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## JOHN AND ALTA HATCHER'S THRILLING TESTIMONIES

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I was born to Albert and Beatrix Hatcher on April 30, 1925, at Alexandria, Kentucky. Both of my parents were Christians, and members of the First Baptist Church of Alexandria. My mother was an only child, and she always regretted not having brothers and sisters. When she married, her desire was to have a large family. When her first child, Charles, was born the doctor told her she could not have any more.

Mother told me this one day as we were picking beans together. I was seventeen. She said, "I told the Lord that if He would give me another son I would give him back to Him. And you are that son." But God, also, gave mother and dad two more children, my sisters, Neree and Jessie. All of us were saved at an early age and baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church at Alexandria.

During my childhood I was rather puny. I worked with my mother in the garden and lighter chores rather than the heavier farm work. We enjoyed each others company. When we would be hoeing I usually fell behind because Mom was a fast worker. Then I would come to where all of my row was hoed. Mother would stretch her arms out and hoe my row or plants. Then we would be together side by side again to talk and enjoy one another.

There is where I learned about my Heavenly Father's love who picks me up and carries me when it seems I can do no more nor go any farther.

One Sunday morning I was sitting in the church service as usual, somewhat close to the front, which was not so usual. I was nine years old. The pastor, Arley Jones, extended his arms and described the death of Jesus on the cross. A pain pierced my heart. I got up, ran to where my father was sitting and laid my head on his knee. I realized I was lost and on the way to Hell. He thought my rupture was hurting. When I got home I told Mom that I wanted to be baptized. She was very careful to explain, right then, that baptism does not save but that Jesus saves. She had come from a baptismal regeneration background. The next service I went forward and confessed Jesus in Whom I had believed. The assurance and joy of being saved have been mine ever since.

I believed the Lord was calling me for His service while I was in high school. I graduated in 1943, in the midst of the Second World War. I really did not feel inclined to accept the Lord's invitation. As soon as I graduated I joined the Merchant Marines. Several months later I participated in the invasion of France. Ours was the first of a Merchant ship convoy to enter the beachhead area. Of the five ships, one was bombed and one hit mines. Floating bodies and destroyed ships protruding out of the water was not a beautiful sight. God was gracious and protected me. When the war was over I knew I had another job to do. I had served almost three years.

Two weeks after leaving the Merchant Marines I entered Georgetown Baptist College in 1946. In the Spring of 1947, Dr. W. W. Enete, veteran missionary to Brazil, spoke at the Georgetown Baptist Church and that night I publicly dedicated my life as a missionary to Brazil. Exciting days were ahead. I was elected president of the Mission Club. There were Vacation



John and Alta Hatcher after 45 years in Brazil. Their hands are still on the plow and they are still looking forward.

Bible Schools, revivals and the opening of Missions. But the greatest thing that happened during this time was when we were planning for the return of old students and the coming of new ones. We got their names and wrote to each and told them we would meet them at the train or bus stations and provide transportation for them and their baggage.

As the names were being distributed I commented that I would like to write to a girl who was interested in being a missionary's wife. Someone spoke up and said, "Alta McKeehan is a missionary volunteer and she stayed out of college this year to teach." I wrote Alta and told her that I was going to be a missionary to Brazil.

When we met, I liked her, but I had to know if she really knew it was the Lord's will for her to give her life on the mission field of Brazil. She assured me she had already dedicated her life for this calling; six months later, on December 20, 1947, we were married. In December, 2000 we have had 67 wonderful years together, forty-five of them in Brazil. What a privilege!

God gave us nine years of training and preparation. While in college I pastored a Mission of the First Baptist Church in Shelbyville. It was organized in 1948 as the Second Street Baptist Church with forty-nine members. Today it is named Highland Baptist Church. In August 1950, I was called to pastor the Beattyville Baptist Church. God burdened our heart to evangelize in towns and villages around this mountain town. I and two other mission pastors worked in five missions. We built or remodeled three buildings. A bus ministry was started that proved very successful.

After two years God called me to pastor the newly organized People's Baptist Church in Alton, Illinois. I worked there with a friend, Bill Beeny. In three years, five churches were organized and a Bible School for preachers was started. Many men were called to the minis-



Paul Hatcher Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, in Manaus, presenting a plaque to his parents from the church for their twenty years of service in Manaus.

try. Some of those men were Del Mayfield, Walter Lauerman, Jim Hicks, Bill Roberts, John Keltie, and Buel Martin.

"What happened to your call to Brazil?", was the question many asked during those nine years. The reply was always the same, "Not a thing." On Sunday morning, January 2nd, a missionary from the Philippines preached at our church. They were doing deputation work to raise support. On that same morning Alta was in the hospital giving birth to our son, David. It was at this time our hearts knew the time had come to go to Brazil.

Brother Clarence Walker had told me about Baptist Faith Mission, and at the Annual Bible Conference at Ashland Avenue I had met and heard Brother Hafford Overbey, the secretary of BFM. We were receiving the Mission Sheets and in June 1955, there was an appeal for a missionary to go to Manaus to help in a Seminary that Brother Royal Calley was planning. This gripped my heart. I called Brother Overbey and told him of our desire. To my surprise he said, "When you were pastor at Beattyville several years ago, I heard you preach at Ashland Avenue's Spring Conference, and God spoke to me and said, 'I have called this John Hatcher to Brazil' and I have been waiting for your phone call since that day."

We were accepted after meeting with the directors and three months later, September, 1955, we were on our way to Brazil.

### ALTA'S TESTIMONY

I was born to Baptist parents, Ancil and Janie McKeehan, at Corbin, Kentucky, on September 14, 1925. My grandfather Carr was a Baptist Pastor for over forty years. All my relatives on both sides of the family were Baptists and their descendants continue to be. I praise God for my Christian heritage.

My father was a veteran of World War I. When I was six years old he bought a farm near Elizabethtown, Kentucky. My church home as I grew up was the Gilead Baptist Church at Glendale, Ky. where two-thirds of the church membership was composed of the 220 children and workers of the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home. I was saved at the age of seven as my mother read and explained John 3:14-15. With the large number of children in our church I was blessed to be able to teach a class from the time I was eleven years old.

When I was nine years old, our car broke down on the way home from church. While my father was fixing it, I listened attentively to what my mother was telling our neighbor, Mrs. Osborne, who rode to church with us. She was telling her about a missionary to Africa whom she had taught in Grade School; her family had not heard from her for months. Mail was very slow. As I listened, God spoke to my heart, "I want you to be a missionary when you grow up."

A year later an evangelist came to our church and taught about the importance of children praying for their partner from the time they could talk. Well, I began to pray that he would give me a missionary husband. I had my first date when I was 21 years old.

I studied at Georgetown College for two years and worked at the Children's Home during the

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John M. and Judy Hatcher have returned to the States due to a worsening of Judy's cancer. She is now receiving treatment in Evansville, Indiana. Please remember her in your prayers. They hope to return to Brazil the last week of March. Cards can be sent to them in care of Ironton Baptist Church, 7525 N. Green River Road, Evansville, IN 47710.



## Excited About Future ... Hoping To Start New Works ...

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Dear Friends,

January 1, 2001

I am really excited about the ministries that we'll be involved in this month. On January 22nd, Brother John Hatcher and I will be traveling to Piaui, a state in northern Brazil where Baptist Faith Missions does not have any works at present. I have never even met anyone in that state until this past week. I ran into a group of families who were vacationing in our part of the country. They gave me their business cards and said that they would be happy for us to get in contact with them when we go there. We have been praying for open hearts and for God to lead us to the people that He has prepared to accept the gospel. Who knows but that these folks are the beginning of answered prayers? May God glorify Himself in this outreach effort.

Our interest in beginning a work in Diadema is closer to becoming a reality. We now have a family living in that neighborhood and hope to see a home Bible study started there very soon. Cristiano, the man who is living there, was thirteen years old when he first started attending Bible studies in our home in 1986. He was later converted and now serves as a music and youth minister in a church in another neighborhood. He is very dedicated as a husband, father and servant of the Lord. His home is fairly close to our other new work in Barigui, and we plan to have the works joining together occasionally to fellowship and encourage one another. I will be encouraging him to train someone else to take over his ministry of youth and music in order for him to become the pastor of this new house church.

Our little 3 year old, Brennen, thrilled my heart a few days ago. He almost always gets up early around 6:30 a.m. In our city we don't often have a blue sky, and on this particular day Brennen got up, said, "Good morning," to me, and walked out into the front yard. In just a few seconds he came running back in excitedly calling to me, "Daddy, Daddy, hurry, come here, quick!" I jumped up to see what all the excitement was about. When I ran out to where he was, he was pointing at the clear blue sky and said, "Look Daddy, it's big! God made it." I almost cried with joy. I know that God is working in that little heart of his and is leading him to know Him personally. I look forward to the day when he'll fully understand the truth that God loves him so much that He gave his only begotten Son, Jesus, to save him from his sins. What a marvelous God we serve!

We pray that 2001 will be a blessed year for you. May God glorify Himself in us.

In Christ's love, Bobby, Charlene, Jessie and Brennen Wacaser

## Brother Wacaser's Letter Continued ...

Dear Friends,

February 5, 2001

Brother John Hatcher and I just returned from a two week mission trip to the northeast of Brazil. The Lord blessed in many different ways, but the most exciting was the privilege to lead many folks to Christ as their Lord and Savior. I was also thankful to be able to work in the company of a veteran missionary who doesn't know what it means to retire. I know that, in his humility, Brother Hatcher will not appreciate my honoring him with these lines, but honesty requires that I acknowledge my debt to him for his bold example and tireless evangelism during the entire trip. My ministry has taken on a new vision as a result of seeing God work through diligent effort and fearless gospel presentation.

We did learn some important information concerning that region in Brazil. Some Baptist missionaries did some excellent church planting work there thirty to forty years ago. We found solid Baptist churches in nearly every city with a population over 5,000 that we visited. There are several small towns that still do not have Baptist churches, but the existing ones in the region are still reaching out and have targeted these towns for future outreach. This information has led me to consider that one of my tasks is to train my lay workers and ministers to reach out to the interior towns in our own state of Parana while continuing to plant churches in the capital where we live. In this area there are relatively large cities with no true gospel witness and we must be busy about planting the Lord's churches here.

The new work in Barigui is celebrating its first anniversary this month. We are encouraged by the steady increase in attendance and especially by the evident spiritual growth in those who participate. L'loesio and Rose are the owners of the property where the group meets. We began to meet in L'loesio's martial arts center. He no longer teaches martial arts and has dedicated the building to full-time gospel outreach. I never once even suggested this to him. It is certainly evidence that God has worked in his heart to this effect. Edinei is the minister of that work and is doing an excellent job. He is one of our workers who began attending as an eight year old boy and is now a 22 year old man of God who loves the Word and lost folks. God has blessed us with several young men and ladies who love the Lord passionately and want to be used for His glory. We are so thankful for them.

In Diadema we have begun a partnership with a house church that was started by a sister church here in town. They asked us to help them to evangelize since we have a brother living in the neighborhood also. We met together with them and prayed for God's guidance. Our brother, Cristiano, plays the guitar and helps them with their music services. He and his wife are still active in other church planting ministries, but they are glad to help in whatever way they can. There are approximately 30 people attending that work with about ten baptized believers. The ways of being useful for God's glory are varied and exciting. It seems that each new day we find ourselves joyfully surprised by new opportunities for God's service.

I'm looking forward to sharing more news with you next month. May God bless.

## Busy Visiting Churches ... Back To Brazil ...

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

January 23, 2001

We have had a busy month visiting churches while here in the States. We were with the following churches this month:

East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL, Cliff Pressely, Pastor; Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO, Richard Turner, Pastor; Goodsprings Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL, Bobby Walton, Pastor; Elgin Baptist Church, Elgin, AL, Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA, Tom Sollosi, Pastor; Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mims, FL, David Humphreys, Pastor; Southside Baptist Church, Winterhaven, FL, Bob Lamb, Pastor; Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL, Mike Holland, Pastor; Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, KY; Beulah Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, KY, Don Farmer, Pastor; Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Glenn Archer, Pastor; Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN, Emmitt Sexton, Pastor; and I preached at a retirement complex in Atlanta, GA with Brother Warren Redding. I was busy. We are now in Germantown, Illinois to spend the last eight days getting ready to go back to Brazil.

Ursula has recovered from her surgery. Our ten week furlough has gone fast. The cold weather has been difficult for us, but the Lord has been so good. We want to thank all of you who have given toward our work and have had us in your homes and churches. We are anxious to get back to Brazil. All seems to be going well there. We will let you know more about that in our next letter. May the Lord bless you all.

In Him, Harold, Ursula and Michelle Draper

## HATCHER

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summers. Teachers were scarce because of WWII. At the invitation of my former high school principal I decided to stay out of college and teach for a year. Just before I returned to college for Summer School I received a letter from mission volunteer John Hatcher. As I read the letter God seemed to assure me that this young man was to be my husband.

We met, we agreed about the Lord's will for our lives, and in six months we married in the Lord. I completed my college work with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a teaching certificate in August, 1948. Then I worked on my PhD degree (Put Hubby Through). John graduated in 1949.

In December 2000 we completed fifty-three wonderful years together. His blessings upon us and our five children have been countless. What a privilege to be a missionary's wife!

Thank you for having had a part in our mission work in Brazil.

## A SUMMARY OF 45 YEARS IN BRAZIL

By Alta Hatcher

I was called to be a missionary to Brazil in the fall of 1946, while hearing Dr. W. W. Enete, a 40 year veteran Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, tell of the spiritual need of that country. Alta and I married in December of 1947 knowing the will of God for us was to serve as missionaries there.

In June, 1955, God touched our hearts that it was time to go to Brazil, nine years after our surrender to His call. During nine years I had worked in ten mission churches and in a Bible School for training men and women for ministry in the States of Kentucky and Illinois. Those nine years of work and training were the most vital period for our years in Brazil. We had four children under the age of six.

When we went to get our physicals and required shots for traveling, the doctor assured Alta that she was crazy and lacked love to take four small children to a tropical climate where the death rate of children was extremely high. God does not make mistakes. All five of our children (Kathy was born in Brazil) are dedicated Christians serving the Lord. One child, a son, was born dead and was buried in a cardboard box in the back yard in the interior of the State of Para, on the banks of the Nhamunda River.

We were sent out from the People's Baptist Church of Alton, Illinois, where I was pastor, to Brazil through Baptist Faith Missions. In Manaus, we became members of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, organized through the work of Francisco Santiago and J. F. Brandon the first missionary of BFM in Brazil. Brother Santiago was pastor of the church until he was about 82. The church called me as pastor in 1967 when Santiago resigned.

During our first term of three years we built the Tabernacle Baptist Church building that had a seating capacity for 350 persons. Many of you will remember this building as the dream of H. H. Overbey, who zealously raised funds through the Mission Sheets. Many of you will remember having given for that construction.

Our attraction to Manaus came from an article in the Mission Sheets stating that the directors were praying for a missionary who was prepared and who felt called to help in the establishing of a Bible School for pastors. After four months on the field it was joy and privilege to begin, in a very simple and humble setting, The Baptist Theological Seminary of Manaus.

At the end of our first year we started the Chapada Baptist Mission. Services were held in a small slab building with a palm leaf thatched roof. Chapada was on the outside of town and inaccessible by car most of the time.

It was at this little church that our children got their Bible training from their mother who taught their Sunday School Class. Today, on the same spot, there is a three story building, with a six lane street which goes from the center of the city to the International Airport. Since I resigned in 1967 this church has always had native pastors. The church, because of growth, has built two brick buildings without any offerings outside of their church. The Chapada church has also built four other buildings in other places.

When Wanderley de Melo became the pastor of this church he supported himself with a small wholesale business. He had a rented building about 20 by 30 feet where he sold only essential items: rice, coffee, flour, toilet paper, etc. He turned everything over to the Lord and God showed the blessings. Wanderley said: "When most people make money they forget God, but it was then that I remembered Him and wanted to give it all to Him." Two years ago the Chapada Church called our son, David, to be co-pastor with Wanderley. David had worked with Paul at the Tabernacle Church for about sixteen years.

After three years we returned home for our furlough. When we returned Brother Harold and Sister Marie Bratcher came to Brazil on the same plane with us. At that time they had one child, Asa Mark. Those were great days: washing clothes with no electric and taking baths with almost no water. Not to mention the problem of toilet flushing.

Two building projects kept us busy the second term: A two story school building and a large launch. The two story building would serve for Seminary, Sunday School and, also, to house the Christian School. The Baptist Educational Center of the Americas. After forty years students who have studied there are scattered all over Brazil as well as in other parts of the world. The construction of the large launch with living accommodations that traveled on the Amazonas and Black Rivers was also the dream of H. H. Overbey. After it was finished our weekends and school vacations were spent in the interiors. We held Vacation Bible Schools, built buildings, held revivals, and helped pastors.

When we came to Brazil my desire was to plant a church in every State, but the only way out of Manaus was by plane or boat. Also, I could not just go off and leave the schools and church. After 20 years our children were grown and most of them married. God called our son, Paul and his wife, Wanda, to come back to where he had been reared. The years were passing and I needed to move to a part of Brazil that would be more accessible to the whole country. I resigned as pastor of the Tabernacle Church and Paul was called as pastor. He also assumed the direction of the Seminary and School.

On February 10, 1976, we loaded our furniture and other belongings on a truck and moved 3,000 miles to the State of San Paulo. We opened two works simultaneously in the cities of Garca and Gália. A few weeks later the mission in Duartina was begun. All of our works have been started without any saved people. Kathy was with us when we moved to Garca but soon went to the States for College. It usually takes from three to five years to develop a work with some stable Christians. Then it takes time to train someone to lead the new church. All of this takes an average of five years. So we have always started more than one work at a time.

The first time the Mission gave us money to update a car we asked permission to use it to buy busses for carrying people to church. With the allotted car money and our personal funds as well as part of salary for monthly payments, we were able to buy four large travel busses. Three were used to bring people to services. One was remodeled into a traveling Chapel and was used in several cities for services each week and for Vacation Bible Schools. Later in these same cities, buildings were bought or constructed.

With twelve years of the Lord's blessings, there was work in twelve cities and almost all with permanent buildings, and young pastors who had been saved and trained with us. I felt it was time to move on to another State. In June I resigned and we moved to the State of Parana for the purpose of establishing another center of outreach. In August of 1986 our son-in-law, Odali, and Kathy, our daughter, came to work with us in Garca. The Central Baptist Church in Garca called Odali Barris, our son-in-law, as pastor.

After our children were grown and did not need the year of schooling in the States, we dispensed the year furlough for fourteen years. In August, 1988, we took a year off for furlough and upon returning in 1989 we began working with our mission church in Cornelio Procopio. We have completed twelve years and here are some of the things God has done: Works in seven different cities, four ordained preachers, saved and trained here; one large building and one small one purchased; four new buildings constructed; two small buildings being purchased; one mission is in a rented building and a Bible Training program for pastors.

On April 30, 2000, I resigned as pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Cornelio with its nine missions. I continue as pastor of the Mission in Urai, where we live, conduct services at a home for old people in the city of Jataizinho (20 miles away) and teach in the Seminary. The last three years have been very busy and tiring with the construction of four buildings. This was possible through the help of Dr. Mark Miller and a group of doctors, the professional expertise of A. J. Hensley, John Newland from Emmanuel Baptist in Evansville, Sergio Balbo from Garca, the four preachers from Cornelio and one professional bricklayer, John Dias.

We are now committed to help financially in the building of a new building in the city of Fernan Dias, a mission of the Galia Baptist Church. No significant work is possible without the help of God's people. You who have prayed and given financial support for these 45 years are the reason for God's blessing and success of reaching many places. Praise God, He has given the increase.

Alta and I enjoy great health. By God's grace we still hope to plant the Gospel in other States where BFM does not have work. We ask your prayers and continued help for the days or years we have to serve our Lord in Brazil.

Thanks to each of you for your kindness, love and encouragement.



## Month Of Great Blessings ... Great Seminars In Garca ... Forty-Six Years In Brazil ...

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Dear Friends,  
January 22, 2001  
At seven-thirty it is a beautiful morning here in Urai. At two this afternoon, the Lord willing, I will take a taxi to Londrina to board the plane for the first leg of the trip to Terezina in the State of Piaui. The plane will stop in Curitiba where Bobby Wacaser is boarding and from there we will go to Sao Paulo for a change of planes. After leaving Sao Paulo we will be stopping another time in Brasilia, the Brazilian Capitol. We should land in Terezina about eleven o'clock tonight. So, you can see it is just a short trip.

This has been a month of God's blessings. All the works are continuing well with increases in Nova Fatima and Casa da Familiar. This past week the church at Cornelio had a great Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of 125. In spite of some difficulties after the change of pastors, God is blessing, and the new pastor, Valdir, is doing a great job.

Seminars in Garca - Alta and I spent eight days in Garca, January 1 through 8, giving courses and enjoying being with Kathy, Amelia, Kathy Lee and the other 85 grandchildren.

Alta gave a six day course in teaching methods for Sunday School teachers. There were 60 who attended. There was a lot of interest since Alta had her best of fifty years experience to offer in practical methods and hands on material.

My job was a four day seminar for the school teachers concerning general teaching principles for Christian teachers. There were four two-hour morning sessions from Monday to Friday. During the same day there were four two hour sessions for seminary students. This included a study of the books of Mark and First Peter along with practical suggestions for ministry. On Saturday night and Sunday services I gave three messages concerning the Holy Spirit and apostolic gifts. Attendance was great with full house on Saturday and Sunday, perhaps 350-400 persons. Monday morning we returned home to Urai.

New Building in Fernan Dias - While at Garca I visited the new building in Fernan Dias. The walls are up, the roof is on. The stucco, the steel windows and doors, the floor and the glass for windows remain to be finished. This project and the tile floor in Leopoldo are the pressing need, and if you feel led of the Lord to help us finish them we will be grateful for your gift. (John Hatcher's new works).

The year 2001 brings Alta and me to the 76th year of life here on the earth, 55 years in ministry and 46 years as missionaries in Brazil. Our hearts are filled with praise and thanksgiving to Him.

We thank you in the name of our Lord,  
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## Thrills Of Visiting In A New State ... The Joy Of Telling The Old, Old Story ... Faithful Missionary Named Robert ... Many Souls Saved ...

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Dear Friends

Bobby Wacaser invited me to go with him on a mission trip to the State of Piaui. I was thrilled to get the invitation but wondered why in the world that a young vigorous man would want to take an old man like me along on a mission trip for trekking, tripping, testing and trying to locate a place to open another work. So, Alta took care of getting my clothes and packing my suitcase. I made sure that my tin can was packed for the convenience and safety of an old man who has to go to the bathroom two or three times a night. In that part of the country bathrooms are public and usually two halls away.

The State of Piaui is located in the northeastern part of Brazil. (Why don't you take time and try to find it on the map?) The climate is tropical and the development is about 40 to 50 years behind the southern part of Brazil. It is so much behind that it seems civilized. People do not lock their doors, there was no evidence of robbing and crimes and people live their lives relatively calm and content. In one town of 5,000 there was no gasoline station, about three cars, a dozen motorbikes, no horns blowing, no racing in the streets, except children playing. Ninety percent of the houses were mud structures, the streets were dirt but not dirty. The people were friendly, their homes were open to us as strangers, young people wanted to converse and best of all, they were ready to hear what the Bible has to say.

Bobby and I were walking down one of these streets about seven o'clock in the evening and encountered a man and his wife sitting out on the side walk conversing. We spoke to them and they invited us to stop and visit. The man had just arrived home from work and was still in his dirty work clothes. They quickly brought two chairs and what a lovely visit we enjoyed. Their in-laws lived in the house next door and they came to visit, also. One daughter, Maria, had fallen and bruised her knee. I asked to look at it and it was infected, so I went back to the home where we were staying and got my bottle of Propolis (If you do not know what that is you will have to look it up.) Maria was 13 years old and very intelligent. The next afternoon I passed by her house to see how the knee was doing. It was very much improved, and she had taken the medicine and applied it on infections that three other persons had. She did not do what highly civilized and educated people usually do, keep it for themselves.

One thing that impressed Bobby and me was the result of the ministry of a missionary they called Robert. He gave 37 years of his life in this State. His dedication and devotion to God are evident. He began Baptist churches in Terezina, Picos, Oeiras, Amarante as well as other smaller cities. These churches have reached other smaller places. One thing was evident every where we traveled: every time we mentioned the name Baptist, respect was shown. Not one time did we hear negative remarks or attitudes.

Our journey was thirteen days with a total of more than 4,000 miles traveled by plane and bus. In two places we waited at crossroads to catch the next bus. At Gaturiano we waited for three hours in the afternoon. At Montevideo (not of Uruguay) we waited four hours in the dark. These waiting hours are another story for another time.

OH, GOD, HELP ME TO NEVER LOSE THE JOY OF TELLING MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF JESUS CHRIST! GOD, I THANK YOU FOR THE THRILL OF SEEING THE CHANGE THAT COMES TO THE FACES OF SINNERS AS THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTS THEIR HEARTS AND BRINGS THEM TO FAITH IN JESUS. Time after time this thrill was ours as we witnessed the power of the Word of God in people's hearts.

During this trip, with the exception of two days of diarrhea, I never felt a pain, there was no tiredness from much walking; my heart thrilled with the opportunity to preach the gospel in hospital, in homes, on the sidewalks, to neighborhoods and to boys who stopped their soccer and marble playing to listen to the Gospel. In one group, seven of nine boys professed Jesus as Savior. In another where I asked 20 boys, ages 11 to 15, playing in the street, if they had time to stop their soccer game to hear a story. They said, "Yes." They lined up on the side of the street. Other people saw something was happening and mothers came. Two men stopped to hear. A lady across the street sent a chair for me to sit in. Bobby and I taught them

## Practice Church Discipline ... Church Greatly Blessed ... Prison Ministry ...

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Dear Brethren,

October 11, 2000

The middle of the year is always a little slow when it comes to attendance at church. The same is probably true for you there in the States. This year things got a little worse than usual though. This time it was more than just the summer weather. We knew we had some sin problems to take care of. Our members mobilized, though, working with those who were in sin, trying to get them turned around. There were a few who would not be persuaded. Some of these are having problems with drugs and others with sex. Those who refused to correct their conduct were excluded. Most, however, came before the church confessing their sins and are now doing fine. The very next Sunday after the business meeting the attendance popped back up to normal. We had people standing in the vestibules and the balcony just about full. There were two professions of faith. Most astonishing though was the number of people who came in every service confessing any and every sin that the church had no way of knowing about. One typical case was a teen who had "smarted off," to her mom. She asked forgiveness first of her mother, then God and then could not help but come before the church. It is always wonderful to see how the Holy Spirit protects and blesses when we are obedient. Sometimes I, as pastor, am reluctant to go ahead, grit my teeth and take on these problems of discipline. This was one such time that I just dreaded and procrastinated the inevitable. Now that it is behind us we are all relieved and glad that we did what had to be done.

The church had gone for a stretch of three weeks with no professions of faith. That is very, very unusual here. Since taking care of the purity of the church we have had people saved every week. That all started in the middle of August. Our attendance is now back to normal, too. Last Sunday night we had all seats taken, the balcony was full and several standing in the vestibules. There were four more people saved in the evening service.

Two of our young preachers have been giving the discipleship course at the congregations in the interior. Raimundo and Altevire have done this at Valquirie, Profeta and just finished at Rodrigues Alves.

Speaking of Valquirie, Brother Marinho just brought in a report from the two missions that he takes care of. He is the crippled man, about my age, that was called to the ministry a few years ago and has been a jewel. He now takes care of Profeta as well as the mission at Valquirie. He reports two more saved at Valquirie and twelve at Profeta.

We have had a few more young men called to preach lately. Three of them have already started preaching points in three new neighborhoods.

The work at the penal colony is doing well again after another period of intense persecution. They had shifted the time for our services to Saturday afternoon, 3:00 PM. This is the time of day that the inmates have to play soccer or watch it on TV. This timing is a result of pressure on the warden from the Catholic church. Recently our services have been rescheduled to 8:00 AM. Now the building is packed again. There are many new inmates (mostly drug related crimes) and some of these have been saved. There have been twelve professions of faith in the past few weeks. Two different charismatic churches have been trying to get in and have even had the nerve to try to get the use of our building. We built the chapel totally at our own expense. So far we have not been forced to give up our building to these parasites. We don't care if they hold services, just as we don't bother ourselves about the mass that is held every week. We just don't want to be used and confused with that bunch. The Catholic Church has a chapel and we have our own, too. Pray that we will not have to give up the use of our building to any of these cults.

God Bless you richly.

In Christ,  
Mike Creiglow

two or three short choruses. Twenty-five persons gathered and gave perfect attention. When I finished the story of the Three Crosses and asked who would believe in Jesus as their Savior, of the 25 who listened, 12 raised their hands and confessed they were trusting Jesus to save them.

LILI TRUSTS JESUS AS SAVIOR - While I was away Alta took care of the home front. She had good news to tell, also. Two sisters who are members of our church in Urai have a friend named Lili. We have known her for a long time. She is about 11. But, one day Angelica and Lu talked to their friend about Jesus and how to be saved. Lili trusted Jesus and there was joy in the camp. Together they cried for joy. During my trip Kathy and two daughters, Kathy Lee and Amelia, came and vacationed with mother and grandmother Alta. This was a real treat for Alta because our visits are few, far between and always short.

JOSE LIMA, EIGHTY-YEAR-OLD FRIEND IS SAVED. Jose is the owner of a very old and unique restaurant on the highway between Urai and Cornelio. We have known him and prayed for him for a long time. When I arrived home I discovered he was in the hospital with kidney stones. He has suffered a serious heart condition for about three years. Jose has not been too interested in the Gospel although he went to our church one time when John Mark and the young musicians from Emmanuel were here. In fact, he gave them a dinner in appreciation. When I arrived at the hospital his daughter and granddaughter (both married) were there with him. He was a little groggy when his daughter woke him up. After a little water and seeing who was there, he perked up. He asked about Alta and our family. After a few minutes of talk I said "Jose, I came here especially to talk to you about the Lord and how to be saved if you want to hear." He replied, "I want to hear." I took out my visual, Story of the Three Crosses, and described the scene where Jesus was counted with criminals. I told about Jesus who died as a criminal but for the crimes of others. I described the scoffer; I told about the repentant criminal and his plea to Jesus. I told about the promise of Jesus that he would be in Paradise with Him that very day. When I began the story, the two ladies moved to the other side of the bed so they could see the visual. After finishing the story his eyes were filled with tears. "Do you want to trust Jesus as your Savior?" "Yes," he replied. "I trust Him as my Savior." From that moment Jose was changed. He was no longer a friend; he had become my brother and it was evident from his words, his joy and gratitude as he clasped my hand after we had prayed thanking God for His goodness.

Judy had written me the day before and mentioned the verse in Psalms that states that God bends down to hear our prayers. I mentioned this to Jose and said, "Is that not wonderful?" His reply was, "That is marvelous."

If you really want a joy and a thrill, go with Jesus after the lost.  
John and Alta Hatcher

## SPRING MISSIONARY CONFERENCE April 2-4, 2001

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Lexington, Kentucky

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## Baptist Faith Missions JANUARY 2001 OFFERINGS

### REGULAR FUND

|                                                                  |                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert, Tulsa, OK                           | 40.00            |
| Arnold, Violet P., Mansfield, OH                                 | 10.00            |
| Battle Baptist Church, Mackville, KY                             | 30.00            |
| Beathe, Mr. and Mrs. William, Sr.                                | 25.00            |
| Beautiful Garden Baptist Church, Manaus, Brazil                  | 100.00           |
| Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY                     | 235.00           |
| Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY                        | 100.00           |
| Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenite, NC                              | 200.00           |
| Berry Baptist Church, Berry, KY                                  | 400.00           |
| Bethel Baptist Church, Williams, IN                              | 75.00            |
| Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN                            | 275.00           |
| Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL                             | 721.00           |
| Bohon Road Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY                       | 175.00           |
| Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV                              | 100.00           |
| Burleson, W. T., Knoxville, TN                                   | 150.00           |
| Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV                            | 600.00           |
| Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY                             | 745.91           |
| Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY                            | 125.00           |
| Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarsville, WV                      | 125.00           |
| Central Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, TX                        | 24.00            |
| Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC                            | 300.00           |
| Crestline Friend                                                 | 160.00           |
| Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV                        | 251.44           |
| Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV                        | 70.00            |
| Darling, Russell & Ruth, Mount Horeb, WI                         | 60.00            |
| East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL                        | 451.69           |
| East Main Baptist Church, Niles, IL                              | 420.00           |
| Elgin Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL                            | 193.43           |
| Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA                        | 350.00           |
| Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS                              | 204.87           |
| Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN                          | 806.87           |
| Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY                             | 220.00           |
| Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO                             | 100.00           |
| Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY                             | 200.00           |
| First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY                             | 1,000.00         |
| First Baptist Church, Grayson, KY                                | 100.00           |
| Florida Friend                                                   | 40.00            |
| Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, OH                           | 75.00            |
| Goldilocks Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC                     | 25.00            |
| Goodsprings Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL                      | 150.00           |
| Grace Baptist Church, Annville, 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                      | 135.00           |
| Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Letter Gap, WV                      | 300.00           |
| Hardy, Ola, Guntown, MS                                          | 25.00            |
| Harmony Baptist Church, Marengo, OH                              | 25.00            |
| Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY                           | 3,235.44         |
| I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC                              | 35.00            |
| Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI                           | 300.00           |
| Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculumbia, AL                    | 99.30            |
| Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculumbia, AL                    | 76.68            |
| Jenkins, William and Sonora, Appling, GA                         | 50.00            |
| Johnston, Mark, San Jose, CA                                     | 100.00           |
| Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL                               | 100.00           |
| King, Pastor Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL                          | 100.00           |
| Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI                               | 978.15           |
| Lesley, Jim and Becky, Alma, AR                                  | 25.00            |
| Liberty Baptist Church, Morgantown, WV (Mt. Pisgah Assoc.)       | 75.00            |
| Lynams Creek Baptist Church, Lone, KY                            | 25.00            |
| Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH                          | 50.00            |
| Mount Cavalry Baptist Church, Charleston, WV                     | 500.00           |
| Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, Grafton, OH                         | 250.00           |
| New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI                    | 950.00           |
| New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY                           | 25.00            |
| Norris, William, Richmond, KY                                    | 60.00            |
| Oak Grove Baptist Church, Perkins, WV                            | 400.00           |
| Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Paul B., Tusculumbia, AL                    | 100.00           |
| Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesborough, TN                       | 80.00            |
| Poplar Spring Baptist Church, Carrollton, MS                     | 151.17           |
| Potter's Independent Missionary Baptist Church, Pottersville, MO | 125.00           |
| Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY                           | 750.00           |
| 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         |
| Sims, James & Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS                         | 125.00           |
| South Carolina Friend                                            | 45.00            |
| South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, KY                    | 600.00           |
| Southside Baptist Church, Fulton, MS                             | 100.00           |
| Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL                       | 150.00           |
| Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadieville, KY                         | 50.00            |
| Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH                         | 916.33           |
| Texas Friends                                                    | 600.00           |
| Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY                      | 85.00            |
| Twenty-fourth of March Baptist Church, Brazil                    | 200.00           |
| Valley Drive Baptist Church, Bristol, TN                         | 150.00           |
| Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, KY                         | 10.00            |
| Virginia Friends                                                 | 650.00           |
| 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                                            | 122.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                                                     | <b>25,541.28</b> |

### CARE FUND

|                                          |               |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH | 200.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>200.00</b> |

### WEST INDIES

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|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Florida Friend                                | Punalall 40.00             |
| Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI            | Sewnauth Punalall 52.72    |
| New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI | Emmanuel Jaggernauth 95.00 |
| New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI | Saint John School 125.00   |
| New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI | Sentoma Jaggernauth 125.00 |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>437.72</b>              |

### OVERBEY FUND

|                                          |              |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH | 50.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>50.00</b> |

### ODALL BARROS FUND

|                                          |                 |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL     | As Needed 56.00 |
| Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI       | 52.72           |
| Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY   | 250.00          |
| Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH | 50.00           |
| Tenney, James and Patsy, Ocoee, FL       | 50.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>458.72</b>   |

### 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 200.00      |
| Brooksbury Baptist Church, Madison, IN       | Personal 228.57       |
| Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY         | Poverty Relief 100.00 |
| Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY        | Salary 75.00          |
| Clarksville Baptist Church, Richmond, KY     | Poverty Relief 100.00 |
| Edwards, Wilgus and Maria, Booneville, KY    | Salary 10.00          |
| Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA    | Salary 650.00         |
| Gill, Hazel, Lancaster, KY                   | Salary 25.00          |
| Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI             | New Work 50.00        |
| Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC  | Salary 100.00         |
| 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       |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>2,070.24</b>       |

### HENSELY FUND

|                                                               |                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY                  | Salary 625.00          |
| Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY                  | Personal 525.00        |
| Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA                        | Salary 91.67           |
| Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA                        | Alpha & Omega 62.50    |
| Central Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, TX                     | 49.00                  |
| Cornerstone Baptist Church, Lexington, KY                     | Alpha & Omega 1,185.00 |
| Edwards, Wilgus and Maria, Booneville, KY                     | Salary 10.00           |
| Fujikawa, Ricardo, Davenport, IA (for Central Bap. Ch. Garca) | 200.00                 |
| Hilltop Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY                       | As Needed 50.00        |
| Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, KY                       | Alpha-Omega Home 25.00 |
| Jenkins, William and Sonora, Appling, GA                      | A-O Home 30.00         |
| Joy Bells S.S. Class, Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY  | A-O Home 50.00         |
| L. M. P.                                                      | Alpha-Omega Home 50.00 |
| Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI                            | From S.S. Kids 21.50   |
| New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY                        | Alpha-Omega 475.00     |
| Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY                          | Personal 30.00         |
| South Carolina Friend                                         | Alpha-Omega Home 50.00 |
| Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY                   | A-O Home 75.00         |
| Union Baptist Church, Cynthia, KY                             | Salary 300.00          |
| W. K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL                                    | Personal 50.00         |
| Wannville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL                       | As Needed 50.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                                                  | <b>4,004.67</b>        |

### MIKE CREIGLOW FUND

|                                          |                  |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH    | New Works 65.00  |
| Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL     | As Needed 400.00 |
| Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN | Salary 25.00     |
| Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS      | Salary 204.87    |
| 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   |
| W. K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL               | Personal 50.00   |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>944.87</b>    |

### DRAPER FUND

|                                               |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL          | New Work 300.00       |
| Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL          | As Needed 100.00      |
| Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH         | Salary 90.00          |
| Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Nicholasville, KY | As Needed 74.00       |
| Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, KY           | Salary 40.00          |
| Elizabeth Baptist Church, Charleston, WV      | Salary 150.00         |
| Florida, Connie, Ellensburg, WA               | Personal Needs 500.00 |
| Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI              | New Work 50.00        |
| Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Letter Gap, WV   | New Work 1,100.00     |
| 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 50.00        |
| Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY         | 100.00                |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>2,694.00</b>       |

### JOHN HATCHER FUND

|                                                 |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH           | Building 65.00     |
| Bethel Baptist Church, Lexington, KY            | As Needed 1,500.00 |
| Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL            | As Needed 240.00   |
| Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN             | Salary 65.00       |
| East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL       | Salary 50.00       |
| Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA          | Salary 25.00       |
| Fujikawa, Ricardo, Davenport, IA                | As Needed 20.00    |
| Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI                | New Work 50.00     |
| Jenkins, William and Sonora, Appling, GA        | New Work 30.00     |
| Meadow Bridge Baptist Church, Meadow Bridge, WV | Salary 100.00      |
| Sims, James & Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS        | New Work 25.00     |
| Spicer, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert, South Bend, IN     | 300.00             |
| Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH        | Maria 25.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>2,495.00</b>    |

### PAUL HATCHER FUND

|                                                   |                           |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH             | Seminary 100.00           |
| Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL              | Seminary 310.00           |
| Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN          | Salary 25.00              |
| Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN           | Baptist Seminary 20.00    |
| First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY              | Baptist Seminary 50.00    |
| Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI                  | Seminary 50.00            |
| Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI                | Seminary 30.00            |
| Trinity-Northbrook Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH | Baptist Theological 30.00 |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>615.00</b>             |

### STANTON FUND

|                                                   |                      |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH             | Building Fund 65.00  |
| Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH             | Peru New Works 65.00 |
| Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY      | Salary 416.67        |
| Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY      | Personal 1,500.00    |
| Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL              | As Needed 400.00     |
| Burroughs, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Bristol, TN      | Carlos Fund 100.00   |
| Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH             | Salary 70.00         |
| Cooper, Michael and Beverly, Lexington, KY        | Carlos Azera 10.00   |
| Durruan, Anthony & Linda, Winter Springs, FL      | Personal 100.00      |
| Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA         | Personal 650.00      |
| Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS               | Salary 204.87        |
| Gilpin Masonary Construction, Inc., Lexington, KY | Personal 50.00       |
| Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY         | Salary 100.00        |
| New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY            | As Needed 120.00     |
| Restoration Baptist Church, Dickson, TN           | Personal 100.00      |
| Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN     | 25.00                |
| Shawnee Baptist Church, Louisville, KY            | Salary 100.00        |
| Stanton, Jeff and Marita, Merritt Island, FL      | Personal 25.00       |
| Tenney James and Patsy, Ocoee, FL                 | Salary 20.00         |
| W. K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL                        | Personal 50.00       |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>4,171.54</b>      |

### 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 |

|                                              |                 |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA       | Salary 25.00    |
| Fujikawa, Ricardo, Davenport, IA             | As Needed 25.00 |
| Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV | Salary 100.00   |
| Tenney, James and Patsy, Ocoee, FL           | Salary 25.00    |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>325.00</b>   |

### THANKSGIVING OFFERING

|                                      |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL | 692.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>692.00</b> |

### MISCELLANEOUS

|                                                                 |                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL (for Asa Bratcher Dec. 00) | As Needed 400.00          |
| Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS (Asa Bratcher)              | Salary 204.87             |
| Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY (Asa Bratcher)           | 50.00                     |
| I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC                             | Administrative Costs 6.00 |
| <b>Total</b>                                                    | <b>660.87</b>             |

### HOME MISSIONS

|                                               |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL          | Reinhardt 56.00  |
| Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL          | Building 180.00  |
| Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY          | Reinhardt 50.00  |
| Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI            | Reinhardt 92.72  |
| New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI | Reinhardt 190.00 |
| Norris, William, Richmond, KY                 | Reinhardt 40.00  |
| Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY        | Reinhardt 75.00  |
| Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC    | Reinhardt 100.00 |
| Tenney, James and Patsy, Ocoee, FL            | 35.00            |
| Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, WV   | Reinhardt 50.00  |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>868.72</b>    |

### IN MEMORIAM FUND

|                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Overbey, Dale & Doris, Van Buren, AR | Bro. H. H. Overbey 125.00 |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>125.00</b>             |

### MIKE ANDERSON FUND

|                                                     |                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH               | Salary 65.00           |
| Bethel Baptist Church, Lexington, KY                | As Needed 1,500.00     |
| Bible Baptist Church, Durham, NC                    | 85.00                  |
| Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV               | Special Project 200.00 |
| Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV (Youth Group) | Salary 20.00           |
| Carpenter, Lois, Culver, OR                         | Levi Musima 25.00      |
| Dimitri, Mr. and Mrs. Michael, Zephyrhills, FL      | 200.00                 |
| Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV              | Personal 134.00        |
| Fairview Baptist Church, Letart, WV                 | 100.00                 |
| Faith Baptist Church, St. Albans, WV                | 50.00                  |
| Fellowship Baptist Church, Vienna, WV               | 50.00                  |
| Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA              | Salary 25.00           |
| Goshen Baptist Church, Kentucky, WV                 | 50.00                  |
| Grace Baptist Church, Surgoinsville, TN             | Salary 50.00           |
| Harvesters Bible Class, Point Pleasant, WV          | Salary 100.00          |
| Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY              | 50.00                  |
| I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC                 | 35.00                  |
| Martin, Gaylord and Hazel, Charleston, WV           | 90.00                  |
| Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL       | per expense 40.00      |
| Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV        | Salary 100.00          |
| Mount Hope Baptist Church, Chesapeake, OH           | Salary 60.00           |
| Pack, Joe L., South Charleston, WV                  | Salary 10.00           |
| Rawley, Philip and Sarah, Mesquite, TX              | Salary 200.00          |
| Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN       | 50.00                  |
| South Carolina Friend                               | As Needed 75.00        |
| Stuck, Louise, Scott Depot, WV                      | Personal 25.00         |
| Sugar Creek Baptist Church, Charleston, WV          | Salary 150.00          |
| Terlizzi, Dr. and Mrs. James, Abingdon, VA          | Personal 100.00        |
| Wade, Dr. & Mrs. James, Abingdon, VA                | Personal 100.00        |
| Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV               | Salary 100.00          |
| Yanak, Albert & Ruby, St. Albans, WV                | Salary 10.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                                        | <b>3,849.00</b>        |

### JOHN M. HATCHER FUND

|                                              |                    |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH        | Support 65.00      |
| Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY         | Salary 50.00       |
| Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN      | Personal 802.79    |
| First Baptist Church, Grayson, KY            | Personal 25.00     |
| Gertig, Galen and Tamara, Columbus, OH       | Salary 60.00       |
| Grace Baptist Church, Coffeen, IL            | Where Needed 46.09 |
| Illinois Friends                             | As Needed 1,500.00 |
| King, Pastor Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL      | 20.00              |
| Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV | Salary 100.00      |
| Mundy, Mr. & Mrs. Billie, Godfrey, IL        | Salary 10.00       |
| Sims, James and Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS   | As Needed 30.00    |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>2,708.88</b>    |

**TOTAL - ALL FUNDS** 52,902.51

## 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.

## WHERE TO SEND OFFERINGS

Make all checks payable to:  
**Baptist Faith Missions**  
and mail all offerings to:  
**Glenn Archer, P. O. Box 144**  
**Livermore, KY 42352**

### — CORRECTION —

In last month's Mission Sheets the offering from Edward and Jackie Overbey was listed for Mrs. E. S. Ke and should have been for Mrs. Grace Lee. The Thanksgiving offering of the First Baptist Church was Alexandria, VA and should have been Alexandria, KY. We apologize for the inconvenience.



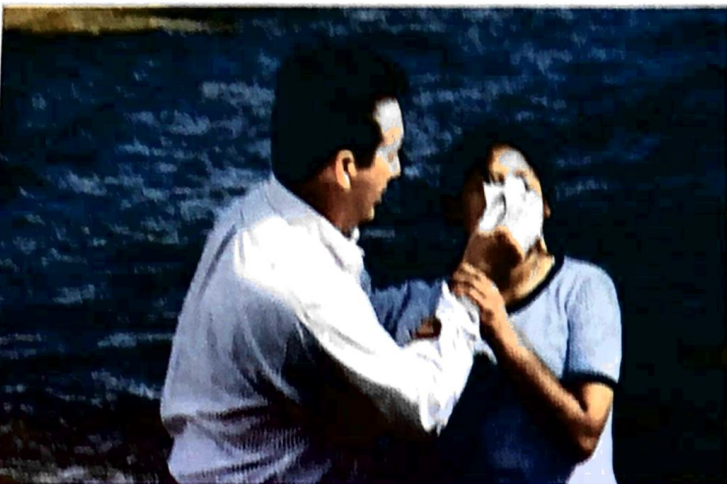
# Back In Peru . . . Busy And Blessed . . . Camp Blessings . . .

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January 31, 2001  
Dear Friends,  
Busy and blessed would be the two best words to describe our lives since getting back to Peru. After arriving in Lima we spent one day chasing down computer parts and getting the van ready for another trip over the Andes mountains. Two days after arriving back in Huancayo and getting settled back into the house we started Vacation Bible School at the Central Baptist Church where I am interim pastor. Our highest attendance was 225 on two different days. The last day of VBS I hiked up to into the mountains to the village of Chacapi where we have started a new Mission Work. I held a three day evangelistic meeting with them. We had several professions of faith. I baptised ten in the coldest mountain river I've ever been in. It was a great time. Cold and rainy but very fruitful. Brother Marcelino's wife is going to be the mission pastor of this work. Please pray for him and his family. He has proven himself to be a very faithful man of God.

After returning from Chacapi we had great services here in Huancayo, and then on Monday the 29th we broke ground for our new Sunday School building in the back of our property. So we are back into the beating and banging dust and dirt! Seven of our young preacher boys are digging the footers now, earning money for their tuition in the Theological Institute of Lima where they study under the direction of Dr. Paul Mulling. The Lord willing, we hope to finish this building project within six months. An extra offering to the Stanton Building fund would sure be appreciated!!



Brother Stanton baptizing in Peru

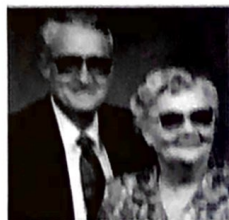
Next week our church starts a week of youth camp down in Tingo Maria about three hours from Huancayo. This is the high point for all of our teenagers every year. They really get excited about going. The conditions are not always the "best" but they are all "happy campers." Over the years the Lord has used camp to turn so many of these kids around and put them on the right track. Several of our young preachers surrendered to the ministry during camp time. From time to time we have teenagers from the States that have come down and attended and gone home blessed.

The week after camp I travel back over the mountains to the capital city of Lima and then north up the coast for two hours to the town of Huaral. There we have the Faith Baptist Mission work under the direction of Pastor Carlos Gonzales. They are running over one hundred now and we are also in the middle of construction at the property we bought last year for that work. I will also be performing a wedding while there. The saints in this work are giving most of the labor in the construction and I buy the materials as the money is available. So again let me give you an encouragement to give a little more for the Stanton Building fund. At present we use this fund and about all of our personal funds that come in for these construction projects. Give as the Lord leads and may God bless you. Remember the General Fund of Baptist Faith Missions. It's the first of the year and a lot of churches revise their budgets, so please remember BFM. Enough for now, we'll write more next month.

Serving Jesus in Peru, Shirley Ann and Anita Stanton

## Report From A Busy Brother Bratcher . . . Taking Burdens To The Lord . . .

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January 25, 2001  
Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Faith,  
This Mission Sheet letter will be for October and November. Forgive me for failing to write a letter since September. We shall report to you our labors here in the "land of eternal summer" from the 5th of October until today the 5th of December. I preached a total of 41 sermons. 19 of the 41 sermons were preached at the 24th of March Baptist Church where I am the pastor.

On October 7th I traveled alone by boat to the New Jerusalem where Edilberto da Silva is the pastor. Marie was not able to make the trip with me. There I preached Saturday night and Sunday morning. On Oct. 11th I brought a short message during the funeral service of 78 year old Moises da Silva Costa, member of the Nova Olimpia Baptist Church. His widow, Dona Mercedes is a member of the 24th of March Baptist Church.

Saturday night, Oct. 14th, Marie and I attended and I preached celebrating the 7th anniversary of the Root of David Baptist Church where Sergio Campos is the pastor. On Sunday night, October 15th I preached in the absence of the pastor, Asa Mark Bratcher, to the 217 people present. There was 1 rededication. I also preached there on the 29th and Sunday morning the 26th of November.

On Sunday night, October 22nd, I preached at the Vessel of Blessing Mission where Manoel do Carmo Bezerra is the lay pastor. On Sunday morning, the 29th of October, Marie and I crossed the river by boat to Caricito - a small town. There I brought the message to the 67 people present. This mission is a mission of the Beautiful Garden Baptist Church where Edison Miranda is the pastor. Last but not least, in the Cachoeirinha Baptist Church, Israel Lima, pastor, I preached there on Sunday night, the 12th of November.

Thus we have shared with you our labors in the Lord here in the land of eternal summer. We need your prayers as I often sing to myself, Hymn Number 319 of the Modern Hymnal, "Leave it there." "When your youthful days are gone and old age is stealing on, and your body bends beneath the weight of care, He will never leave you then. He'll go with you to the end, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there." If you need to, "go there and do likewise."

Marie and I wish to thank all of you who sent us Christmas and New Year's greetings. May the Lord bless you every day during 2001. We thank you for your faithfulness in giving to Baptist Faith Missions and in praying for us.

Yours in the Service of the Faith, Harold and Marie Bratcher

# Enjoy Children's Visit . . . Thanks For Helping Orphan Boys . . . Hope To Start Bible Clubs . . .

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February 2, 2001  
Dear Friends,  
January is now history, so the first month of this millennium is now history. As each month does, it went by so quickly. This is Pam typing this letter, as Mike is in Tanzania doing a refresher course in Swahili.

It was so good to have our children with us for the holidays, even though they arrived late, due to a snowstorm in Michigan. They arrived without their luggage, as they had to be transferred to another airline, and their luggage was not transferred with them. All worked out okay, as they did get their luggage the day before they left.

Sara, our daughter, and her husband, Craig, were able to stay for 10 days, before Sara had to return to begin teaching again. Nathan, our son, was able to stay an additional 9 days, and we involved them all in ministry while they were here. Sara and Craig both helped in Sunday School classes, Mike and my classes, and Nathan stayed longer, so was involved in more ministry. He taught the adult Sunday School class, our weekly dear ones Bible study on Wednesday nights, and went on soul-winning visitation with two of our deacons twice while he was here. The Lord really blessed, as Nathan was used to lead his first Kenyan to Christ. He was so excited!

Please pray for each of them. Craig is starting deputation to raise support as a campus missionary on the University of Michigan. God is really blessing his ministry on this secular campus, and several have been won to Christ by Craig, and he is disciplining them as New Believers.

Nathan is actively seeking God's will for his life. He really enjoyed his time here, and is praying about missions. We have advised him to become more active in the Baptist Church that he attends in Michigan, and to look for opportunities to be used by God while he continues to pray and seek God's will for his life.

Dennis, Kevin, and Edwin, our orphaned boys, are doing fine. They started school last month, and we thank those of you who gave so that we could put them in school. Public schools are not free here, and many people cannot afford to send all of their children because of their big families. The school year starts in January, and they have year around education, with the students going to school for three months, a month of break, etc. So, with the money that you sent, we were able to pay their school fees, buy their uniforms, teach public school has its own uniforms, buy their text books, rent their desks, pay for their lunch, pay for their rent where they live, etc. Without your help, this would have been difficult. In exchange for us helping them, they do odd jobs for us on their school breaks. They are very faithful at church and are active in our Bible Club and other youth activities.

We are starting out various ministries again after the Christmas break. I am back to teaching our Friday evening Ladies Bible study where we meet in different homes, and this Saturday, we will begin our Word of Life Bible Club again. We are looking at another area in Kisumu that is heavily Catholic to start a second Word of Life Bible Club. We want to teach more children the Word of God, as so many do not know the truth and are influenced by cults, Pentecostalism, and Catholicism. We hope to get at least 50, and if the youths are interested, we will visit their parents, and hope to start a preaching point there maybe next year.

When Mike returns later this month, we hope to start teaching in the chapel services of 2 different public schools. We are so very thankful for this wonderful opportunity to teach the truths of God's Word in a public school setting. Pray that we can reach these students at this tender age, and it will have eternal consequences.

Also, we will start this month to build the fence around our church property, Lord willing. God blessed us abundantly with a special friend in Ohio who gave us the money to complete this fence, so we plan to build this fence, a carpenter's house on the property, and outside toilets before summer. Then, we would like to put up a temporary structure to house our church, until we can get the money to build a permanent structure.

Please pray for a 26 year old man who is the brother of one of our deacons. Justus has AIDS, and is unsaved. Mike had witnessed to Justus last year, and he professed faith in Christ. However, he has never come to church, and there has been no change in his life. He knows all of the right answers to say when questioned about his salvation, but has no fruit. He is dying, and we need to reach him for the Lord, before it is too late. Please pray that God will open his heart, and that he will see that he is lost.

Our court date was to have been yesterday, but since Mike was in Tanzania, it was postponed until March 8. Hebron, the man who is suing us, was in court expecting for us to proceed. He was very angry at yet another delay. We continue to trust God to work in his heart, so that this thing will be settled out of court in a godly fashion.

As always, we cannot thank each of you enough who give so liberally that we might live and minister here. Words are inadequate to express our thanks for all of your prayers as we face different trials throughout the week. Our prayer is that God will use us mightily to reach many for Him, and then disciple them to build a true Baptist Church in this area, one that stands for the doctrines of His Word. There are other Baptist churches here, but all are becoming part of the growing Pentecostal movement, and we long to have a church that is grounded in the Word of God and His truths. Many blessings to each of you until next month.

Serving together with you in Kenya,  
Mike and Pam



Brother Harold Bratcher holding a service in a home in Brazil