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ODALI AND KATHY BARROS JOIN OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

Odali Barros' Testimony - My name is Odali Barros. It will be somewhat hard to give you an idea of where I came from. No matter how hard you try, you'll never know where Grajau really is, but I can help you out by saying that it's not the end of the world, but you can see it from there. If I called myself a jungle man I don't think it would be an exaggeration. That's because I really did live in the middle of the jungle. In fact I only saw electricity when I was 9 years old. I grew up eating fish, turtle, monkey and wild pigs. My mother died when I was only 2 years old. Her last request to my father was that at least one out of the seven children would grow up to be a Catholic priest. He tried by putting all of us in Catholic schools. I attended it for three years, and I realized then that I had more questions in my mind than answers. I went back to my home in that middle of the jungle. When I was thirteen years old I started hunting tigers and cutting rubber trees and other things to survive.

One day I went fishing, and as I was on my way home I heard a sound of a boat that I had never heard before. When I arrived home I asked my cousin who had been there. He told me that it was a man that was big, baldheaded and had red skin. Then I asked what the man was



Odali and Kathy Barros and daughters

selling. I was informed that he wasn't a salesman. I asked my cousin, "If he wasn't a salesman what was he doing here?" He said that he had talked some and then he sang a song. My cousin then proceeded to sing the part he remembered. "At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light and the burden of my sins rolled away." I never forgot that song.

Several years later after a 3-day trip by boat, we arrived with my grandmother in Cruzeiro do Sul. She had come to see a doctor. When we pulled up to dock, there stood a man that was big, baldheaded and had red skin. This man looked at me and asked me if I could watch his boat for a while. I soon learned that his name was Bobby Creiglow. The next Sunday I was invited to go to the church of the Christians. I was scared to death to go into that church, because I had always been taught that that was Satan's church. I went to see what it was like and there I heard that song again that my cousin had sung a long time ago. Thank God Brother Creiglow went almost to the end of the world to take the message of salvation. About 15 days later, at the age of 16, I became a believer in Jesus Christ.

One week after I was saved I was invited to go on my first mission trip. We went to the city of Moura. They asked me to preach. I preached on the 10 lepers. I thought that the message had been so long, but to my surprise it had only lasted 3 minutes. I did not go back to my home. I stayed in Cruzeiro do Sul where I worked with missionary Mike Creiglow for 2 years. It was a time of life changing experiences. I learned many lessons that were good for a baby in Christ.

Later I moved to Manaus where I worked with Missionary Paul Hatcher. Many opportunities were given to me while there. I started by working in the printing shop; then I worked with the youth, bus ministry, deaf ministry and implanting a camp ministry. Without a doubt, the area in which I profited the most was as Paul's assistant. It was a period of much learning. Paul is a master in administration and a very dedicated man. He taught me one time that when you know God's will, you need to do it and do it immediately no matter what others may say or think. I must say that it was a great privilege to have been taught under men with great visions.

Since Paul Hatcher didn't pay me very well, I married his sister. After being married for about 4 years, I went to the U.S. to go to college. I met most of you during this time. In 1983 I graduated from Lexington Baptist College.

Three months after graduating, I returned to Brazil. This time I didn't stay in north Brazil. I went to the southern part of the country for a simple reason - a need to preach the gospel. My father-in-law was already ministering there, and I went to help. Missionary John Hatcher mentioned that there were hundreds of towns without any Baptist church. This was a big factor in Kathy and I deciding to move to this area. We worked with Brother Hatcher for a few years. Again this was a great experience in my life. Brother John Hatcher is a man that teaches you to be 100% on fire for God, and Mrs. Hatcher is the woman described in Proverbs 31. She is a woman of great character and believes strongly that Christ should be our mirror. At this time, we work at Central Baptist Church, the mission points and the Children's home with 85 children and are very happy.

Kathy Barros' Testimony - I consider myself a very fortunate person. I was born in a missionary family. Many servants of God have surrounded my whole life. God protected my life from the horrible things of this world. Thanks to God and to two people who surrendered their lives to serving the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank God for my Godly parents, John and Alta Hatcher. They have been with BFM for almost 50 years. I am Kathy Lorene Amazonas Hatcher Barros, the last of their five children. I was born in Manaus, Brazil. My parents taught us about Christ at a very young age. God touched my heart when I was six years old, in a Sunday morning service at Igreja Batista da Chapada. I was baptized when I was 7 years

old at Igreja Batista Tabernaculo. Most of my growing years were at that church. I started teaching Sunday school when I was in my early teens. I taught until I went to college to study. I also helped my parents in the school. On the day I turned 18 my parents moved to south Brazil to start new churches. I lived there for one year.

My studies were done at Tennessee Temple University. I have a BA with a major in art and a minor in Bible. Going to college and living in dorms was a changing experience in my life. I had no idea what kind of lives that most people have in their home. Our home was strong in showing God's love and God's principles. Broken homes, drugs, alcoholism, incest, rape, were a shock to me. There I also learned to work with the deaf. Little did I know what God was doing in my life. I had heard of all these things but not in the midst of Christians. Well, God was preparing me for His future plans in my life. All my life God had given me the desire to serve Him in a special ministry. I figured that, like my mother, I would be a teacher or a missionary's wife working in the typical church work.

I met my husband in Manaus, where he worked with my brother Paul Hatcher. We wrote each other for 3-1/2 years. We prayed for God to show us His perfect will and he did. After I graduated in May of 1980 we were married in August. We have been married for almost 21 years. We have three biological children: Josue Odali, 19 yrs old, KathyLee, 17 yrs old and Amelia Lorene, 15 yrs old. We have three adopted boys: Tito Filemon, 3 yrs old, Jonas Filipe, 2 yrs old and John Gabriel, 10 months old. They are legally adopted. Our prayers are that, as our older children love the Lord, that we can teach our younger ones to love Him also. We must not lose the vision.

Well, after marrying Odali Barros, the Lord started showing me what he had prepared me for. God wanted Odali and me to care in a special way for the less fortunate. I'm glad that God has seen fit to use me in His ministry. We live here in the home along with 85 kids and those who help us. I also teach the teens Sunday School class. One of the last ministries that I have been involved in is an evangelistic team of 23 members. God has used this team to go to many schools. The team has kids from the home, volunteers at the home, and youth from the church. We are permitted to sing about God, do drama that speaks about God, and preach God's Word right out of the Bible. Isn't that great? The people are seeking for answers and God has permitted us to be used to share the truth with them. I pray that He will continue to use my life until His triumphant return.

Eighty Seven Men and Forty Women Attend Bible Studies In Iquitos . . .

Thirty More Pastors Attend Lima Classes . . .



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Dear Friends,

May 1, 2001

The month of April flew by so quickly for Anita and me. We had a week of Institute classes for the preachers and pastors out in the North jungle town of Iquitos. Our subject was "Administration of a Baptist Church." I had 87 men for my study and Anita had 40 women in her class on "Freedom for Women in Christ." It was a wonderful week even though the temperature was over 100 degrees each day.

After leaving Iquitos we flew into Lima and then on to see the mission work in Huaral. Pastor Carlos Gonzales is doing an excellent job there. The construction is moving along, quite well. He recently baptized a young married couple into the fellowship of the work there. Please remember them in your prayers. We still need all the help we can get for the building fund.

After arriving back in Huanuco we had one week

to prepare for the Institute class we are teaching at this time. I am on a break at this time and taking advantage of the time to write this letter. The subject for this class is the same as the one in Iquitos, "Administration of a Baptist Church." 30 preachers and pastors have shown up. Anita cooks and feeds them from morning to night. I stand before them each day and teach. We're having great participation. It is a very practical class for us. Pastors from 8 different cities around Peru have arrived. It is also a great time of fellowship for them. Remember us in your prayers.

The Central Baptist Church here in Huanuco where I am pastor is doing well. It is always a hub of activity. These dear saints love the Lord and love to serve Him. We are currently sponsoring 4 mission works and in the midst of a large building project. The Lord provides and the work marches on. Dear friends, Anita and I thank all of you so much for your prayers and continued support. As always we love to have you come and visit us and see first hand how the Lord is working here in Peru and getting glory unto Himself. Until next month.

Serving Jesus in Peru,
Sheridan and Anita Stanton

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★ ★ ★ PRAYER REQUEST ★ ★ ★

Lynn Hatcher McGary has had emergency surgery for the removal of a large cancerous tumor. Many have been praying for her. The doctors are pleased and amazed, at her present condition. Please remember to pray for her and her family.

— ANNOUNCEMENT —

Mike and Beverly Creiglow will be in the States for a short furlough, the middle of May through December. They will be able to visit churches as time permits. If you are interested in having them visit your church, contact them as soon as possible. Their e-mail address is found in their mission letter.

Late But Great Report ... How To Break Up A Worldly Band ... New Boat A Blessing ...



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Dear Brethren,

January 9, 2001

December was another great month for us. The rainy season still hasn't really caught up with us yet and that is always good for attendance. In December we have our longest days of the year though. Since many still keep their eyes more on the daylight than their watches, they are a little slow and late to services. Nevertheless we have continued to have good crowds and several more have been saved.

There was the usual flurry of special holiday services. Our watchnight service was exceptional. Since it was on a Sunday, you can imagine how busy that was. I preached in the morning service, taught my new member's class in Sunday School, performed a wedding in the early evening, then presided in the 3 hour service that night. If you have never had a Sunday like that, you should try it some time.

We had lots of praise during this service. Our people really enjoy playing their instruments and singing for the Lord. A few of you have heard them and know what I mean. I wish the rest of you could be here to hear it. You might not understand the words and you might not like the style, but you would know who they are praising. God has blessed us with some outstanding musicians.

One of the 3 bands that performed is made up of former drunks, whom the Lord saved. They used to play at every dance hall in town. Since being saved 3 years ago, their lives have turned around. They preached and sang over 200 times all over the countryside in 2000. Many were saved in some of the most remote places that you can imagine. One of the main goals of the leader of this group is to see all the worldly musicians of Cruzeiro do Sul be saved, so that there will no longer be any more worldly bands! He has already broken up at least 3 bands with the gospel. I like that! Their style is a little bit on the country and western (Brazilian country, of course), but they are getting the job done.

In mid December I was way up river to visit our congregation at Taumaturgo. Our missionary there is Brother Jose Maia. He kept me busy the whole 5 days. We held services every night. There were also classes for the members during the day. One of my main guys from First Baptist, Paulo Sa and his wife Eliana, went with me. Paulo is one of the treasurers, part of the team that works at the penal colony and is also one of our guitar players. He and I sang and played each service as part of the "special" music. Paulo is also a Gideon, so he and his wife were able to distribute almost 400 New Testaments during the 5 days. On Sunday we held a baptism for those candidates who had been taught during the weeks preceding the meeting. I baptized 21. During the meeting we had 19 professions of faith.

The river was at one of those perfect stages for this trip. It was coming up just a little. Not many stumps were showing and not many logs floating down. No shallows and the rapids were just covered. We didn't get rained on. The motor ran great. Thanks again to all of you who helped buy the boat and motor. It is a huge blessing. This rig now has over a dozen really long trips to its credit. Better yet, there have been over 100 people saved during those 12 plus trips. This boat only cost us around \$10,000.00 and was bought right here in Brazil. If you are thinking that it was a little expensive, then just check out the price tag on any car on any lot in America these days. I think that you will agree with me when I say that if I was to put the boat away and never use it again, it has already more than paid for itself. Don't think that I am planning to put it away though. Thanks again to all who have always come through for the work here. God bless you richly.

Time to stop and move on to some other jobs today. Lord bless all of you always

In Christ,
Mike Creiglow

Many Visitors From States ... Eighty Six Children At Alpha And Omega ...



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Dear friends in Christ,

May 1, 2001

Well another month has passed and I am wondering where it went. I don't know if it is age or the work here that makes the time fly. I am opting for the work as I am still a spring chicken (HA!!). Speaking of the work, all is continuing to go forward and prosper. We are having to think about renovations at the Central Baptist Church as we continue to grow. And there is always something going on at the mission points. This week Pastor Odali asked the Deacons and their wives to begin going to the different mission points to encourage the workers and the members.

As this is the beginning of our fall season, the weather is beginning to cool down and we are beginning our season of visitors from the States. Two weeks ago we had a group of 49 from the Harvester Baptist Church in St. Charles, Mo. This week we

have a group of 17 men from Second Baptist in Warner Robbins, Ga. As these groups come we have a wonderful time of fellowship, and when they leave we begin to reap the harvest of their labors, be it people to disciple, or the work they have done here at the Alpha and Omega Children's Home.

We are still waiting on the container we shipped before we came back from the States. It actually arrived in port here in Brazil around the 23rd of March. But at that time the dock workers were on strike. Now the dock workers are off strike, but another problem has arisen; the government wants to have a count of every piece of clothing that is in the container and also know whether it is for an adult or a child. Well, the agency we hired to expedite matters for us is sending a man to open every box and count and separate every piece of clothing. Pray for a speedy job as we are now paying for storage of these things as the container had to be emptied and returned to the States. We are praying that God's will be done in this matter.

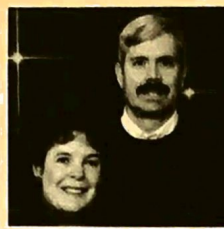
We have received several new children. We now have 86 living here at the Alpha and Omega Children's Home. Barbara and I now have 17 again, and there is always something or someone that needs personal attention and personal prayer. Pray that God will always give us wisdom and understanding to deal with everyone in the manner in which is needed. The children are doing well in school and most of them like learning, but as with all kids, you have a few who resist. But as they begin to learn their interest grows.

The visitation programs are continuing; the group of women on Monday night are the most faithful as seems to be the case in every church. We are working hard on getting the interest of the men to the same level. The Saturday farm visitation is still in progress, and we have completed one farm and are now ready to move on to another. The problem as always is discipleship. There are many people accepting Christ and not many adult Christians to disciple them. This is another matter of prayer for you there in the States.

As always, thanks for your prayerful support and your continued support of Baptist Faith Missions.

In His service
AJ and Barbara

Looking Forward To Nathan Coming To Help ... Court Report ... Persecution In Kenya ...



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Dear Friends,

May 2, 2001

God has been so good to answer a prayer that we have been praying for quite awhile. Pam and I have more to do in ministry than we are able to do, so we have been praying that God would burden someone to come and work with us so that we can enlarge our ministry. Our son, Nathan, has been burdened for the people of Kenya since 1997 when he was here for the first time. This burden was confirmed when he was here at Christmas, as God used him in several areas of our ministry while he was here. Nathan was accepted as a missionary intern at the Spring Conference in Lexington this past month, so we are thrilled that he will be coming to work with us. He can really assist me in teaching in the Bible Institute, taking over the Bible clubs in the public schools, helping with our visitation and discipleship ministry, helping to teach a Sunday School class of New Believers, helping to train our church leaders on

Wednesday evening, and in many other areas. We are so excited about the possibility of him working with us as we try to reach out into other areas of ministry with him helping us. Lord willing, after he raises his support, he will join us here in Kenya, hopefully after the first part of next year. So, we would appreciate your prayers for Nathan that he would be able to raise his support quickly to join us here.

I taught a series on Baptist Beliefs this month in our Bible Institute, and the students were really surprised to learn about church government, the role of the pastor and deacons, the importance of tithing, ordinances, etc. Our leaders have never had teaching like this, and they were very receptive and interested. We desire to have a strong Baptist church that is grounded in the fundamentals of our faith.

We found out this past month that there is a problem in court with the building that we are renting for a church. So, we have started putting up a temporary fence, and plan to construct a temporary shelter for the church to use to meet in, until we can afford to build a permanent church. We will place a caretaker on the property, and plan to build a store room to hold the pews and pulpit, so that we can begin meeting on the property later this month. The people are excited about moving to the property, as now, we are located beside of a bar, and the church members do not like their children entering into the bar when church is going on.

The saga of our court case continues on. Finally, after 18 months, prosecution has finished their side, and we can begin our defense. Originally, we had 6 witnesses, but since Hesbon, the man suing us, has lied so much in court, we have had to add a witness to refute each lie, so now, we have 11 witnesses who will need to testify on our behalf. So, we are told that we will return to court later this month, and I will go on the witness stand first. The case will probably not end before we come to the States on furlough in July, so we will face this again when we return. We have been told that we cannot be detained here in Kenya, as this is a civil case, and not a criminal case. This has been a real trial, but God has been faithful to be with us each step of the way, and we are trusting Him to give us the victory.

Pam went before the Nursing Board in Nairobi today. She was interviewed in order to get licensed to practice as a nurse here. She said that it was a difficult interview, but she thinks that she passed. She wants to get more involved in nursing in the community, and to use this as part of our ministry.

A friend of ours was badly beaten, and an attempt was made to kill him, last month. He lives in Nairobi, and had just returned from showing the "Jesus" film in another area. Present in the group that saw the film were some Somalis who are Muslims, and they were very upset by his showing the film. When he returned to his home, they beat him up, tried to slit his throat 3 times, but the knife would not cut, and they stole everything from his house. They also beat his wife, and when they could not cut his throat, they twisted his neck so forcefully that he was not able to swallow liquids or food for several days. When neighbors heard the noise from his house, they tried to help, and 3 were killed. His name is Justus Okoth, and Justus is a very godly young man whom we have known since 1997. He was Nathan's best friend when Nathan did his college internship with Life Ministry in Nairobi in 1997. Please pray for Justus as he heals. We have met with him, and although he has suffered for Christ, he is not discouraged, and realizes that God has intervened, and is not finished with him yet. What a testimony he has of the grace of God.

We are planning on returning to the States in July, and will be ready to visit churches in August. First, we want to prepare a video of the work here, and then, we would like to visit any church that would like to have us to tell about this ministry. So, if you are interested in having us to visit, please call us here, (the number is listed above), or E-mail us soon.

If anyone has a used car that they would like to sell, we would be interested in buying a car in good condition, for use during furlough. Again, please contact us if you know of an available car for sale.

A major prayer request is for someone to stay in our house in Kitale and oversee the ministry while we are gone. Our people have been trained and can go ahead with each ministry, but we need someone to teach one week per month in the Bible Institute, and just be available to oversee the different ministries. Due to the court case, we would really like to have someone present in our house to just be there. We don't anticipate any problems, but the church is still young, and the court case is on-going. Our church leaders speak English well, and can translate easily. Our house is comfortable with electricity and running water, and is on a secure compound. The only thing needed is to teach in the Bible Institute, pay our bills, (we would send the money for this), and just go to the different ministries that meet during the week. We will have an assistant Kenyan pastor that I have trained and know well, to do the preaching, if you would not want to do that. Please ask God what He would have you to do if you are retired, and are wanting to be involved in ministry for a few months. If you are interested and not retired, this is ok, too. If you would be interested in helping us in this very critical need, please let us know as soon as possible. We would be so grateful to know that someone was involved in this ministry while we are in the States on furlough.

As always, we so deeply appreciate your prayers and faithful support. We look forward to renewing acquaintances with you again when we return to the States. Your prayers for us before the God's throne mean more than mere words can say. May God richly bless each of you as you labor for Him in your harvest field.

Souls for Kenya,
Mike and Pam Anderson

- ATTENTION -

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APRIL 2001 OFFERINGS

REGULAR FUND

Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert, Tulsa, OK	20.00
Battle Baptist Church, Mackville, KY	30.00
Beathe, Mr. and Mrs. William, Sr	25.00
Beautiful Garden Baptist Church, Manaus, Brazil	150.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY	270.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY	203.00
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenite, NC	200.00
Berry Baptist Church, Berry, KY	400.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Williams, IN	139.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN	275.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	789.00
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	879.17
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY	250.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarsville, WV	125.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	300.00
Crestline Friend	200.00
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV	330.56
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV	70.00
Curry, Cindy, Lexington, KY	20.00
Darling, Russell & Ruth, Mount Horeb, WI	60.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	622.66
Elgin Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL	193.69
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA	250.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	185.59
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	951.64
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY	230.00
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO	100.00
Faith Baptist Church, Leighton, AL	50.00
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY	625.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	2000.00
First Baptist Church, Grayson, KY	100.00
Gaynor, Jack and Joyce, Cannelton, IN	25.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, OH	189.00
Goldfloss 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
Hallum, Marguerite, Hammond, LA	50.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, OH	118.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Letter Gap, WV	300.00
Hardy, Ola, Guntown, MS	50.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Marengo, OH	50.00
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	3,153.00
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC	35.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI	300.00
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculumbia, AL	92.91
Jenkins, William and Sonora, Appling, GA	100.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	100.00
King, Pastor Doug & Romona, Arcadia, FL	100.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	1,058.80
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	1360.00
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	25.00
Norris, William, Richmond, Ky	60.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Perkins, WV	200.00
Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Paul B., Tusculumbia, AL	100.00
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesborough, TN	80.00
Potter's Independent Missionary Baptist Church, Pottersville, MO	125.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	825.00
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	200.00
Southside Baptist Church, Fuktion, MS	100.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL	150.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	2,629.50
Texas Friends	600.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	748.84
Twenty-fourth of March Baptist Church, Brazil	200.00
Valley Drive Baptist Church, Bristol, TN	100.00
Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	10.00
Virginia Friends	1,310.00
Wannville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL	50.00
Watkins, Bert and Louise, Richmond, KY	110.00
Webster Memorial Baptist Church, Lakeland, FL	50.00
West Virginia Friends	104.00
Total	29,493.36

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Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	200.00
Total	200.00

WEST INDIES

Addyston B.C., E. Jaggermuth, S. Jaggermuth, D. MacFauqa, L. McIntire, A. Steeple, C. Sorret	390.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Sewnauth Punallal 48.65
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	Emmanuel Jaggermuth 136.00
Total	574.65

OVERBEY FUND

Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	50.00
Total	50.00

ODALI BARROS FUND

Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA	100.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 61.00
Citizens of Jackson County, Alabama, Stevenson, AL (Penny Drive) A&O Home	501.37

Fletcher, Michael and Dee, Winchester, KY	A-O Home 40.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	48.65
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	A-O Home 226.00
Pine Set Baptist Church, South Pittsburg, TN	Salary 50.00
Richards, W. M., and Mary, Abingdon, VA	A-O Home 100.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Children's Home 75.00
Ruth S.S. Class, First Baptist Church, Highland Heights, KY	Salary 50.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	Odali Barros 50.00
Tenney, James and Patsy, Ocoee, FL	As Needed 40.00
Tenney, James and Patsy, Ocoee, FL	Salary 40.00
W., K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal 50.00
Total	1,432.02

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
Brooksbury Baptist Church, Madison, IN	Personal 623.79
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Happy Birthday 100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Poverty Relief 100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Medical Expenses 900.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY	Personal 150.00
Clarksville Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Poverty Relief 100.00
Cole, Clyde and Ruthie, Richmond, KY	Personal 100.00
Edwards, Wilgus and Maria, Booneville, KY	Salary 10.00
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA	Salary 250.00
Gill, Hazel, Lancaster, KY	Salary 25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work 50.00
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal 100.00
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
Total	3,240.46

HENSELY FUND

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary 625.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal 175.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA	Salary 91.67
Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA	Alpha & Omega 62.50
Edwards, Wilgus and Maria, Booneville, KY	Salary 10.00
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal 560.00
Hilltop Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY	Personal 50.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, KY	Alpha-Omega Home 137.00
Jenkins, William and Sonora, Appling, GA	A-O Home 60.00
Joy Belles 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	A-O Home 40.00
Ohio Friends	Alpha-Omega Home 50.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Playground Equipment 769.25
Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY	Personal 330.00
South Carolina Friend	Alpha-Omega Home 50.00
Union Baptist Church, Cynthia, KY	Salary 300.00
W., K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal 50.00
Total	3,460.42

MIKE CREIGLOW FUND

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	New Works 65.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 200.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN	Salary 50.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	Food Pantry 185.59
Grace Baptist Church, Columbia, TN	Personal 100.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work 50.00
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	As Needed 105.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mims, FL	Salary 25.00
Total	780.59

DRAPER FUND

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	65.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 250.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH	Salary 85.00
Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Nicholasville, KY	As Needed 88.00
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, KY	Salary 40.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	50.00
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 100.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	New Work 62.00
Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY	100.00
Total	2,090.00

JOHN HATCHER FUND

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	Building 65.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 120.00
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN	Salary 65.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	Personal 20.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	Salary 25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work 50.00
Jenkins, William and Sonora, Appling, GA	As Needed 30.00
Jenkins, William and Sonora, Appling, GA	Salary 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
Total	855.00

PAUL HATCHER FUND

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	Seminary 100.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL	Seminary 70.00
Allbritton, Tommy and Barbara, Scott Depot, WV	Seminary 30.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN	Salary 50.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	Baptist Seminary 20.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	Baptist Seminary 100.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	Seminary 50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Seminary 31.00
Trinity-Northbrook Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH, Baptist Theological	30.00
Total	481.00

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
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 700.00
Burroughs, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Bristol, TN	Carlos Fund 200.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH	Salary 85.00
Cooper, Michael and Beverly, Lexington, KY	Carlos Azena 10.00
Durum, Anthony & Linda, Winter Springs, FL	Personal 100.00
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA	Personal 250.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	Personal 185.59
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Centerville, OH	Building Fund 60.00

Gilpin Masonary Construction, Inc., Lexington, KY	Personal 50.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Letter Gap, WV	Chasqui Building 1,000.00
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal 500.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI (From SS kids)	27.01
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY	Salary 100.00
Ohio Friends	Relief Fund 50.00
Ohio Friends	Relief Fund 50.00
Restoration Baptist Church, Dickson, TN	Personal 100.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN	25.00
Stanton, Jeff and Martita, Merritt Island, FL	Personal 25.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mims, FL	Salary 25.00
Tenney James and Patsy, Ocoee, FL	Salary 25.00
W., K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal 50.00
Total	4,164.27

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
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	Salary 100.00
Total	275.00

MISCELLANEOUS

I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC	Administrative Costs 6.00
Total	6.00

HOME MISSIONS

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	Reinhardt 61.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	Building 90.00
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY	Reinhardt 50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Reinhardt 88.65
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	Reinhardt 272.00
Norris, William, Richmond, KY	Reinhardt 40.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Reinhardt 75.00
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	Reinhardt 100.00
Total	776.65

IN MEMORIAM FUND

Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Springs, MS	Kathern Hawkins 50.00
Matthews Memorial Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL	George Bean 50.00
Overbey, Dale & Doris, Van Buren, AR	Bro. H. B. Taylor 125.00
Total	225.00

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	Work Fund 200.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	Special Project 100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV (Youth Group)	20.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV	Personal 124.00
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, Kentuck, WV	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Surgoinville, TN	Salary 50.00
Hanson, Ms. Anna, Charleston, WV	Dennis, Edwin, Kevin 30.00
Harvesters Bible Class, Point Pleasant, WV	Salary 100.00
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal 50.00
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC	35.00
Lambert, Ms. Betty, Charleston, WV	Dennis, Edwin, Kevin 30.00
Lehmkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV	Personal 25.00
Martin, Gaylord and Hazel, Charleston, WV	Salary 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
Pack, Joe L., South Charleston, WV	Salary 10.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN	50.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN	Special Off. 300.00
South Carolina Friend	As Needed 75.00
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV	Personal 100.00
Sugar Creek Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	Salary 150.00
Tenney, James and Patsy, Ocoee, FL	As Needed 25.00
Wade, Dr. & Mrs. James, Abingdon, VA	Personal 100.00
Walnut Hills Baptist Church, Huntington, WV	Salary 40.00
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV	100.00
Yanak, Albert & Ruby, St. Albans, WV	10.00
Total	2,469.00

BOBBY CREIGLOW

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mims, FL	Personal 15.00
Total	15.00

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 710.00
First Baptist Church, Grayson, KY	Personal 25.00
Gerig, Galen and Tamara, Columbus, OH	Salary 60.00
Grace Baptist Church, Coffeen, IL	Where Needed 53.25
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
W., K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal 50.00
Total	2,643.25

TOTAL - ALL FUNDS 53,231.67

WHERE TO SEND OFFERINGS

Make all checks payable to:
Baptist Faith Missions and mail all offerings to:
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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.

Thanks For Prayers ... A Life Transformed ... Witnessing In A Bar ... Alta Suffering Much ...



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Dear Friends,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus. Alta and I thank each of you who have prayed for our daughter Lynn. Thank you all for the many e-mail notes and the assurance of your prayers on her and our behalf. As in times past, and we trust in the future, our confidence is in God who never fails. He is infinitely good in all He does or permits. Here is their address if you would like to contact: rossmccary@usa.net, Ross and Lynn McGary, 2615 Rough Road, Thompson's Station, TN 37179, Phone: 615-599-1929.

SPECIAL DAY - On Friday, April 13th, the Tabernacle Baptist Church had an all day meeting with married couples. Alta and I brought seminars on Marriage and Rearing Children. Thirty persons attended.

SEMINARY CLASSES - Seminary classes began a new semester the middle of March. I teach three subjects every Thursday night. Needless to

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say, the night trip becomes a little longer each time, but God has given us about 12 students who are interested in serving the Lord.

MEETING IN NOVA FATIMA - The last week in March I preached in the Nova Fatima Mission on Friday and Saturday nights. On Saturday night there were six children who made professions of faith. One boy about eight years old experienced an immediately transformed life. This child came with his mother and father who were not saved. The child would not look any one in the face. He would not talk. One Saturday night he was one who trusted the Lord. His life was transformed. After the services he greeted everyone. The next day when the pastor visited his home he came running out to meet him, threw his arms around him and said, "Come into my house, come into my house." Everyone recognized the great change in his life. Evidently his parents were impressed with what Jesus can do for a life. On Sunday they both trusted Jesus as Savior.

TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS IS IN VOGUE - The first two weeks of seminary there were 70 persons witnessed to by the students. One teacher told the story of the cross and 14 students one by one said they were accepting Jesus as Savior. Our students do have passion for Jesus and for telling the lost about Him. Last Thursday morning I went to play tennis with Valdir. Ten minutes before stopping, a 12 year boy named James came in and sat on the bench at the side of the court. We were putting our equipment away and I asked him if I could tell him the story that transformed my life. He said, "Yes." I told him the story of the crucifixion, the thieves who were killed with Christ and about the one who repented and trusted Jesus and was saved. James trusted Jesus. When I pulled in the driveway at home there were about 14 men playing cards and drinking at the bar next door. The Spirit said, "Go tell them about Jesus." "Right now?" "Right now." I went into the house and got my visual about the death of three men, two thieves and Jesus. I went over to the bar and asked if I could tell them the story that transformed my life. All of them stopped and listened. Several others stopped to hear what was being said. Pray with me that God will bless the seed that was sown to His glory in the salvation of those men.

At the station where I buy gasoline there is a new boy, fifteen, named Alex. His father is one of the owners and is separated from his wife. Alex has lived in the city of Sao Paulo with his mother and was brought to live with his father because of the dangers where he lived. He is quite revolted and he and his father do not get along well. Yesterday, I stopped to buy gasoline and called Alex off to the side and asked him if I could tell him the story that transformed my life. He said I could. I told him the story of the deaths of three men. I showed him how one thief rejected Jesus and was lost. I explained how the other realized his need and understood that Jesus was the Lord dying for him. Then I explained that he was saved when he asked Jesus to have mercy on him; that Jesus and he entered heaven together that day. Alex trusted Jesus. Will you pray for him? There is a rough road ahead for him. Pray for his father to be saved. What a blessing it would be if Alex and his father were united in Christ's redeeming love.

BUILDING PROJECTS BEING FINISHED - 1. NEW BUILDING IN FERNAN DIAS IS ALMOST FINISHED. LACKS GLASS IN WINDOWS, PAINTING AND FLOOR COVERING. 2. LEOPOLIS LACKS FLOOR COVERING WHICH IS BEING PURCHASED AND PAINTING. 3. WALL AROUND LOT IN NOVA FATIMA. 4. WALL AROUND MISSION IN CASA DA FAMILIA.

PRAY FOR ALTA - For four weeks Alta has been almost an invalid with intense pain in her legs, knees, and lower half of her body. She can hardly sit down or rise from a chair. Pray that God will relieve the pinched nerves or heal her of what she is suffering. We need your prayers and we could use your help.

In Jesus' Name,
John and Alta Hatcher



John Hatcher with a group of brethren who help him in building.

Young Man Needs Support To Do Mission Work In Kenya

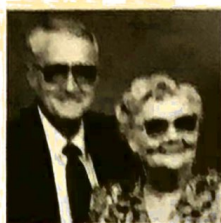


Dear friends and supporters of BFM,

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Nathan Radford and I am considering missionary service in Kenya, East Africa. Before I present the work and people that I would like to serve in missionary service, I would like to give you my Christian background and upbringing.

I was saved at the age of 10 at a church camp in West Virginia. God spoke to my heart at one of the evening church services, and I knew that I needed a Savior and that I could not make it to heaven on my own. I trusted Christ as my personal Savior, which is still the most important decision I have ever made.

Report From Brother Bratcher ...



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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Saviour:

April 5, 2001

We hope that all of you were blessed during the Holidays and that you will be blessed during the new year of 2001! We have the promise that the Saviour will walk with us each day of the way. We shall share with you our labors for the Lord from the 6th of December until today, the 2nd of January. During this Mission Sheet Month I preached 12 sermons, 8 of the 12 were preached at the 24th of March Baptist Church where I am the pastor.

Saturday the 9th of December, Marie and I traveled by boat to the New Jerusalem Baptist Church - a 6-hour trip. There I preached that night to a full house with many having to stand. The church was celebrating her 12th anniversary of the organization of the church. Edilberto R. da Silva is the pastor. The next morning I preached to the 77 people present. A 16 year



Brother Bratcher baptizing.

old boy - Andre Pessoa da Silva made a profession of faith. He evidently was scared because he passed out for a minute or two. We heard later that he suffered persecution by some of his Catholic family. Pray for Andre that he will continue to attend.

On Thursday night the 28th of December, we held services in the home of Dona Joana Rodrigues Braz. I preached to the 17 of us present.

Sunday night - December 31st at 19:00 hours I called the church to order to transact any necessary business. We had to exclude for the first time since the church was organized, two members. That leaves us with 39 members. Our watch night service ended at 22:00. We then visited the 23rd of July Baptist Church where I preached to an estimated 65 people present. The pastor, Joao Bosco Brasil was unable to attend due to the fact he is recovering from an operation. At midnight we arrived home weary in the flesh but rejoicing in the Spirit.

Thus we conclude another MS letter. Continue to pray and give so that we may carry on here as the Lord sees fit.

In the Service of the Saviour,
Harold and Marie Bratcher

I spent all of my years in school at Calvary Baptist Academy in Hurricane, West Virginia where my father, Ron Radford, was the principal. Many of you are familiar with my father's ministry, and his death at the early age of 41 due to skin cancer.

I am a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Hurricane, West Virginia where Millard Mitchell is the pastor. Pastor Mitchell is also a board member of BFM, and, he as well, has had a tremendous impact on my life and spiritual growth.

I am considering missions in my immediate future in Kenya, East Africa. As you know, my parents, Mike and Pam Anderson, have faithfully served in Kenya for the past five years. I have visited Kenya twice and have been challenged in different ways through both trips. This past Christmas, I was able to make my second visit to Kenya to visit my parents and see their ministry. God used this time to challenge me to consider missions for myself. During the weeks I was there, I was able to lead the men's Bible study, lead the adult Sunday School class on Sunday morning, and to lead a Kenyan young man to Christ. It was during this time that God showed me that I truly could be used in His field if I just were to make myself available for His Service. Truly, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

I need to raise about 2,000 dollars per month for my ministry in Kenya. If you would like to personally be involved in helping me meet my needs, my contact information is below. I believe that where God guides, He provides, and I am trusting Him to provide the money that I need to serve in Kenya. If you would be willing to help me to go to Kenya and assist my parents, you can send any money to our mission board, Baptist Faith Mission. They will be handling my support, and will send the support money to me each month.

I am available to come to your church on the weekends and share my vision with you. If any church in the Ohio or Michigan area is interested in me presenting this ministry to your church before September 30th, please let me know. After September 30th, I will be available full-time to come to any church that is interested. If you feel that God is leading you to support my ministry, you can contact me with the information below. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing how you will become personally involved in the wonderful work that God is doing in Kenya. Together, we can truly reach the world for Christ. God bless you.

Sincerely, Nathan Radford, 1032 Crescent NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
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Doors Opened - Prayers Answered ... First Bible Study In New Neighborhood ...



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Dear Friends,

May 2, 2001

God continues to manifest Himself and to answer prayers. Thanks for laboring with us in prayer. We hope the news we share will cause you to praise the Lord and continue to pray.

Last month I mentioned Isabelle, our former neighbor, who had moved back to Paris, and asked you to pray for her. God is answering! A couple of weeks ago I (John) was doing some yard work when Isabelle parked her automobile in front of our house and got out to speak to me. Since Judy was not home we chatted in the front yard. She updated me on all that she was now doing in Paris and mentioned that she was in Toumeffeulle to move her belongings to Paris.

She went on to mention in the hour-long conversation that she was studying at Sorbonne University (the oldest and most prestigious in France). She is earning a third degree; this time

in History. She excitedly shared what she had been studying about the Jewish Maccabean period, the split between the Orthodox and Catholic churches and the Protestant Reformation including Luther and Calvin. I invited her to return so Judy could see her.

Isabelle returned the following day to have tea with us and stayed for three hours. As Judy was showing her pictures of Abigail, she asked about our grandchild's baptism. Well, that was like saying "sic um" to me! I explained why we did not baptize children. This led into a discussion of the biblical teachings on salvation. She began to ask questions. For nearly three hours we had the opportunity to give answers. The next day as she was leaving town, Isabelle stopped by and mentioned how helpful the conversation had been. She promised to stay in touch. You might want to pause and pray for her.

Last Thursday morning we held our first evangelistic Bible Study in this neighborhood. We had planned to start earlier, but, as you well know, God had different plans for us. Four people, besides Judy and I, participated. Two of them are unsaved, one may be saved and the fourth was a girl from the church we attend in Toulouse who came to observe. We discussed the first fifteen verses of the Gospel of John and the ladies displayed great interest.

The most exciting thing is that God has worked in a marvelous way to make this encounter happen. You may remember that Ursula, who lives around the block from us, had asked about coming to a Bible Study when we first met her. She had mentioned that though she was Catholic, there was something missing in her life. She began recruiting for the Bible Study. One of her friends came with her and another, who has no religious background of any kind, suggested that Ursula check it out and let her know how it went. When Judy invited our neighbor across the street, she mentioned that Ursula had already invited her. At the end of the Bible study, Ursula asked if she could take home the Bible we had loaned her and said she wanted to buy one as soon as possible.

God's orchestration is perfect. As many of you know, our oldest daughter, Laura, is a nurse and Diabetes Educator. Ursula's youngest daughter was recently diagnosed with Type I (sometimes called infantile) Diabetes. Laura's help with information has been greatly appreciated by Ursula and has provided increased opportunity for us to be a help to her.

God continues to open doors in our work with the English speaking youth. Through a friend we were put in contact with a couple of young people who live a few blocks from us. Their father is British and mother is Brazilian. The children are now going to the meetings with us.

We are looking forward to our daughter Lydia's arrival next week. David, our third child, will soon be departing to Kyrgyzstan for a summer missionary internship. Philip and Amanda are hoping to move to France this year to serve with us. He graduates May 6 and hopes to get a job as Programming Engineer to support himself as he serves here. Their neighbor recently asked about buying their house though they had not yet placed it on the market.

Thanks, all of you who are praying for Judy's mother, Pansy Foster. Though she is under hospice care, she has regained strength. Judy and I thank God for the godly parents He gave us.

May our heavenly Father bless you richly. We are grateful for the opportunity of serving with you in His Kingdom.

Rejoicing in France,
John and Judy

Visit Churches In The Jungle Village ... Looking For Place To Build Airstrip ...



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Dear Brethren,

May 2, 2001

The work here in town is always very exciting, but much is going on out in the jungle villages that I want to tell you about. A few weeks ago I made another trip to the Foz do Breu (Peruvian border on the Jurua River). Last year we had sent up gasoline, oil and money to get the lumber sawed for our first building there. Our missionary, Brother Aesio, got the folks from the mission together and rounded up the lumber and put up the building. By the time I got there for the dedication they were already moved in to a nice, freshly painted meeting place. The services on Friday, Saturday and Sunday were attended by capacity crowds. We had an average of 75 people in all services. There were over 150 on Sunday morning. We already have over 40 Christians. Two more people were saved that weekend. They

fed the whole village that morning. Much of the meat was wild game that the villagers had killed. On my way back down river I stopped back in to visit our congregation at Thaumaturgo. The distance from Cruzeiro do Sul to Foz do Breu by air is only about 125 miles, but with all the twists and turns in the river it is over twice that. It takes me 11 hours in my boat.

Not long after the trip to the border I was back up river to visit a village that I had never been to before. This trip took me past Thaumaturgo, on up the Jurua River another half hour then into the Tejo River for 3 more hours. Since this is a small river I decided to go in my little aluminum canoe with 15HP outboard. It only took me about 12 hours. There is no wind-shield or top on this boat, so there were many hours of rain and shine. This boat is also much slower, but since I went by myself it ran pretty well. Many of our people still marvel that I take off on these long trips way back into the jungle into places that I have never been before, all by myself. I have done this from the very outset of my ministry, though, and I still enjoy it. When possible I try to take one or more of my students along as a means of accelerating their training. This trip was to a large village at the head waters of the Tejo River. The main purpose was to see how our first medical mission was coming and check on the possibility of building an airstrip. The village has almost 1000 people. It was a big surprise to see that many people that far away.

The first afternoon there I held a meeting with the main leaders of the village to see if they were willing to work with us to build the airstrip. Needless to say, they are eager. The village is very isolated, especially in the summer when there are many rapids and shallow water. After the meeting, 2 of the men went with me through hours of mud and jungle streams to try to find a location for the strip. We did not find any really great place and of the 4 that we looked at, only 1 has any real potential. We shall see.

WHY I SUPPORT THE MISSIONARIES OF B.F.M.

By Edward H. Overbey

I have been supporting B.F.M. from the beginning until now. I was 17 when I gave my first offering to B.F.M. on Sunday, December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor Day. The first issue of the Mission Sheets came out in January of 1942 and my offering was listed among the first givers to B.F.M. I have continued through the years to support the work, generally through the church of which I was a member.

Why do I support B.F.M.? Briefly I support B.F.M. because it is doctrinally sound and it is run honestly and efficiently. This was emphasized when B.F.M. began. I gave my first offering because I believed it when I was 17 and I still know this to be true.

To be more specific, I support B.F.M. because:

1. **All Money Received is Handled Honestly.** Every giver is given a private receipt and a public receipt. The public receipt is given on the third page of the Mission Sheets each month. This is not a financial report, but a public receipt. This enables all to know how much in offerings came in each month, where they came from and what must be accounted for. A private receipt alone is not enough. There is a financial report given at the Spring Conference. It is printed and given to all who want it. It is explained in a meeting at the conference. Explanations are given of all money received and expenditures made during the year. Questions are answered. Business is carried on honestly and above board.

2. **All Money is Used in a Very Efficient Way.** All expenses are kept to a minimum so that every dime possible goes to the mission field to support our missionaries. Everything done is to help the missionary have more time to do mission work. The only overhead expenses are absolutely necessary overhead expenses. Some of these are long distance phone calls for our missionaries, paper, envelopes, stamps, the Mission Sheets. These are absolutely necessary expenses for the missionary to do his work. If the missionary did all this on his own, he would have to make necessary long distance phone calls, buy more stamps, envelopes, paper, print his mission letter, mail it out, etc. to keep in contact with his supporters. The cost to him multiplied by the same number of missionaries B.F.M. has would figure out about the same amount it costs B.F.M., if they could do it as efficiently. Our overhead is necessary overhead and it is very low. If each missionary had to do this for himself, he would have less time to do his mission work.

3. **All of Our Missionaries are Sound in the Faith.** All of our missionaries stand for the whole Counsel of God. Each was sent as a Missionary on the authority of a Baptist Church. They are sound Baptists who desire to win people to Christ, baptize them, teach them to observe all things Jesus taught. They organize their converts into New Testament Baptist Churches. They not only have a desire to preach the Gospel to all and urge them to trust Christ, but they believe that God has an eternal plan and that all who do trust Christ as their Saviour were chosen by God before the foundation of the world to be saved for no reason other than the good pleasure of His will. The salvation of a soul is not an accident, but according to God's plan and God's plan is all of Grace.

All of our missionaries believe baptism is the immersion of a believer to picture what Christ has done for him and it is to be administered on the authority of a New Testament Baptist Church. They do not believe baptism saves or helps to save. They believe a New Testament church is a local and visible assembly of those who have trusted Christ as their personal Saviour and who are scripturally baptized. They do not believe the New Testament teaches an invisible universal church.

They believe Jesus started the first New Testament Church during His ministry and these kinds of churches have continued in history until now and will continue until Jesus comes again. They believe in the verbal inspiration of the Bible, the Deity of Christ, His virgin birth, His substitutionary death on the cross, His literal resurrection from the dead and His second coming in power and great glory and much more. They believe in the whole Counsel of God.

MISSIONS - A FAMILY AFFAIR

By John Hatcher

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

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

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

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

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

The services were really well attended with over 200 present. There were 4 professions of faith. Our doctors and dentists cared for over 1500 people in 4 villages on the Tejo River.

On my way back down river I stopped in at our congregation at Porto Walter to visit the mission and our man Mario. The work continues to grow steadily.

Well must stop for now. May God bless all of you. Thanks so much for all of your prayers and support. Hope to see many of you while Beverly and I are in the States.

In Christ,
Mike and Pam Creiglow

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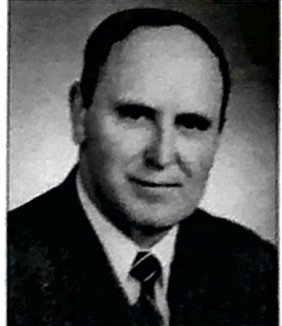
The Joe Brandons: BFM's first missionaries to Brazil.



Z. E. Clark, co-founder of BFM.



The R. P. Hallums, BFM's first missionaries to Peru.



Hafford Overbey, co-founder of BFM.

Baptist Faith Missions

Vacation time is here and usually the offerings for mission work decreases, but the work must go on. Please consider including the Lord in your vacation plans by giving a special offering to the GENERAL FUND of Baptist Faith Missions.

June Is Founders Month

Letter That Was Sent Out By Brother H. H. Overbey Along With Brother Joe Brandon's First Mission Letter in January 1942 . . .

Wheaton, Ill
January 1942

Dear Christian Young People:

Attached hereto are two general letters from Elder J. F. Brandon, Missionary in Brazil. These sheets are punched to fit two ring, or three ring note book backs. May I suggest that you start keeping these letters by filing them in notebook backs?

Sixteen (16) young people of Wheaton have begun to give to this mission work. Listed below are the offerings up to and including December 1941:

Nov. 1941			Dec. 1941		
16	Astrid Strom	\$3.00	14	Carl Vining	\$1.00
29	Stewart Northrup	1.00	14	Donald Overbey	1.00
Dec. 1941			13	John Babian	1.00
7	Donald Grollmund	1.00	14	Naomi Franz	1.00
7	Edward Overbey	1.00	14	Ruth Hughey	1.00
21	Lucile Holm	1.00	22	Frances Meyer	1.00
21	Grace Holm	1.00	Total		\$14.00

The offerings for January will be reported in the letter for February. Our goal for Missionary J. F. Brandon and his work in Brazil South America is:

1. One hundred (100) young people giving twenty-five cents (25¢) or more a week to this mission.
2. One hundred (100) young people praying definitely each day for this mission work.
3. One hundred (100) young people telling others about the mission work, and letting them read about it.
4. One hundred (100) young people so burdened to see lost Brazilians saved, that they will pray so definitely and fervently about it, that the Lord will hear and answer, that the name of Jesus may be glorified and the lives of the young people built up in Faith.

Will you pray with me? Our Father in Heaven, grant that this goal we have set may be reached, that the lost may be saved, and that it may bring honor and glory to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Now, will you be one of the one hundred? Will you help reach the goal by getting another to be one of the one hundred? Let us in our daily time of prayer, pray for the missionary and his family, the church at Cruzeiro do Sul, the church at Japyni and the native pastors of these churches. Let each of us write the missionary a letter. His address is Benton, Kentucky.

Yours in Him,
H. H. Overbey

"LITTLE THINGS" . . .

Benton, KY
Feb. 13, 1942

Dear Friends:

Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings? (Luke 12:6). Yet the price of sparrows were two for one farthing (Matt. 10:29). So we conclude that with the purchase of four sparrows, one was given free. This sparrow given extra, seemed to have no value with the vendor but it must be the ONE Jesus referred to in Luke 12:6, or may we say the fifth sparrow, so lightly esteemed by man but remembered by God. At times have we not felt that we occupied the place of the fifth sparrow? But God remembered.

"Fear not little flock" said Jesus addressing his disciples (Luke 12:32), and they were indeed little in more ways than one. They left their father, mother, wife, children, brothers and sisters, yes and had hated their own lives also (Luke 14:26) just to follow Jesus and become the castaways of men. What rest and comfort home life might offer, what happiness there might be found among loved ones, must now be forsaken for the love of another whose inspiration is mighty and far reaching, yes to the division of home ties (Heb. 4:12-13). Were not these same disciples later sent to preach the gospel to all nations? (Matt. 28:16-20)

They were little in so much as they had been deprived of a literary education. In this they were not the equal of the leaders of the Jewish religion, yet after the Lord had spoken seven important parables on the kingdom of heaven, as recorded in Matt. 13, He said unto them "Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea Lord." (Matt. 13:51). I wonder if the Jewish rabbis understood? I wonder if the intelligence of today have so thoroughly mastered the unerring word? They were little in faith (Mark 4:40). They were little in courage (Matt. 26:56). At times they were childish (Mark 9:33-37). They were little in that they would avoid sacrifice (Matt. 16:21-25).

A believer comes to the understanding of the scriptures, little by little (Isa 28:10-13). It was a little maiden who revealed the great truth of salvation in the household of Naaman (II Kings 5:2-4). And the lamb sacrificed for the wayfaring man in the parable of Nathan, was little (II Sam. 12:3). While just a little honey made the eyes of Jonathon to sparkle (I Sam. 14:29) as does the sweet meats of the Spirit enlighten the eyes of the new born babes in Christ. Despire not the small things (Zach. 4:10). For it is the little foxes that spoil the vine

(Song of Sol. 2:15). Kiss the Son while his anger is kindled but a little (Ps. 2:12). Yet a little while and He shall appear in glory (Heb. 10:37).

What is smaller in the estimation of man than an independent mission work launched by one of the Lord's servants at the back side of the desert? The work referred to lies in the foothills of the Andes mountains on the upper Jurua river in Brazil. The missionary efforts were made in this region in 1926 when the missionary went there in answer to a call of the Lord to estimate the field in view of returning with his family.

From the very first there has been great opposition, this being one of the best fortified points of the Roman Catholic church in the Amazon valley. In recent years however there has been less persecution, for some of the most influential citizens have been converted and some others have been convinced of the truth of the gospel, these indirectly becoming its defenders. There are now more than two hundred baptized believers in these parts, which go to make up the membership of two active churches. We have lost more than fifty by death and by moving away. Five recognized leaders, popular because of their spirituality and proven ability to lead the believers in the progress of truth, have been called from these bodies. Our present membership includes the most promising group of young people known to the writer. Their activities have been inspiring from the first.

The scope of the influence of these churches is far reaching. Hundreds of miles away, sympathetic friends admire the courage of those who have come out and made a stand for Christ, renouncing the religion of their fathers. Hardly a week passes but we receive invitations from remote parts of the field, calling us to visit them and to speak to them in the terms of the gospel. In times past when it has been our good fortune to sojourn among these unenlightened people, we have been amazed to see the interest manifested by them, so much that we are encouraged to extend our activities into the regions beyond, the prospects being brighter than at any other time.

The missionary has no intention of abandoning this work for it is one that the Lord began and to his knowledge the call has not yet been revoked. Our intention is for the family to remain in the States for the present and him to return and continue with the work as soon as possible. Our only ambition in life is to see the progress of this work to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Friend - as to the investment you are making with the Lord, have you figured missions in your weekly budget? If not, would you not like to consider one of the Lord's little fields, occupied by one of the Lord's little servants, who is endeavoring to walk by faith and rest only upon the comforting promises of GOD? The opportunity is yours for prayer and then to act upon as the Lord may lead and bless.

Sincerely,
J. F. Brandon
Baptist Missionary
Cruzeiro do Sul, Brazil

P.S. A letter from the mission field says that there has been thirty conversions and twenty-four baptisms recently.

WHY I SUPPORT MISSIONS THROUGH BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS

By James H. Sims

I learned about Baptist Faith Missions from Roy Mason, my pastor in Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida, over fifty years ago. The Mission Sheets were distributed monthly; the motto--"A New Testament mission work just like the Lord Jesus commissioned his churches to do"--the letters from missionaries, the photographs from the field, and the complete listing of contributors and gifts comprised to my mind a most personal and effective evidence of a Biblical mission work. Once I was informed of the sound doctrinal position of BFM and its missionaries, I knew that the Lord wanted me to support this work for the rest of my life.

I have much to make me grateful for the memory of Roy Mason. He assisted in marrying me and my precious wife in 1944, and he led his church to ordain me upon my call to a pastorate in 1947. Through his lifetime of teaching and preaching the Word of God and even beyond life, through his written expositions of the Word--he has been for me a walking seminary, education and a personal example of dedicated godliness. But in nothing was his influence greater than in leading me to seek out faithful, Biblical missionaries and to support them through a mission organization true to the Bible and accountable to God, to the churches who send out the missionaries, and to the people of God who pray and give so that others may be saved, baptized, disciplined, and organized into New Testament Baptist churches to do likewise.

From 1947 through 1954, God enabled me to lead the churches I pastored to support the missionaries of BFM; the very first mission conferences in the interest of BFM were held in my last pastorate, Temple Baptist Church (now Emmanuel Baptist Church), Evansville, Indiana. I still remember the anointed preaching there of such dear brothers as Hafford Overbey, R. P. Hallum, Harry Hille, and John R. Gilpin. Such church-sponsored mission conferences for BFM continue to the present day in several churches and in different seasons. After a critical automobile wreck involving the death of a friend and serious injury to me in December 1954, God redirected my ministry from pastoring churches to teaching English and Bible in colleges and universities. In my forty-six years of teaching, including teaching while I was a pastor, there has never been a period when Elizabeth and I have failed to pray and give for the missionaries of BFM, and we pray that God will continue to enable us to do so until Jesus returns or calls us home to be with him.