeping busy until she leaves for college. (Christian Heritage, in El Cajon) She's hoping to go back early so she can work and save up for her car before she starts school. Pray for her. In the mean time, she's been going on missionary trips up river, helping with street kids, helping with handicap children, and on top of all that she's teaching English lessons to pay her bills.

About a week before camp she came home all excited after she and David had the opportunity to participate in a weekend program for street kids. They were able to witness to some of the kids and 5 got saved. I rejoiced in their joy and the next day, as I was hurrying to do my shopping for camp, I ran by a group of kids and one said, "Oh, are you the little blonde's mother?" I just smiled and kept running for I was in a terrible hurry. As I took a step around the corner (and was thinking in English), I heard a boy yell out "I'm going to heaven, too". Of course he said it in Portuguese, and all of a sudden I stopped dead in my tracks. No longer in sight of the little boy, I realized what he had said. I got tears in my eyes and goose bumps all over. I turned around and walked back around the corner realizing that this must have been one of the kids that Lindsay and David witnessed to. He ran up to me and said again, "I'm going to heaven, too." I asked, "are you sure?" He said, "Oh, yes, I now have Jesus." Wow, it made me realize that we always need to take time to listen and not be in such a hurry, or we might just miss the best thing in life. The love of Jesus.

Thank you for all your prayers and support. God bless.

Love, Brenda  
1 John 4:7-8

## PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES . . .

### IN BRAZIL:

John and Alta Hatcher  
Harold and Marie Bratcher  
Michael and Beverly Creiglow  
Paul and Brenda Creiglow  
Paul and Wanda Hatcher  
Harold and Ursula Draper  
Asa and Lucy Bratcher  
Robert and Charlene Wacaser  
A. J. and Barbara Hensley

### IN PERU:

Sheridan and Anita Stanton

### IN KENYA:

Mike and Pam Anderson

### IN FRANCE:

John M. and Judy Hatcher

## DON'T FORGET THE WORK HORSE FUND

This is the General Fund. Out of it comes the missionaries' salaries, expenses, travel, medical, cars, etc. It has not kept pace with rising costs. It needs to increase so that our missionaries might have what they need.



**Please consider  
increasing  
your offerings**



## Baptist Faith Missions

### MARCH 2000 OFFERINGS

#### REGULAR FUND

Adkins, Elbert and Eileen, Tulsa, OK	20.00
Battle Baptist Church, Mackville, KY	30.00
Beach Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY	70.00
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenite, NC	150.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN	275.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	679.00
Bohon Road Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY	175.00
Bouchard, Roland & Elisabeth, Louisville, KY	47.00
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV	261.00
Burleson, W. T., TN (Forty-seven years a supporter of BFM)	150.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	500.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	572.77
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY	100.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarsville, WV	75.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	300.00
Crestline Friend	180.00
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV	70.00
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV	251.76
Darling, Russell & Ruth, Blue River, WI	60.00
Dawson Baptist Church, Glenville, WV	100.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	402.00
Elgin Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL	504.93
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA	200.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	190.48
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	640.89
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY	232.00
Epps, Grantham and Sarah, Plant City, FL	500.00
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO	100.00
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY	200.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	1,000.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, OH	75.00
Goldfloss Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	25.00
Goodsprings Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL	150.00
Grace Baptist Church, Anville, KY	20.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH	600.00
Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Spring, MS	200.00
Grider Memorial Baptist Church, Glasgow, KY	100.00
Hallum, Marguerite, Hammond, LA	50.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, OH	110.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Letteri Gap, WV	300.00
Hardy, Ola, Guntown, MS	25.00
Henderson, Clark and Grace, Pippa Passes, KY	250.00
Hitchens Baptist Church, Grayson, KY	100.00
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC	35.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI	300.00
Jenkins, Willima and Sonora, Appling, GA	50.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	100.00
King, Pastor Doug & Romona, Arcadia, FL	100.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	2,219.86
Life Line, Oklahoma City, OK	28.86
Lynams Creek Baptist Church, Lone, KY	25.00
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH	50.00
McMaclin, Mr. and Mrs. James, Coal Grove, OH	50.00
Mount Cavalry Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	100.00
Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, Grafton, OH	250.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	858.00
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	25.00
Norris, William, Richmond, Ky	60.00
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesborough, TN	80.00
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, FL	558.84
Potter's Independent Missionary Baptist Church, Pottersville, Mj	125.00
Riverview Baptist Church, Point Pleasant, WV	100.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN	200.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV	300.00
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	1,000.00
Simmerman, Carl and Glenna, Port Washington, OH	20.00
Sims, James & Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS	125.00
South Carolina Friend	45.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	500.00
Southside Baptist Church, Fulton, MS	100.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL	150.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	1,590.66
Sugar Creek Baptist Church, Woodlawn, TN	30.00
Tenney, James and Patsy, Occee, FL	60.00
Texas Friends	600.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	119.00
Twenty-Fourth of March Baptist Church, Brazil	100.00
Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	10.00
Virginia Friends	615.00
Waverly Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL	20.00
Watkins, Bert & Louise, Richmond, KY	55.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, WV	500.00
Webster Memorial Baptist Church, Lakeland, FL	50.00
West Virginia Friends	126.00
Total	21,473.05

#### CAR FUND

Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	200.00
Total	200.00

#### WEST INDIES

Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Sewnauth Punallal	57.07
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	Emmanuel Jaggernauth	78.00
Total		135.07

#### H. H. OVERBY FUND

Lessley, Jim & Becky, Alma, AR	50.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	50.00
Total	100.00

#### ASA BRATCHER

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	65.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary 266.67
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 200.00
Bratcher, Debra, Mesquite, TX	Personal 50.00
Brooksburg Baptist Church, Madison, IN	Personal 245.89
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	Salary 190.48
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	Field Needs 25.00
Glen's Creek Baptist Church, Versailles, KY	Personal 200.00
Grace Baptist Church, Hamilton, OH	New Works 50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work 50.00
Kentucky Friend	20.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Day School 40.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Institute 29.00
North West Baptist Church, Tampa, FL	New Work 146.66
Northside Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Mission Support 50.00
Total	1628.70

#### HAROLD BRATCHER FUND

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	Building 65.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary 266.67
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 100.00
Bratcher, Debra, Mesquite, TX	Personal 50.00
Brooksburg Baptist Church, Madison, IN	Personal 245.89
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Poverty Relief 100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY	Salary 75.00
Edwards, Wilgus and Maria, Booneville, KY	Salary 10.00
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA	Salary 200.00
Gill, Hazel, Lancaster, KY	Salary 25.00
Glen's Creek Baptist Church, Versailles, KY	Personal 200.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work 50.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	Salary 100.00
Hyder, Shirley, Cincinnati, OH	Special Gift Pers. 350.00
Kentucky Friend	20.00
Lessley, Jim and Becky, Alma, AR	Salary 50.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH	Salary 35.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH	Personal 65.00
North West Baptist Church, Tampa, FL	Building 117.34
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Salary 70.00
Total	2,194.90

#### HENSELY FUND

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary 625.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal 650.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Alpha & Omega Home 25.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA	Salary 91.67
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	Memory Jim Hicks 500.00
Edwards, Wilgus and Marie, Booneville, KY	Salary 10.00
Hilltop Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY	As Needed 50.00
Hitchens Baptist Church, Grayson, KY	Alpha & Omega Home 16.40
Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, KY	25.00
Jenkins, William and Sonora, Appling, GA	Alpha-Omega Home 30.00
Kissner, Janet, Mount Vernon, IL	Adali & Kathy 50.00
L, M. P.	Alpha-Omega Home 50.00
Logan, Ronald and Judith, Lexington, KY	Personal 250.00
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Alpha-Omega Home 100.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Salary 70.00
South Carolina Friend	Alpha-Omega Home 60.00
Tenney, James and Patsy, Occee, FL	Salary 30.00
Tenney, James and Patsy, Occee, FL	Odali Barros 30.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Alpha-Omega Home 35.00
Union Baptist Church, Cynthiana, KY	300.00
W, K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal 50.00
Wannville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL	Alpha-Omega Home 489.21
Total	3,562.28

#### MIKE CREIGLOW FUND

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	New Works 65.00
Beulah Baptist Church, Summersville, WV	80.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 200.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN	Salary 25.00
Creiglow, Mr. & Mrs. Frank, Lancaster, OH	Mission Work 150.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	Salary 190.48
Grace Baptist Church, Columbia, TN	Personal 100.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work 50.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Camden, TN	Personal 50.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Salary 70.00
Total	845.48

#### DRAPER FUND

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg	As Needed 75.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH	Salary 50.00
Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Nicholasville, KY	Salary 99.00
Cleaton Baptist Church, KY	Salary 40.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work 50.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Letter Gap, WV	As Needed 100.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	Salary 100.00
Jenkins, William and Sonora, Appling, GA	As Needed 50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	New Work 29.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Salary 70.00
Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY	100.00
Wannville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL	Salary 50.00
Total	813.00

#### JOHN HATCHER FUND

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	Building 65.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary 266.67
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 120.00
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN	Salary 65.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	Salary 25.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	Memorial Jim Hicks 500.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work 50.00
Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L., Alexandria, KY	Work Fund 300.00
Jenkins, William and Sonora, Appling, GA	New Work 100.00
Meadow Bridge Baptist Church, Meadow Bridge, WV	Salary 100.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore KY	Salary 70.00
Sims, James & Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS	New Work 25.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	Maria 25.00
W, K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal 50.00
Wood, Neree, Columbia, SC	New Buildings 150.00
Total	1,911.67

#### PAUL HATCHER FUND

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	Seminary 100.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL	Seminary 60.00
Allbritton, Tommy and Barbara, Scott Depot, WV	Seminary 30.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary 266.67
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN	Salary 25.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	Seminary 40.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	Baptist Seminary 50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	Seminary 50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Seminary 29.00
Trinity-Northbrook Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH	Baptist Theological 30.00
Total	680.67

#### PAUL CREIGLOW FUND

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary 266.67
Creiglow, Mr. & Mrs. Frank, Lancaster, OH	Mission Work 15.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Salary 70.00
Total	351.67

#### STANTON FUND

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	Building 65.00
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	Peru New Work 65.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary 416.67
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal 25.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 200.00
Burroughs, C. E., Bristol, TN	Carlos Fund 100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH	Salary 50.00
Cooper, Michael & Beverly, Lexington, KY	Carlos Azana 10.00
Durrum, Anthony & Linda, Winter Springs, FL	Personal 200.00
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA	Personal 200.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	Salary 190.48
Gilpin Masonry Construction, Inc., Lexington, KY	Personal 100.00
Howe, Bro. and Mrs. Raymond, Jr, Saint Augustine, FL	New Work 150.00
Lessley, Jim and Becky, Alma, AR	Salary 50.00

Muddy Fork Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY	Salary 50.00
Ohio Friends	Relief Fund 76.00
Restoration Baptist Church, Dickson, IN	Personal 100.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Salary 70.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Building 100.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN	25.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV	Lot Purchase 1200.00
W, K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal 50.00
Total	3,493.15

#### WACASER FUND

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	Salary 65.00
Bouchard, Roland & Elisabeth, Louisville, KY	Personal 423.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Piqua, OH	Salary 35.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Brinson, GA	Salary 150.00
First Baptist Church, Covington, OH	Salary 25.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	Charlene Personal 40.00
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	Salary 100.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Salary 70.00
Total	908.00

#### WACASER PROPERTY

Ayers, Bertha, Lexington, KY (Spring Conf. Offering)	200.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL (Spring Conf. Off.)	300.00
Central Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, TX (Spring Conf. Off.)	335.00
Curd, Allie, Lexington, KY (Spring Conf. Off.)	25.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	Memorial Jim Hicks 500.00
Fallwell, Tom and Lisa, Newburg, IN (Spring Conf. Off.)	100.00
Fields, E. Marie, Lexington, KY (Spring Conf. Off.)	107.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	Purchase of Lots 1,000.00
Parks, David and Debbie, Lexington, KY (Spring Conf. Off.)	50.00
Riley, Tom and Jana, Lexington, KY (Spring Conf. Off.)	20.00
Robbins, Mrs. Wanda, Richmond, KY	Property Purchase 1,000.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL	Diadema Prop. 5,610.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church (Howie & Debbie Richter) (Conf. Off.)	500.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY (Spring Conf.)	1,021.31
Turner, Richard and Wanda, Kirksville, IL (Spring Conf. Off.)	192.50
Wainright, Steve and Lydia, Lexington, KY (Spring Conf. Off.)	100.00
Whaley, Curtis and Lois, Winston-Salem, NC (Spring Conf. Off.)	50.00
Total	11,110.81

#### MISCELLANEOUS

First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	Thanksgiving Off. 3,000.00
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC	Administrative Costs 3.00
Total	3,003.00

#### HOME MISSIONS

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	Reinhardt 53.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	Newport Building 90.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	Reinhardt 75.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Reinhardt 57.07
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	Reinhardt 156.00
Norris, William, Richmond, KY	Reinhardt 40.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Reinhardt 70.00
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	Reinhardt 100.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, WV	Reinhardt 50.00
Total	691.07

#### IN MEMORIAM FUND

Bethel Baptist Church, Williams, IN (Alpha-Omega Home)	Walter Cornett 552.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN	Juanita LeMay 300.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	Pastor Jim Hicks 500.00
Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Springs, MS	Bro. Jim Hicks 40.00
Overbey, Dale & Doris, Van Buren, AR	Sidney Fisher 125.00
Tackett, Kenneth and Phyllis, Lexington, KY	Juanita LeMay 10.00
Total	1,527.00

#### MIKE ANDERSON FUND

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	Salary 65.00
Allbritton, Tommy and Barbara, Scott Depot, WV	30.00
Bible Baptist Church, Durham, NC	85.00
Bush, Dale and Pam, Culloden, WV	Church Property 500.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	Special Project 100.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV	Personal 100.00
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV	100.00
Faith Baptist Church, St. Albans, WV	Salary 50.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Vienna, WV	Monthly Support 50.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	Salary 25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Surgoinsville, TN	Salary 50.00
Harvesters Bible Class, Point Pleasant, WV	Salary 100.00
Kelso, Mrs. Ruth M., Wexford, PA	Salary 30.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	From S.S. Youth 39.01
Lessley, Jim and Becky, Alma, AR	Salary 50.00
Martin, Gaylord and Hazel, Charleston, WV	90.00
Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL	per expense 40.00
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Chaleston, WV	Salary 100.00
Mount Hope Baptist Church, Chesapeake, OH	Salary 60.00
Northside Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Mission Support 50.00
Rawley, Philip and Sarah, Mesquite, TX	As Needed 250.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Salary 70.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN	50.00
Rosemont Ladies Fellowship, Winston-Salem, NC	Pam Personal 100.00
Simmerman, Carl and Glenna, Port Washington, OH	As Needed 30.00
South Carolina Friend	As Needed 60.00
Stuck, Louise, Scott Depot, WV	Personal 25.00
Sugar Creek Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	150.00
Wade, Dr. & Mrs. James, Abingdon, VA	Personal 100.00
Walnut Hills Baptist Church, Huntington, WV	Mike & Pam 60.00
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV	100.00
Yanak, Albert & Ruby, St. Albans, WV	10.00
Total	2,719.01

#### JOHN M. HATCHER FUND

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	Salary 65.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Salary 50.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	Work Fund 695.02
Everman, Arthur and Pattie, Corsicana, TX	As Needed 125.00
Gerig, Galen and Tamara, Columbus, OH	Salary 30.00
Grace Baptist Church, Coffeen, IL	Where Needed 40.59
Hitchens Baptist Church, Grayson, KY	25.00
Iles, Rick & Terri, Cincinnati, OH	As Needed 20.00
King, Pastor Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL	20.00
Kissner, Janet, Mount Vernon, IL	As Needed 50.00
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	Salary 100.00
Mundy, Mr. & Mrs. Billie, Godfrey, IL	Salary 10.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Salary 70.00
Total	1,300.61

TOTAL - ALL FUNDS 58,649.14

**CORRECTIONS**-Last month's Mission Sheet listed a gift from Jim and Becky, Alma, AR for \$50.00 to the H. H. Overbey fund. This should have been \$100.00  
Paul Hatcher Fund listed \$25.00 from the Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, YN. This should have been \$50.00- Sorry for the inconvenience.



## Establishing Relationships . . . To Purchase Land For Building . . . Many Blessings . . .

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Dear Friends,

May 3, 2000



The lengths that missionaries will go to establish relationships with their people is surprising. On Good Friday, three members of our church and I went on a 120 mile bicycle trip through the mountains. I don't know what got into me to let them talk me into it. The first day was marvelous. A lot of that part was down hill and the scenery was beautiful. We rode for about ten hours that day and spent the night camped out on the side of a mountain. The next morning we got up at 5:00 a.m. and started our climb back up the mountain. We had only three granola bars for breakfast with a long climb ahead of us. I am used to drinking a couple of cups of coffee with my breakfast, but we didn't have any. I'll spare you the gory details, but by the time we made it home we were, um hum, tired. The experience was great and we did have a great time of fellowship. Even the difficulty of the ride helped us to learn to encourage one another. One young man told me that the trip helped him to understand the Biblical principle of persistence.

The new work at Barigui is really blessed of the Lord. We had our largest crowd two weeks ago. The regular attendees are showing many signs of interest and growth. I am especially thrilled with our leaders and their dedication to the people and work. They have committed themselves to pray for them regularly and to make more efforts to reach new folks. We are still using the Martial Arts gymnasium for our meetings. We are praying for God's leading in how to make that work more permanent. The owner would like to sell to us, but the gym is not located on a street that is easily found. We would like to find something with a good reference point or that is more visible to passersby.

We are very thankful to all who graciously contributed to the work in Diadema. It appears that nearly all the funds needed to purchase the lots have come in and I will be approaching the owners this week to make an offer. Please be in prayer about these deals and that God would enable us to build with the funds that are available. We pray especially that God will be working on the hearts of the residents there so that they will be open to receive the gospel as we go into the neighborhood. Our builder is doing another project presently, and has informed me that he will be able to start on ours around the first of August. That will give us time to buy the lots and allow the residents to move their belongings out. We'll have to demolish the existing structures because they are not adequate for the needs that we have. We can use some of the material for making forms for the foundation etc.



Brother Wacaser conducting Bible study with leadership trainees (Training Center).

Our first church, Bible Baptist, is seeing some rapid growth recently. We have been excited to have several members of the same family come in. One recent blessing was that a father of three children who attend has made some major changes in his life. He was involved in selling drugs and had become a real menace to the family. (It is strange, but here were three children praying for their father to stop messing with drugs and to come to Christ. It is usually the other way around, huh?). He has stopped the drug sells, has begun to work a regular job and promised that he would get rid of the friendships with ruffians that he had. We know that only a true commitment to Christ will enable him to fulfill these promises and that none are of any use without a relationship with the Lord, but we trust that what is happening in his life is a result of God working in his heart in answer to prayer. His children have been praising the Lord for the change that has come about. We rejoice with them.

Charlene and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary on April 25th. We can hardly believe that it has been that long. God has blessed us in so many ways. I hope the next 20 are as blessed.

We are thankful for your prayers and support, friends. God is using you in such a special way and we hope that you can get a sense of how marvelous it is to be instruments of grace in His service. May He bless you.

In Christ's service,

Bobby, Charlene, Jessie and Brennen Wacaser

### AVOID CAPITAL GAINS TAXES

If you would like to help Baptist Faith Missions through donations of appreciated real estate, stocks, bonds, mutual funds and avoid the capital gains tax, please call Brother Jim Miller at 1-800-383-3902 for detailed information.

### WHERE TO SEND OFFERINGS

Make all checks payable to: Baptist Faith Missions  
and mail all offerings to: Glenn Archer, P. O. Box 144  
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## Great Bible School . . . Break In Court Case . . . Purchase Land For Building . . .

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Dear Friends,

May 2, 2000

The Lord continues to bless our church. In April, we had a full month of ministry activities. We thank the Lord for the people who have received Christ during our church visitation time. Pam and I are especially pleased that others in the church are getting involved in sharing the Gospel, too. We have 5 other people who have been trained, who go out at least twice a week to tell others of Christ's saving grace.

In the month of April, our young people are off from school on break. So, we had scheduled our Vacation Bible School for a week. We borrowed two class rooms and a playing field from a local school in the area. We have to do this, because for the past two years, we have had to rent a building for our church to meet in. The teens really enjoyed the Bible story about 'Nehemiah building the wall of Jerusalem'. The younger children learned the story of 'David and Goliath'. Then, for Youth Sunday, both groups performed their dramas about the Bible story. The teens built the wall, and 'David' killed 'Goliath' with his sling shot. Both plays were done well, and our young people learned a lot.

For their craft, the teens actually helped build the set for 'Nehemiah'. They made the material for building the wall of Jerusalem out of cardboard. We had one of the carpenters in the church to build an 8 foot by 6 foot high wood rack to be the form for the stones for the cardboard wall of Jerusalem. We even had the children dress up in costumes of the period of time for the stories. It was really cute to see how they use their imaginations. The parents, and Pam and I really enjoyed Youth Sunday.

Our car needed some major repairs this month. So, we were without a car for over two weeks. We had to either walk, or I rode my bicycle. We thank the Lord for a missionary friend who loaned us one of his vehicles for a Sunday. It helped to take many of our people back and forth to church.

Thank the Lord, we had a breakthrough with the court case our former pastor has against us. The editor of the newspaper that printed the false story about us allowed us to write a reply. Then the editor added his apology, saying that he did not know the story given to him was not true. He mentioned that one of the men who gave him the story was also taking us to court! So, we concluded that our former pastor was one of the authors of that bad article about us. We had already known this, but we needed to have this confirmed in writing from the editor. Hopefully, we can introduce this evidence when we return for our next court hearing on May 18th.

Pam and I have been praying about getting land for our church for a long time. Well, the Lord blessed, and we were able to purchase a 2.2 acre plot of flat land that is in an excellent location. Thank the Lord that we had some of the money for it through the gifts and donations from friends and churches in the States. Please pray that the Lord will provide the rest of the money for the land. The balance is due by the end of November. We still need about \$5,000 to complete the purchase.

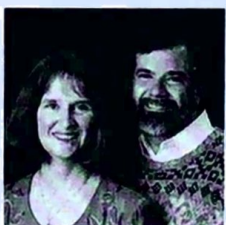
Pam and I want to thank many of you who have been praying for us so faithfully. We sense that the Lord is blessing us here because you took the time to pray for us. It is great to be partners with you in the Lord's work here in Kenya. We are sure that someday when we are with our Lord, that He will show you the 'fruits of our labor' together.

May our Lord richly bless you all.

For Souls in Kenya,  
Mike and Pam Anderson

## Preaching In English . . . Exchange English For French . . .

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May 1, 2000

Since writing to you last, God has opened to us a number of doors of opportunity. During this period of time I have preached three times to English speaking congregations. The City of Toulouse, center of the metropolitan area in which we live, is home to many Aerospace industries. Satellites and rockets to launch them are produced here. The Aerobus airliners are also assembled here. As a result, there are many international corporations with large manufacturing plants and research centers here.

Many of these plants employ English speaking engineers and specialist from many different countries. A few years ago, a missionary had the foresight of starting a church for English speakers. This is a great opportunity to evangelize unbelievers and encourage believers. When people are displaced from their homes, they are often more open to the gospel. This is further enhanced when they are looking for someone with whom to communicate in a language they know well.

The current pastor of the church has asked me to speak in his place when he has been out of town. On these occasions we have had the opportunity to present the gospel to a number of unbelievers. One of these individuals is a Danish lady that we had met in French Language School. Through a Danish Club she had met Alice, another Danish lady who has been recently saved. Alice invited her to attend this church with her. On this occasion, I preached about the rich young ruler who came to Christ. The unsaved Danish lady commented to Judy that it was the first time that she had heard that you must receive Christ personally.


Isn't it wonderful how God gives opportunities for us to share the Gospel? Our Lord commands us to preach the Gospel to every creature. It is important that we ask Him to open doors. He does answer!

A couple of months ago we distributed a written offer in our neighborhood. The offer was to exchange English practice for French. Our purpose was twofold: To improve our French speaking and to build relationships that would allow us to share the gospel. Initially, we received no responses. Then, after nearly two months, two different families responded and the Lord has blessed these encounters. We are learning to ask, to act upon what God has shown us and then to patiently wait for Him to work. I hope these tidbits from our life in France will encourage you as you minister in your area and remind you to pray for us as we work here. May the Lord richly bless you.

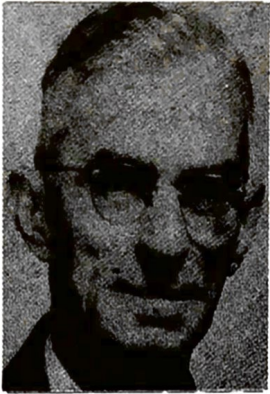
Serving the Saviour with you,  
John and Judy




# JUNE IS FOUNDER'S MONTH



Brother H. H. Overbey was one of the three men who organized Baptist Faith Missions as we know it today. He served as Executive Secretary for forty years. One could not be around him without knowing of his love for missions, and because of this he was affectionately known as "Mr. Missions."





Brother Z. E. Clark served as the first Treasurer of Baptist Faith Missions, an office he faithfully filled for 25 years. He, too, loved missions and did all he could to help the work of Baptist Faith Missions.



Joseph F. Brandon was the first missionary of Baptist Faith Missions. He organized many churches in Brazil, including the first ones in the western part of the country.

Baptist Faith Missions, as we know it today, started in the early 1940's when H. H. Overbey and Z. E. Clark met with missionary Joseph Brandon, who had gone to Brazil in 1923, about his continuing to serve in Brazil. Overbey and Clark agreed with Missionary Brandon that if he would go back to Brazil, they would do what they could to raise support for him. Brother Brandon was to write a mission letter each month and Brother Overbey would print it on a mimeograph machine and mail it to interested churches and individuals in an effort to raise support for Brother Brandon. Brother Z. E. Clark was to serve as Treasurer of any funds that came in. The first "Mission Sheet" was mailed to about 30 churches and individuals. In it, Brother Overbey told of the work and made an appeal for support. The second "Mission Sheet" contained a letter from Brother Brandon on the subject "The Importance of Small Things." It reported that \$14.00 had been sent in as the first month's offering.

From this small beginning, Baptist Faith Missions has continued to send out missionaries as the Lord supplies the need. Each year we designate June as FOUNDER'S MONTH and ask churches and individuals to send a special offering to help with our financial needs.



Harold & Ursula Draper

Paul & Wanda Hatcher

Asa & Lucia Bratcher

Mike & Beverly Creiglow

A. J. & Barbara Hensley

Harold & Marie Bratcher

Sheridan & Anita Stanton

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Bobby & Charlene Wacaser

Paul & Brenda Creiglow

**June is Founder's Month**

Please consider giving a special offering to

**B.F.M.**

**WORK HORSE**

**FUND**

All the funds listed in the "Mission Sheets" are important, but none more than the Regular Fund that is sometimes referred to as THE WORK HORSE FUND. Salaries, expense accounts, housing allowances, hospitalization, automobiles, etc., come from this fund. Please give to this account. Read the next page to see what others think about Baptist Faith Missions.



# LETTERS FROM SOME WHO LIKE BFM . . .

## Rex Hensley Gives BFM An A+

Rex Hensley, Pastor Emeritus  
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH

I first came to know about Baptist Faith Missions when I enrolled as a student at Lexington Baptist College in the fall of 1958. In the Spring Conference at Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, I heard Brother Hafford Overbey preach and began to learn more about B.F.M. Since I knew God had called me to preach and that He wanted me to pastor someday, I determined then that I would lead the church I pastored to support B.F.M. After graduating from Lexington Baptist College in May 1962, I was called (within two weeks) to pastor the Bethel Baptist Church in Indiana. They already supported B.F.M.

In October 1963, I accepted the call to become the pastor of the Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, Ohio. B.F.M. was new to the church here. I invited Brother John Hatcher to come and preach. He first introduced the church here to the great work of B.F.M. We soon began to support B.F.M. and still do.

I attended my first Detroit Conference in November 1963. It was a memorable occasion, not only for the fine preaching, great fellowship, wonderful food, but I rode the train from Cincinnati to Detroit and the train stopped on the tracks, somewhere between Lima and Toledo, for two minutes of silence in honor of the assassinated President John F. Kennedy.

I pastored the Addyston Baptist Church for over 32 years. I may have had concerns from time to time about to whom and where our mission money was going, but never did I have concern over what we gave to B.F.M. I KNEW it would always be properly used. I retired in January 1996 as pastor because of health problems. I could no longer do the work the church needed, so I knew I must step aside. I am a retired pastor though not a retired preacher. From my heart I can say, "I don't know of a finer group of Missionaries anywhere in the world." Also-my thanks and appreciation to the Godly directors who faithfully lead B.F.M. B.F.M. gets an A+ from this preacher.

## Former Missionary Supports B.F.M.

Richard A. Turner, Pastor  
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO

Since I was a child, I've known about Baptist Faith Missions. I have a very vague memory of Brothers Hafford Overbey and Brandon coming to our house when my father was pastor in Owensboro, KY. The stories Brother Brandon told at that time were repeated over and over by my father. As I grew and began to read on my own, I would pick up the Mission Sheets and read the letters from the missionaries. Even as a pre-teenager it excited me to read what God was doing in other places through the missionaries of BFM.

The first missionary that I clearly remember coming to my house was Brother John Hatcher in 1958 or 1959 to speak at my father's church in Jackson, Michigan. He was an inspiration, and then while at Lexington Baptist College in 1963, I got to know him and his family. There was never any doubt that when I became a pastor I would try to get the church I pastored to support BFM.

The reason I like BFM is: First, I believe it is a scriptural work. The men who serve as members of the board of directors are all authorized by their churches to serve. The missionaries are all sent out with church authority and work under church authority. They honor the local church by moving their membership to a church of like faith and order on the field. If there is no church present, when they have organized a church, then they become a part of that church. Second, I like and support BFM because it saves the Lord's money. The missionary who is accepted to go to the field he is called to doesn't have to spend years trying to raise his support. Baptist Faith Missions does that for him through the Mission Sheets. Thirdly, the missionaries are Bible believing and preaching men and women. Fourthly, they have a zeal for the Lord and have been called of God to do a work and they do it. Fifthly, Baptist Faith Missions does not dictate where one will serve. The missionary has full discretion as to his place of service and the support of the Mission as to his choice. (I can state this unequivocally, for I served 16 years in Brazil with BFM.) Sixth, I agree with the goal of Baptist Faith Missions which is to preach the gospel to every creature, baptize those who are saved and establish New Testament Baptist Churches that the converts might be taught and the work of the Lord might continue until Jesus comes.

If you want to support a mission work that is based on the Word and Missionaries who work hard at the job God has called them to do, then I recommend you support the work of Baptist Faith Missions.

## This Tar-Heel Likes B.F.M.

Curtis Whaley, Winston-Salem, NC

I became acquainted with Baptist Faith Missions nearly forty years ago. Some brethren in West Virginia invited me to accompany them to Lexington, Kentucky for the BFM Spring Conference. My heart was set aflame with the preaching of Dr. Clarence Walker and missionary John Hatcher who was home on his first furlough from Brazil.

Over the years, I have found BFM missionaries to be the most productive single group of missionaries that I have known. They believe and preach the Gospel of the grace of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. I like that. I like hearing God exalted and man helpless to save himself, just as the Bible teaches. These missionaries have been productive in leading lost people to Jesus Christ, baptizing them and establishing New Testament Baptist Churches everywhere they have gone. I like how that when they train the native Christians to carry on without the missionaries, they move on to lead others to Christ and establish more churches. I admire their loyalty to the Scriptures, their love for the great God in Trinity, and their passion to see lost sinners saved. Their faith in the sovereignty of God has never paralyzed their evangelistic spirit.

The missionaries of BFM are among the most underpaid servants of Jesus Christ going out of this country to the world today. So, they are certainly not enriching themselves off the churches and the people of God. The directors and staff members of the mission are Godly, dedicated pastors who do not live off the funds sent to BFM. All the dollars sent for the missionaries and their work go to the mission field. The supporters of BFM are probably the most informed sponsors of mission work in the world today. The Mission Sheets sent out each month keep us personally up-to-date on the ministry of all the work of our missionaries with BFM. No other missionaries keep us so well informed.

I like and support BFM missionaries because they do missions the way the Bible teaches to do missions. No church or person gets a better return on their mission dollars than those who support and pray for this work of God.

## The Advantages Of B.F.M.

Glenn Archer, Pastor  
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY  
Treasurer, Baptist Faith Missions

When a missionary goes to the field with the financial backing of Baptist Faith Missions, he goes immediately without years and years of attempting to raise support. One young deputation family spent several years raising support to go to the field. After years of travel at churches' expense, they spent a year or eighteen months in the country, grew discouraged, quit the mission work and returned to the states. This example can be multiplied countless times in the ministry of deputation missionaries. We thank God for every Godly missionary that is sent out by the churches, but the deputation method is hard on the missionary, wasteful of mission money, and discouraging to supporters of missions.

Baptist Faith Missions gives churches and individuals much freedom in supporting the missionary of their choice. A church can choose to designate its money for the salary of a particular missionary or missionaries. That money will be used exclusively in paying the salary of that missionary or of those missionaries.

A church may wish to participate in a certain project a missionary has going. The money sent for that project will be used exclusively for that project. Churches and individuals need to be clear when designating money for projects so that the money can be used as they intend.

A church or individual may wish to send a personal gift to one or more of the missionaries. If so, this money will be given to the missionary in addition to his salary. Some send gifts like this to the missionary's wife or children. Just be sure to mark such gifts "personal." We have to know how you want them used.

Others see the wisdom of the cooperative effort of the churches, the missionaries, and the mission. These churches send their money without any designation. This money is used in the general fund, or as Brother Edward Overbey termed it, "The Work Horse Fund." From this fund, salaries, insurance, expense accounts, administration, retirement, transportation to and from the field, cars, etc. are met. Thank God for churches that contribute to the General Fund. Without it, the work of Baptist Faith Missions could not exist.

This year we have given our missionaries a ten percent across the board pay increase. We have done this in faith. Our eyes are upon God to provide. The salaries of our men are such that this same thing should be repeated next year. Pray with us that this may be possible.

Why not support an efficient mission program? Why not support a mission program that can get missionaries to the field quickly? Why not send your missionaries with the backing of an organization with a proven track record? Why should young families, called of God, spend years and years traveling among the churches trying to get to the place God has led them? Baptist Faith Missions is not the only way, but Baptist Faith Missions is a better way.

## Illinois Pastor Likes B.F.M.

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Baptist Faith Missions truly is a mission work of faith. It takes faith in a God that can do the impossible to send these men and their families to a mission field, to do the work God has called them to do, with (sometimes) so little to do it with. My, how we appreciate our Mission families who surrender to the call of God to go to some land they know nothing about. No wonder they are the heroes of our day.

Nearly thirty years ago I was introduced to Baptist Faith Missions. I had the privilege of attending the Thanksgiving Mission Conference in Michigan. There I met the Missionaries that were home, the pastors from all over, and some of the directors. I was very impressed with the spirit of all in attendance. I came away thinking that this system has to be something that really works. Years ago I pastored Southern Baptist Churches, and the reason I left them was because of the way they worked through the mission board to send out missionaries, and what I felt was a great waste of money, with only a small amount getting to the mission field. So, I was a little skeptical of a mission board and all the directors, but after I found out the money sent in by the churches went to the missionaries, not to administration, and that the missionaries were sent out by their own local church, and not by the board, this all sounded too good to be true. But it is good and it is true.

One of the first things brought up in the business meeting, when Bible Baptist was organized, was to start supporting missionaries through Baptist Faith Missions, and from that day until now, it was the greatest piece of business we ever approved. B.F.M. has been a blessing to our Church, and I trust we have been a blessing to them.

I and our church, truly love B.F.M. Missionaries. The first missionary that came to Bible Baptist was James Kissel, and from that time on our people looked forward to the missionaries coming to see us. Our church has built apartments for them to stay in as long as they like, and our ladies are always sending them boxes of goodies, and it is all because of the love we have for them. One of the reasons for this love is because the people get to know, not only the missionary, but his wife and children. What great people they are. It would be impossible to have a favorite one when you think of Brother and Sister John Hatcher, Brother and Sister Harold Bratcher, Brother and Sister Mike Creiglow, Brother and Sister Paul Creiglow, Brother and Sister Paul Hatcher, Brother and Sister Harold Draper, Brother and Sister Asa Bratcher, Brother and Sister Bobby Wacaser, Brother and Sister A. J. Hensley, Brother and Sister Sheridan Stanton, brother and Sister Mike Anderson, and Brother and Sister John Mark Hatcher, and let's not forget our retired, Brother and Sister George Bean, Brother and Sister Homer Crain, and by all means, our Field Representative Brother and Sister Bobby Creiglow, whom we all love. My, what a list of God's wonderful servants. Our hats off to them.

These are a few of the reasons we support them. If any church is looking for a work to support, I strongly recommend Baptist Faith Missions. If you do, you will learn to love them and pray for them as we do.

May God bless.