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A HISTORY OF THE WORK AT GALIA



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THE WORK OF GALIA BAPTIST CHURCH: On February 10, 1976, after working in Manaus for 20 years, Alta, Kathy and I moved to the city of Garca in the State of Sao Paulo. During those years we worked in church planting, building, education, and seminary training.

Sao Paulo is 3,000 miles south of Manaus. Upon arriving, we rented two empty bank buildings, one in Garca and the other in the city of Galia eighteen miles away. Garca had a population of 25,000 and Galia, 8,000. Soon we opened services in another city, Duartina, 32 miles from Garca with a population of 12,000.

Galia was not a friendly city. As we visited from door to door the people did not invite us in. We began bringing children to Sunday School. Few adults attended. Then we started a children's Bible Hour on Saturdays and reached an average attendance of 50.

PERSECUTION FROM THE ENEMIES: Then it happened. One Saturday it was nearly time to begin and not one child had appeared. How strange! Finally, a little boy about six years old passed by the church door where I was waiting for the children. I invited him to come in since he had attended before. He replied, "No, I am not going to this church anymore because the pastor is taking blood out of every child who enters." We began to notice a man standing at the corner on the other side of the street at the time of every service. We invited him in, but he was always just passing time. Why do you suppose he was there? He was a spy for the Catholic Church. He confronted every child that came to attend the children's hour.

In Duartina the word was spread all over the community that on the day of dedication service we were going to hang a person from one of the A-beams in our building.

There is always opposition to new work where the Truth is taught. Interesting enough, the false churches who teach a works salvation make as much effort to keep people away as the Catholic Church does. Seems like they are on the same team. The smallest church where Truth is taught is always opposed. We learned an interesting fact last week from a lady who lives in Santa Mariana in whose home we are having a weekly Bible study. About ten years ago she lived in Cornelio and was neighbor to one of the ladies of our church there. The member invited her many times and she was planning to attend when Catholic neighbors advised her not to go because John and Alta Hatcher were part of a Mafia who were sequestering and selling children. After believing the lie she had heard, she thought it unusual that we were in her home leading Bible studies each week. Her story cleared up a mystery of about five or six years. Here is what had happened.

One Sunday morning we were brusquely and aggressively approached by two men in the street when we stopped to pick up two boys. They wanted to know why we were picking them up and what we were going to do with them. The two boys had strayed away from the person who had brought them to church on a walk route and was taking them home. Since they were going in the opposite direction, we stopped to get them and take them home. We could not understand why the two men were so brutal, but, of course, they had heard of John and Alta of the Mafia.

In 1983, The Tabernacle Baptist Church in Manaus where our son, Paul, was pastor sent workers to help in mission work so we could reach other cities. They helped in Cornelio and Galia. Our main work was Garca. After about two years the workers from Manaus went to other cities.

The owner of the building we rented gave us notice that he wanted the building. God blessed and we were able to buy an old hotel located on the corner of the main avenue. The lot measured 65 feet by 130 feet. It had a large old brick house which serves as a pastor's home.

The Galia Baptist church had a young man who assumed the leadership of the work. He was crippled and was confined to a wheelchair. At this time there were several adults. It was the desire of the church to reach out. I helped them buy a small two-room wooden building in the town of Fernan Dias.

The pastor in the wheelchair had services in the two works for six years. Then he resigned.

Ten years ago the church called Gilberto Stefano as pastor. He was saved and baptized in Cornelio and had graduated from our seminary in Garca. He was a very energetic young man and soon the church was growing. He married Valeria, a lovely young lady who had attended the Galia church before she could walk. She was the first baby in the church when I was pastor of the work. She and Gilbert have two beautiful children, Lara, 6, and Philip, 9.

Gilberto had services in Fernan Dias until the dilapidated building was unusable. About two years ago he was able to make a deal to trade the lot for another in a new part of the town. The church was saving money and had enough for the foundations of a new building. Plans were drawn and Gilberto brought them to show me and asked if there were any possibility to help. I said there was.

With the help of you who have given and prayed, we did help and the result you see in these pictures. The building will seat 120 persons, has two class rooms and two bathrooms. The total amount that was given to help was \$10,434.00. The rest of the expenses were paid for by the church. The building lacks only the floor covering but is in use.

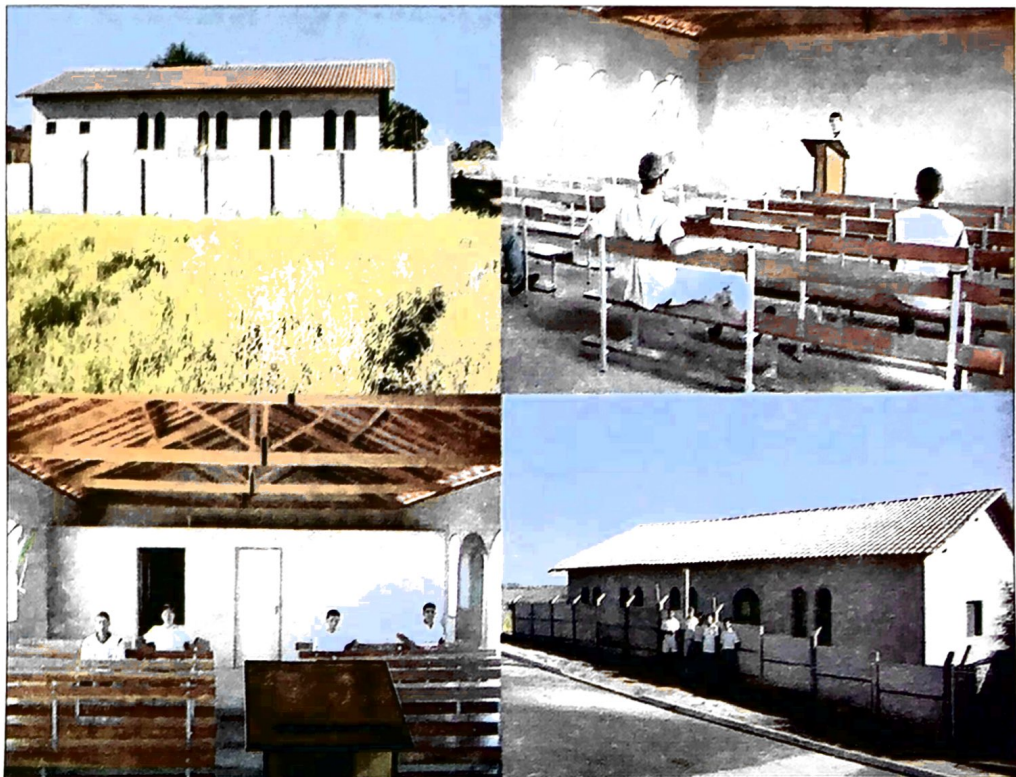
This past month Gilberto accepted the call to a church in the large city of Ourinhos, State of Sao Paulo. It has a population of 360,000. He feels he can reach more people and have a small seminary for training pastors and workers. He has done a great work in Galia, his first pastorate.

The Galia church has called a young married preacher who was saved in the Garca church years ago and whom I baptized when he was about nine. His name is Celso Domingos and his wife is Lidiana. They are expecting their fifth child. Lidiana has had two thyroid operations. Please pray for her. Celso has preached and worked in the missions of the Garca church for several years. Celso is a graduate of the Seminary in Garca and has taught some classes there.

The Galia church has a young married man who wants to pastor the work in Fernan Dias. Praise the Lord for providing pastors.

Friends, thanks for your gifts for new works. Pray for them, pray for the pastors, pray for us, praise God for His blessing, and look at the pictures carefully.

God bless you, John and Alta



New building in Galia, State of Sao Paulo. This building is the mission of the Galia Baptist Church. The lot and building are the joint effort of the Galia Church with the partial financial help of the New Work Fund; top left view shows the back view of building and wall. In this area thirty new homes will be built. Top right shows auditorium with new pews; bottom left looks from pulpit to rear where doors lead to restrooms and Sunday school class rooms; and bottom right shows the front view.

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Dear Friends and family,

August 22, 2001

We haven't dropped off the face of the earth! Since we have returned almost 6 weeks ago from Kenya, to say that we have been busy is an understatement! First of all, we had to get another computer, as our old one had so many problems. Also, it took over 3 weeks to access our e-mails from Kenya, due to problems with the server there, and us being in the States. We have been involved in 2 weddings, my niece's, and Pam's niece, worked 50 hours on doing a video of our ministry, and been in 10 churches. It has been really good to see many of our friends we haven't seen for a long time, and we have really enjoyed seeing our family members who mean so much to us. The hardest part of being a missionary is missing, and not seeing for long periods of time, those we love so much.

Our e-mail address has changed. This will be our permanent e-mail as long as we are in the States. In the mission sheet for Baptist Faith Missions, we had listed another e-mail address.

However, due to the fact that most of what we do is in Microsoft, we felt that we needed to use the Microsoft program, so our address is: anderson1838@hotmail.com. As many of you know, hotmail is part of the Microsoft program. Please disregard any other e-mail addresses. Also, we have a cell phone number: (304) 610-8538. This way, you can be sure to contact us.

God has blessed our time in the States. So far, we have had traveling mercies without major problems, and people have been very supportive of our ministry. We have enjoyed the conveniences of drinking water without boiling it first, having hot showers with good pressure, driving on smooth roads which are well marked, going through drive-thru restaurants for a quick meal, efficient phone service, church services that start on time with the people there on time for the service, etc. We could go on and on about the differences that we see here, as opposed to Kenya. Most of all, though, we appreciate the way that we have been received. The people here have been so encouraging and supportive of us, and that makes us realize anew how much that we depend on and need the prayers and encouragement of God's people to do what God has called us to do in Kenya.

Our children are doing well. Sara and Graig are continuing to do support raising for their missionary effort at the University of Michigan. They are at 70% of the financial support that is needed, so they are very happy. Sara begins teaching for her 6th year tomorrow, and she and Graig have just purchased their first home. They are glad to be making house payments instead of having to rent an apartment.

Nathan has been in a few churches with us presenting his ministry. It has been so rewarding to listen to him as he tells of what God is doing in his life as he prepares to go to Kenya. Lord willing, if he can raise his financial support, he will return at the end of January to Kenya, as we return. He is excited about the prospects of taking over our youth ministry in the public schools, and in our church, and supervising our evangelism program in Kenya. Currently, he is teaching an evangelism program at Calvary Baptist Church that he attends in Grand Rapids, so he is getting valuable experience.

We would love to hear from each of you when you have an opportunity. Please let us know how we can pray for you. We would ask you to pray for the work in Kenya, for Moses Zewedi, our assistant pastor, as he leads the flock there, for unity among the church members to follow Moses, and for God to prevent major problems while we are gone. We miss our people very much, and are praying that all will go well while we are gone. Please let us hear from you as you have time, and allow us the privilege of praying for your needs. Let's keep in touch!

Many blessings, Mike and Pam

Helping Philip and Family Settle In ... David and Lydia In Training ... Prayer Request ...



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

September 3, 2001

The Lord in many ways has blessed us during the past month. Your faithful support is a blessing for which we are daily thankful. We hope this finds you enjoying the blessings God is sending your way.

As we indicated last month, Philip, Amanda and Abigail (our son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter) have arrived to serve with us. They have been sent out of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Evansville, and Philip supports himself by working for a French company as a Software Engineer. We were just recently reviewing how the Lord had led Philip to study, through a series of detours, precisely the field that would enable him to work in France. Philip sensed the Lord's leadership to be a missionary in another country at the age of twelve. He had a burden for Europe even before we did. He has always been interested in working with the people so that he could have contacts through which to share the gospel. Just yesterday an American expatriate working here (at very good wages) asked me why Philip would take a job with the much lower French pay scale. The answer is, "He came here to be a missionary." If you work with an American firm as an expatriate, your time here is limited to three years.

Philip, Amanda and Abigail are living with us until they can get a place of their own. We have enjoyed the fellowship with them and anticipate the great help that they will be to us in the work here. It was a blessing to be able to help them in the filing of paper work, searching for a car and other matters that require knowledge of the French language. If you have never gone through these experiences unable to communicate, it is hard to appreciate how wonderful it is to be able to communicate. Perhaps, you missionaries who are reading this can recall with nostalgia those early days on the field.

Our son David detoured to see us on his way back to the U. S. A. after completing a missionary internship in Kyrgyzstan. He is a senior this year at Moody Bible Institute. He was with us for two weeks. Lydia, our youngest daughter who was with us for the summer, returned a week earlier to begin her sophomore year at Moody. Both of them are majoring in Applied Linguistics and preparing for mission work beyond. It was a blessing to have her and her help for the summer. Among other things, she cut out the bulk of our Betty Lukens giant flannelgraph figures. The pay was nil, but she seemed to enjoy her mom's cooking. It is a great blessing to see all of our children serving the Lord.

Please, join us in prayer about the following: 1. Fruitful ministry as we restart working with young people on Sunday evenings. 2. For our evangelistic Bible study with English speakers. 3. That the Lord will give a thirst to French people and direct us to them so that we can proclaim the Good News through the Word of God with them. 4. Continued improvement in our use of the French language. 5. For Philip and Amanda as they learn French and begin serving here. 6. Wisdom that the Lord gives us.

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support. We praise God for your faithful support. We praise God for your faithfulness in this.

In France for Him, John and Judy Hatcher

Visitors From U.S.A. ... New Church Organized ... Building Needs ...



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Dear Friends,

Two highlights for the month of August: first of all the visit of my Pastor, George Sledd, of the Jordan Missionary Baptist Church of Sanford, Florida, and his son-in-law, Jason Minix, a fine young Baptist preacher from Florida, and with them was Pastor Dave Parks of the Thompson Road Baptist Church of Lexington, Kentucky. These three dear brothers arrived in Peru on Friday night, August the 3rd. We went on a "whirlwind" tour of Peru for the next ten days. They got to see works in the city of Iquitos (northern jungle), Pucallpa (central jungle), Lima (the capital city on the coast), Hualar (one and half hour north of Lima), Huanuco (where we live in the Andes mountains) and Tingo Maria (foothills of the mountains entering the jungle). To top it off I took them on a boat trip out to the Ballestas Islands (out in the Pacific Ocean).

The second highlight of the month was organizing the Ebenezer Mission in Lima into the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Brothers Sledd, Parks and Minix helped in this service. We organized the work with 24 charter members. They were organized under the authority of the Jordan Missionary Baptist Church of Sanford, Florida. Jordan Baptist has sponsored the mission from the beginning. They elected Carlos Estabridis as their pastor. He has been the mission pastor from the beginning five year ago. Pray for them as they continue on in the southern part of Lima, the capital city. Lima has over nine million inhabitants, so they should never be lacking in visitation prospects! They are praying about having their own property. The work has been renting since it began. We are looking at about \$20,000 for them to buy property and build a suitable building. If anyone would like to help them with this project, then mark you offering accordingly. Please remember them in your prayers.

Building funds were down this past month (always is in the summer months), so the building projects in Hualar and here in Huanuco have temporarily stopped. Isn't it wonderful to know that our loving God does not take vacations! There are no "slow months" with HIM. We are praying that the offerings will get back up and we can finish the building here in Huanuco (\$3000.00 to finish) and get the mission work in Hualar in a suitable situation (about \$10,000.00). I had hoped to get these done before coming home on furlough the middle of October. But the Lord always knows best! If anyone would like to help with these projects there is still time.

The building project in Chasqui will be under roof by the end of September. This is the poor potato farming village in the Andes mountains about three hours from Huanuco. The work is about one year old and they average about fifty in the services. The construction there has continued due to designated funds the past two months. They have added an additional level to the building from two to three. We are calling it the Chasqui skyscraper! It is now the tallest building in the village. With mud walls about three feet thick you don't want to go too high! Three levels is the limit. But they've done a good job and the building is safe. They now need to make the windows and doors and plaster the inside and outside. Adding the extra floor has overrun the cost by about \$750.00. Again, all help is appreciated. The Lord is working all around us in Peru and it is a thrill to be a part of it.

I start another class in the Baptist Institute of Biblical Studies this coming week. I will be teaching a course on a Harmony of the Four Gospels. I'm looking forward to being with the pastor and preachers again. They come from all parts of Peru for a week of study and fellowship. On the 17th, I will be flying out to the northern jungle town of Iquitos to teach the same class out there. I have about 140 Baptist preachers and pastors enrolled in these studies. Please remember us in your prayers.

Any pastors wishing to have us come and be with your church while on furlough, should contact me by e-mail soon. We already have several conferences lined up and many of you have given me open invitations that we plan to take you up on! Anita and I love you all and pray the Lord's blessing be with you. Until next month.

Serving Jesus in Peru, Sheridan and Anita Stanton

Home Bible Studies ... Youth Camp ... Convictions Before Personal Feelings ...



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Dear Friends,

September 4, 2001

Our home Bible study ministry started a few weeks ago and has been well attended. Through it we are hoping to reach the neighbors, friends and relatives of members who wouldn't otherwise attend a regular church service. Some groups meet on Saturday night, but others will meet as best fits into the schedule of those who attend. As this ministry progresses I will keep you up to date.

The youth ministry is developing very well. This weekend we will be baptizing two young ladies who were reached by it. The leaders of the group, Sandro and Fernando, are doing a great job and are excited about how the Lord is blessing young people's lives through them. The Lord has blessed us with some very fine dedicated workers and we are thankful.

This coming Friday is Brazil's Independence Day holiday and we plan to hold a mini-retreat camp. Our campground is just that, ground, nothing else. In fact, it is not even level ground. We have to do a little terrace work in order to keep from sliding to one side of our tents. We will use the weekend to have some in-depth Bible studies and to learn to work together in loving fellowship. Charlene always prepares some fantastic meals for us and everyone looks forward to this event anxiously.

Our hearts were thrilled this month by the spiritual strength we saw in two of our new converts. A 20 year old girl was dating a guy from her job in hopes that he too would turn his life over to Christ. She took him to church services several times and we all received him warmly. Nevertheless, he developed no interest in spiritual things. The young lady made up her mind that she would not continue to date him. She remains friendly to him, but does not want to get emotionally involved with someone who doesn't seek the Lord. One of the teenage boys who helped us in the mission project to Quedas do Iguaçu last month made a similar decision. We are thankful that God enabled them to refrain from compromising themselves in these relationships. Please pray for our young people for they are tested constantly by such pressures.

We are very thankful to you all for praying faithfully for us. We see many of God's answers to your prayers and know that, without them, we wouldn't be as blessed as we are in our lives or ministries. May God be praised for His faithfulness.

In Christ's love,

Bobby, Charlene, Jessie and Brennen Wacaser

Baptist Faith Missions

AUGUST 2001 OFFERINGS

REGULAR FUND

Adkins, Elbert and Eileen, Tulsa, OK	60.00
Battle Baptist Church, Mackville, KY	30.00
Beathe, Mr. and Mrs. William, Sr.	25.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY	120.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY	170.00
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenite, NC	200.00
Berry Baptist Church, Berry, KY	216.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN	275.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	745.00
Bohon Road Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY	175.00
Bray, Darrell, Houston, TX	75.00
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV	100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	600.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	787.19
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY	175.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, WV	125.00
Central Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, TX	122.00
Charity Baptist Church, Wilsie, WV	150.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	300.00
Crestline Friend	160.00
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV	70.00
Darling, Russell & Ruth, Mount Horeb, WI	100.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	548.25
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA	250.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	207.16
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	955.42
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
Friends	100.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, OH	241.50
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	175.00
Grider Memorial Baptist Church, Glasgow, KY	100.00
Hallum, Marguerite, Hammond, LA	50.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, OH	128.00
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	3,150.00
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC	59.62
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI	300.00
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculumbia, AL	79.34
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	100.00
Kentucky Friend	25.00
King, Pastor Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL	100.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	1,126.40
Liberty Baptist Church, Mount Zion, WV	75.00
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	870.00
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	25.00
Norris, William, Richmond, KY	60.00
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 (Mathis Carpets)	1,000.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	210.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL	150.00
Texas Friends	600.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	200.00
Twenty-fourth of March Baptist Church, Brazil	200.00
Valley Drive Baptist Church, Bristol, TN	50.00
Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	10.00
Wannville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL	50.00
Watkins, Bert and Louise, Richmond, KY	55.00
Webster Memorial Baptist Church, Lakeland, FL	50.00
West Virginia Friends	86.00
Total	22,411.88

CAR FUND

Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	200.00
Total	200.00

WEST INDIES

Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Sewnauth Punallal	54.95
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	Emmanuel Jaggemuth	87.00
Total		141.95

OVERBEY FUND

Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	50.00
Total	50.00

ODALI BARROS FUND

Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA	Support	100.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed	208.00
Citizens of Jackson County Alabama	Alpha and Omega	81.00
First Baptist Church, Grayson, KY	Alpha and Omega Home	109.99
Joy Belles S.S. Class, Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	A-O Home	50.00
Lamb, Linda, Brookville, PA	Alpha and Omega Home	2.00
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	A-O Home	331.00
Ohio Friends	Alpha and Omega Home	50.00
Pine Set Baptist Church, South Pittsburg, TN	Salary	35.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Children's Home	75.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Property Purchase	1,000.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH		50.00
Tenney, James and Patsy, Ocoee, FL	Salary	65.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Alpha and Omega	130.00
W. K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal	50.00
Total		2,336.99

HAROLD BRATCHER FUND

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary	266.67
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed	100.00
Bratcher, Debra, Mesquite, TX	Salary	60.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Poverty Relief	100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY	Personal	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	250.00
Gill, Hazel, Lancaster, KY	Salary	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work	50.00
Grooms, John and Jamiann, Portsmouth, OH	Personal	358.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	Salary	200.00

Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Personal	24.17
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		1,818.84

HENSELY FUND

Adams, David and Becky, Mount Washington, KY	Personal	500.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary	625.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal	275.00
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV	Alpha & Omega	247.68
Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA	Salary	91.67
Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA	Alpha & Omega	62.50
Central Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, TX		81.00
Edwards, Wilgus and Maria, Booneville, KY	Salary	10.00
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal	525.00
Hilltop Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY	Personal	50.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, KY	School	25.00
L. M. P.	Personal	50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	A-O Home	58.00
Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY	Personal	30.00
South Carolina Friend	Alpha-Omega Home	50.00
W. K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal	50.00
Total		2,757.85

MIKE CREIGLOW FUND

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed	200.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN	Salary	25.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	Food Pantry	207.16
Grace Baptist Church, Columbia, TN	Personal	100.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work	50.00
Total		582.16

DRAPER FUND

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed	250.00
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	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work	50.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Letter Gap, WV	New Works	2,100.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	Salary	200.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	New Work	60.00
Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY		100.00
Total		3,014.00

JOHN HATCHER FUND

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed	120.00
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN	Salary	65.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL		25.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	Personal	70.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	Salary	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work	50.00
Meadow Bridge Baptist Church, Meadow Bridge, WV	Salary	100.00
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	As Needed	100.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Brazilian Preachers	50.00
Sims, James & Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS	New Work	25.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	Maria	25.00
Wood, Nerec, Columbia, SC	As Needed	150.00
Total		830.00

PAUL HATCHER FUND

Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL	Seminary	60.00
Allbritton, Tommy and Barbara, Scott Depot, WV	Seminary	30.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN	Salary	25.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	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
Total		295.00

STANTON FUND

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary	416.67
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal	100.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed	200.00
Burroughs, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Bristol, TN	Carlos Fund	100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH	Salary	90.00
Cooper, Michael and Beverly, Lexington, KY	Carlos Azena	10.00
Durrum, Anthony & Linda, Winter Springs, FL	Personal	100.00
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA	Personal	250.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	As Needed	207.16
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal	500.00
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY	Salary	50.00
Ohio Friends	Children's 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
W. K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal	50.00
Total		2,273.83

WACASER FUND

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed	150.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Piqua, OH	Salary	35.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Brinson, GA	Salary	50.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	Salary	50.00
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	Salary	100.00
Total		385.00

MISCELLANEOUS

I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC	Administrative Costs	6.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	Nathan Radford	100.00
Total		106.00

HOME MISSIONS

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	Reinhardt	58.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	Building	90.00
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY	Reinhardt	50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Reinhardt	54.95
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		467.95

IN MEMORIAM FUND

Lessley, Jim and Becky, Alma, AR	Ruth Overbey Darling	100.00
Matthews Memorial Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL	George Bean	50.00
Memorial Baptist Church, Verona, WI	Ruth Darling	1,100.00
Overbey, Dale & Doris, Van Buren, AR	Ruth Overbey Darling, 1931-2001	125.00
Total		1,375.00

MIKE ANDERSON FUND

Allbritton, Tommy and Barbara, Scott Depot, WV		30.00
Bible Baptist Church, Durham, NC		85.00
Bluegrass Baptist School (The Eagle's Nest), Lexington, KY	Nathan Radford	50.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	Special Project	100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV (Youth Group)		20.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Building	200.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV	Personal	128.00
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV	Salary	100.00
Faith Baptist Church, St. Albans, WV		50.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Vienna, WV		55.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	Salary	50.00
Goodsprings Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL (VBS)	As Needed	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Surgonsville, TN	Salary	50.00
Grimes, Jack and Margaret, New Haven, WV	Salary	20.00
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
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
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN		50.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN	Personal	28.00
Smith, Theodore and Evelyn, Charleston, WV	As Needed	65.00
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV	As Needed	100.00
Wade, Dr. & Mrs. James, Abingdon, VA	Personal	100.00
Walnut Hills Baptist Church, Huntington, WV	Salary	40.00
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV	Support	100.00
Yanak, Albert and Ruby, Saint Albans, WV	Salary	10.00
Total		2,326.00

JOHN M. HATCHER FUND

Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Salary	50.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	Personal	706.97
First Baptist Church, Grayson, KY	Personal	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Coffeen, IL	Where Needed	66.21
Illinois Friends	As Needed	1,500.00
King, Pastor Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL	Personal	20.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI		25.00
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	Salary	100.00
Mundy, Mr. & Mrs. Billie, Godfrey, IL	Salary	15.00
W. K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal	50.00
Total		2,558.18

TOTAL - ALL FUNDS **43,930.63**

Preaching, Marrying, Burying ... Report On Health ...

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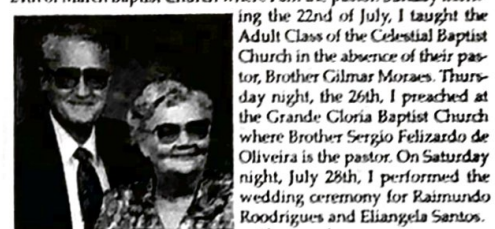
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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Savior:

Aug. 16, 2001

During this Mission Sheet month (July 5th to August 9th), I preached a total of 15 sermons. The first sermon was a funeral message in a home. Dona Isabel do Nascimento, in her 90's, was a faithful member of the Communion Baptist Church where Asa Mark Bratcher is the pastor. Twelve of the sermons were delivered at the 24th of March Baptist Church where I am the pastor. Sunday morning



the 22nd of July, I taught the Adult Class of the Celestial Baptist Church in the absence of their pastor, Brother Gilmar Moraes. Thursday night, the 26th, I preached at the Grande Gloria Baptist Church where Brother Sergio Felizardo de Oliveira is the pastor. On Saturday night, July 28th, I performed the wedding ceremony for Raimundo Roodrigues and Eliangela Santos.

I have nothing new to report concerning my health. I hope to see my heart doctor next week. It is real hot and dry here now. The rains are few and far between. These last weeks I have suffered with shortness of breath. I am convinced that the hot, dry weather has made my shortness of breath even worse. The thermometer on our porch always registers at least 90 degrees in the afternoon. At least we escaped the bad, cold weather that you folks went through this past winter. There is always something to give thanks to God for, as First Thessalonians 5:18 attests.

We appreciate your prayers and offerings. May the Lord bless you each one is our prayer.

In His service, Harold and Marie Bratcher

Many Opportunities ...

Souls Saved ...

Lives Changed ...

Dearest Brothers and Sisters, August 7, 2001

Oh! Greetings from Garca. Como vai com voces? Tudo bom? How's everything going? Oh, wait, sorry about that. We've had so many mission groups come through that I'm forgetting if I should be speaking English or Portuguese!!! Seriously though, it has been such a blessing these past few months to be able to work with the different Americans who have been through our doors.

This summer we've received a fresh coat of paint, various needed repairs, and countless opportunities to share the love of God to people throughout our region. These mission groups have made that possible. Through the different ministry teams, including drama, song, puppets, gymnastics, and testimonies, the message of the Gospel spread to listening ears and many received Christ as a result. One group did a Vacation Bible School for the children that attracted kids from a new housing development that is right down the street from the home. Many came throughout the week some accepted Christ, and several have been attending church as a result. This is such a blessing!

Not only was there ministry to those outside the home, there was ministry happening inside as well. There aren't words to describe the effect that having these teams here has on the children. There is such a love shared that goes beyond any language barrier or age difference or cultural normality. Anyone who has been here knows that the blessing goes both ways. As much as everyone is a blessing to our ministry here, there is also an equally great blessing that comes from seeing the kids, and seeing how God is alive and at work in their lives. Every time, when a group had to leave, there were always tears shed and hugs shared.

Things are finally starting to calm down again after the rush of the summer. School has started again, and life goes on. We've received a couple new children the past couple weeks. Last Sunday there were three baptized during the church service, all teenagers who have come to the home since this May. This is the greatest blessing—seeing kids who's lives were hopeless, without meaning and direction who now have found the only One who gives true purpose and guidance. Just to know that eternity has been changed, and these kids' lives will never be the same is all the reason I need to go on, and it helps put everything into perspective when things get rushed, or irritating, or when problems arise. No matter what distractions the enemy tries to put in front of us here, in the end it is always God who wins as He shows us His continuing grace and faithfulness in our lives.

Love, Odali, Kathy, and the children

Moving To Jacarei . . . Blessings From Heaven . . .



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Dear Friends,

August 27, 2001

I am writing this letter as Aj is in the Amazon jungle with a group of men from Winchester, Kentucky and Virginia Beach, Virginia. You might ask, "Why would a missionary go on a trip to the jungle in the country where he is serving as a missionary?" Well, how does a missionary get his batteries charged? By helping others! This group of men went to help some missionaries who minister to the Brazilian Indians.

Now that I have gotten the explanation of why I am writing this letter out of the way, I can get into all that I have to tell you.

As lots of you have already heard Aj and I are following God into another area of service. On July 5th we followed a moving van filled with all our worldly goods out the front gates of the Alpha and Omega Children's Home headed to another city called Jacarei. Following God is a scary proposition and believe me I was scared, sad, and lonely on that day. We were leaving our home of 4 years, our family of 17 boys, all our friends, and our church. My heart was full of a mixture of things: joy in being able to serve God but broken because I was leaving my children; excited about a new work but scared because we have never done this without Odali and Kathy; looking forward to what God will do in Jacarei but looking back towards what I will be missing. I explained this to a friend as how a baby bird must feel when his mother tells him he is going to fly. Looking out of that comfortable nest to see how far it is to the ground but hearing his mother say, "If you falter I'll be there to catch you on my wings. I can tell you that I know that feeling, but I can also tell you that my Heavenly Father is much more than that mother bird, though He sometimes has to push us out of our comfort zone. He accompanies us each step of the way to protect and even at times to carry us when we falter.

So here we went, seven hours away from the comfort zone we had made at Alpha and Omega to start a new orphanage. We will be working with Russell Thomas and Diane Dean in Jacarei, Sao Paulo. The name of our new Children's Home will be Haven of Hope. We found the farm that we want to purchase for the Haven of Hope. It is a 48-acre farm with 4 houses, three horses, and many happy hours to come. The asking price for this piece of land was \$200,000. We gave a counter offer of \$200,000, and they refused our offer. So we began the search for another perfect piece of property. When we began the search I guess the owner of the first piece of property heard what we were doing, and he came back and accepted our offer but in the meantime the exchange rate had changed and God had given us the farm for \$192,000. As Aj would say, isn't God AWESOME!!! We signed the contract to purchase, gave a down payment, and now have 30 days to check the records and see if there are any outstanding debts on the property. If not, we will be able to take possession on September 24th. Now all is well and good. You say, but where do two missionary couples get \$192,000 dollars? Good question!!! For some time now God has been laying on the hearts of many dear people here in the States the need, and they are giving. So keep listening to what God is saying to you about Haven of Hope and follow His leading.

All this has happened in the short period of 2 months and we have received all the purchase price except \$55,000 dollars. Praise God!!! What looked like an insurmountable problem, the land, and an unattainable amount \$192,000, the purchase price, God has shown once again that nothing is impossible for him.

I have another blessing to tell you all about. The container that so many of you helped us fill with your generous gifts and with your unending energy will be released to us by the end of September. Odali went to Santos where the container was stored and found out that the person we had hired to process all the paperwork and take care of everything for us had



Future home of the Haven of Hope Children's Home.

done NOTHING. If Odali had not gone when he did, the contents would have been sold as abandoned goods at auction the following week. So the paperwork is now being processed and the supervisor will try to get a reduced rate for the storage bill for the 5 months that it has been in storage. So we are rejoicing that by the end of the month the things in the container will be in the possession of their rightful owners.

I could go on and on praising our Lord and Savior but you are going to think women never hush. So I'll close by saying, thanks for your constant prayers. Please continue as we will need them even more now. Thanks for your contributions. Those also will be needed more than ever. And thanks for supporting Baptist Faith Missions because without them we would not have been able to have followed the calling of God to come to Brazil.

Ever His, Barbara Hensley

Busy Preaching and Building . . . Sister Draper Has Surgery . . . Need Building Funds . . .



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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

August 28, 2001

Greetings once again from Brazil! Our month has been full as usual. We preached four or five times a week as well as the usual visiting. Our building construction is still going full steam. We hope to finish the building in Jardim Fortaleza, Sta. Laura by the end of October. The Hardman Fork Baptist Church and the family of Brother Gene Stalnaker have helped a great deal to make all of this possible. Also Grace Baptist Church in Warren, Michigan and the Grace Baptist Church in Holly, Michigan, gave for the purchase of the two lots on which the two new church buildings have been built. Others of you have also given that we may continue on with the work here. I know I am leaving someone out when I start mentioning names.

Bad News - Good News . . . Expand TV Ministry . . . Need Help From You . . .



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Dear Brethren,

August 24, 2001

The news from Cruzeiro do Sul starts out sounding really bad, but is really very good. Back in May, First Baptist Church lost 10% of her membership within one week. We had been up to almost 900 members, but we lost 98 members in one short week. I know that sounds bad, but I just can't seem to feel bad about it. Now you are thinking, "They must have had a split and he is glad to get rid of the members who left." No, actually it was not easy to let them go. Well, enough of the suspense thing.

We organized two new churches.

As many of you know, our preachers scatter all over the countryside every weekend to preach the gospel. This has been going on for many years. Some of these missions have been very slow. Santa Rosa and Pe da Terra were this way. Five of our men stayed with it for long lean years, but their work and faithfulness has paid off. The team has now split into five new teams in that many villages.

The church at Pe da Terra was organized with 40 members. They selected Brother Juscelino as their pastor. He was one of the original team members. Pastor Joao Vicente (one of the pastors of First Baptist) preached the charge to the new church.

The church at Santa Rosa was organized with 56 charter members. They called Brother



Organization of Santa Rosa. Turning right is Pastor Robinson.

Robinson to be their pastor. He too is one of our team members. I preached at that service and presided the business end at both locations.

Both services were well attended with full buildings and many people standing outside. Santa Rosa already has a mission point down the road at Sao Pedro and Pe da Terra has a mission going at Santo Antonio. These were both started by our team, but are being cared for now by the new churches.

Rev and I are now in the States on furlough. We have been staying out of sight and you haven't heard much from us. We have been visiting a few churches, though, and have been having a great time.

Before I close I need to get you in on one of our really great projects. Just a couple of months before our trip to the States I was able to get airtime on another TV station. This network has a national policy of NO programs with religious content. The local station manager "somehow" got permission from the bosses in Sao Paulo to put on our program. We now have our programming (which my helpers and I produce in our own studio) on 2 channels 4 times a week. The programs are one half hour each. I am able to preach the gospel to 100,000 people with no restrictions! Since July last year I have been replacing the old and, for the most part, broken down equipment. The broadcasts only cost about \$400.00 a month. The equipment is pretty expensive though. We still have a long way to go to have the studio back up to par. This is not professional equipment, just good amateur stuff. By the time we replace the essential items it will cost almost \$14,000.00. It is worth it though. All of those merchants and politicians who would never come to our church or open the doors to their homes, are watching. There are also a good number of priests and nuns that watch regularly. The feedback has been really encouraging. Sometimes they like what they hear. Other times they are infuriated. They are hearing the truth. Would you help us keep the programs on the air? You can help by sending in regular monthly gifts designated for this ministry. A good, one time offering to purchase the equipment would be great, too. I don't call on you often. The last time was 3 years ago when I replaced my boat and motor. Now I need you again. Pray and consider.

Thanks for all your prayers and support. God bless.

In Christ

Mike Creighton

Please don't feel slighted. The Lord sees what you do and holds me accountable for how I use the available funds. We have been able to do more than we had thought we could with the funds available. We also helped the Altos do Corpo Church put a floor in their outdoor building and helped the Chacara dos Pinheiros Church build a new open building for their expansion program. For 12 months now we have been in this building program without let up. I am getting tired and hoping for a brief rest from it. We praise the Lord for all that has been accomplished. We thank all of you for your prayers and help.

Ursula just had her 4th surgery in the past two years. She had two lumps removed from her breast. They were not malignant and she has recovered rapidly. Michelle is in school and is staying busy. All of our churches are faithful and are preaching the word. Some souls are being saved. We have 6 awaiting baptism.

We could use more help in our new work funds. If you feel led to help it would make it possible for us to help the Chacara dos Pinheiros Church do more on their new building after we finish the building in Jardim Fortaleza.

May God bless all of you.

In Him, Harold Draper Family

DON'T FORGET THE WORK HORSE FUND

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