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FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE

The forty-seventh annual Thanksgiving Conference in the interest of Baptist Faith Missions will be November 19th-21st at the New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, Michigan. Services begin with supper in the church fellowship hall at 5:00 p.m. and ends with dinner on Wednesday. This will give everyone time to get home for Thanksgiving with their families. We encourage all who can to attend. Churches are encouraged to pay their pastor's expenses to the conference. For more information call Pastor Marvin Summers, (313) 562-5579.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

Monday Evening, November 19

5:00 Supper
6:45 Music
7:15 Message, Millard Mitchell
Hurricane, WV
8:25 Message, Mike Anderson
Missionary to Kenya

Tuesday Morning, November 20

9:15 Music
9:45 Message, Steve Wainright
Lexington, KY
10:25 Music
10:30 Message, Emmanuel Jaggerauth
U.S. Virgin Islands
11:10 Break
11:20 Bobby Creiglow, Field Representative, BFM

Tuesday Evening, November 20

6:30 Music
7:15 Message, David Pitman
Addiston, OH
8:00 Music
8:30 Message, Greg Waltermire
Lexington, KY

Wednesday Morning, November 21

9:45 Music
10:15 Message, Sheridan Stanton
Missionary to Peru
11:00 Music
11:15 Message, Cecil Fayard
Elliott, MS

Busy In The Lord's Vineyard . . .

No More Tears . . .

Kathy Writes . . .



Odali and Kathy Barros

Hi brothers and sisters!

We are your brothers that are called "Nuns' ears".... you know why? Because you know they exist, but you never see them! I'm anxious to see what my picture will look like in the mission sheet. I guess if I sent them a picture, they would put it in, wouldn't they? Since you've received the last letter, many things have happened. It would be hard to mention everything, but we'll share a few things with you.

For a long time I have wanted to visit the poor areas of Brazil. This month I did exactly what I've been wanting to. We were able to collect donations...three tons of food and clothes. Ten other people and I made the trip. Included in this group are very special people. One was my daughter Amelia, a pastor friend of ours who is seventy-three years old, Carol, a teenager from our church who is very dedicated to the Lord, and Pastor Viana who is a great friend.

We all engaged in a ten-day long trip, and it took four days just to get to where we were going. Along the way, we stopped many places where we saw children along the side of the road asking for things. We gave them food and clothes. Maybe you can't understand how much this means to them, because I couldn't either. However, their screams of joy as they received broken toys and the tears of happiness that streamed down the faces of mothers receiving food as they clutched their naked and starving babies in their arms spoke loudly. This touched us profoundly. Along with the food and clothes, we gave a Bible and a pamphlet. Many times we saw people from our group crying. My daughter came up to me one time and said, "Dad, I don't have any more tears." And I told her, "The good thing about this is you don't have to cry any more."

All the food that we ate was prepared on the bus. We didn't have money to be able to stop at restaurants to eat. Maybe you're thinking, "Poor people!" No. Thank God that we didn't have any money to stop at restaurants! This way we could share our own food with other people. One of the places we stopped at to prepare our food, we found a man that was sleeping on the cold ground. We woke him up and asked him if he wanted some food. He ate as if it had been days since he had seen food. He had been travelling on his bike for seven



Some of the people Odali writes about lined up to receive donations.

days. He would travel an average of eighty kilometers a day. He lacked five hundred kilometers to arrive back at the city where his family lived. I asked him if he had any money to buy food. He only had one Real (the unit of Brazilian currency), which is less than fifty cents. We gave him some money and a Bible. We did not take him with us because he was going in the opposite direction. He told us he would read the Bible and asked us if we were Christians. He told us that when he got back to his city that he would want to go to a Christian church. But the only kind of church that there is in his town is a Universal Church which has Charismatic doctrine. I told him to read his Bible and go to that church. But I think what my wife said as I told her this story is the best answer. "Let's go there and start a Baptist church! That way he can go to the right church." We're going to pray about it, and we want you to pray about it too. After all, we are partners in this work.

Here at Alpha and Omega, thanks to God, we've seen many blessings lately. We want to thank all of those who have prayed and helped us financially. Amongst many of the blessings that we have had, I want Kathy to share with you one of the things that happened this month. Since our work here is done as a family, each month Kathy will be sharing something from her heart. Speaking of Kathy, please pray for our daughter Kathy Lee who is in the States going to college. It was a great loss for us, because she was a great helper. If you would like to talk to her or encourage her, this is her phone number: (502) 897-4644. We would like to have her here with us, but like the birds grow up and fly away from the nest, so the same is with our daughter. But I know that one day she will fly back. Tilly, love you.

Kathy Writes . . .

It's a good thing that God doesn't see like man does. Man sees the exterior, and God sees our heart. So many times it's easy for us to judge people by how they act, and we really don't know what's inside their heart. A few days ago, one of the girls who lives with us whose name is Taila changed from water to wine. She was doing really well, and all of a sudden started having a really sour and difficult attitude. I was trying to figure out what she was doing, if she was just trying to be rebellious. Things got pretty tough, and then she got mad at one of our sons who is two years old and smacked him. I was pretty upset, so I sent her to her bedroom. While she was in her bedroom, mad at me and cussing me out, one of the girls told her that she shouldn't be that way, that she shouldn't be mad at me.

I kind of gave her the cold shoulder, trying to figure out what was really wrong with her. The next day, late in the evening, she asked if she could talk to me, and I said sure, come on in. I called her into the living room area behind our bedroom. She started talking and said, "You know Mom, I really don't know what's wrong with me. I've been thinking about leaving, been thinking about my past a whole lot. I've been thinking about my dad too (who is dead). When I was about three years old, he tried to drown me, and that makes me mad. Then I remember how much my little brother suffered as he ate mayonnaise off the floor from the jar that had fallen and broken on the floor. He loved mayonnaise so much, he ate it even with broken glass and all, and he was too young to realize it was cutting his mouth and as a result, he tore up all of his intestines. As a result he had to have many surgeries. I haven't seen him for many years. Sometimes I don't think I will be anybody in this life. I told her that these weren't thoughts that came from God, that only the enemy is the one who wants to remind us of the past so we can't see the future that God has prepared for us. I asked God that my prayer will always be to let me see things with His eyes, not with my own. --Kathy

Here at the church we are starting to do remodeling in our mission points; in the building of Santa Teresa and in the building of Julius Mesquita. The Lord willing, by the end of the year we will be sending out three more of our members as full-time ministers.

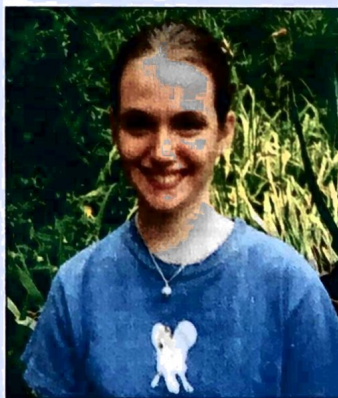
May God bless all of you richly,

Odali and Kathy Barros

THE H. H. OVERBEY FUND . . .

The H. H. Overbey Fund is used to help missionary children with their college education. Lydia Hatcher, daughter of John Mark and Judy Hatcher, is the first to apply and receive help from this fund. She will attend Moody Bible Institute, majoring in linguistics. She hopes to do mission work in India.

You can help other missionary children with their college education by giving to the H. H. Overbey Fund.



Lydia Hatcher

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Enough To Make A Baptist Shout . . .



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Dear Brethren,

August 25, 2001

Every time someone gets saved there is a celebration in heaven. Do you think that some are more celebrated than others? Probably not. Here on earth, though, we know that some celebrations are greater than others.

When you have witnessed to a person for over 30 years and that person finally trusts Christ, then you know that the celebration is going to be greater than usual.

A few days ago we got an e-mail that made me jump, shout and cry. Let me tell you about the salvation of Amarino Salles.

In 1967 I had just been preaching for a year, was in seminary and still a very young, single missionary. During my breaks from school I made mission trips up the Jurua and Moa Rivers.

These trips were long and I was usually all by myself for as much as 30 days in places that I had never been.

During one of these trips I stopped on a Sunday morning at a large village at the mouth of the Grajau River. I went house to house asking for a place to hold services, but nobody in this extremely Roman Catholic town was courageous enough to even grant me their front yard. I returned to my boat, knocked off the dust and never resumed. This was the only place that I have ever done that sort of thing.

Amarino Salles was the main rubber "lord" at that village. Later when the rubber industry declined, he moved his big family (all boys) to town. They bought a house right across the street from my shop.

In between my visit to Grajau and his move to town, I was away finishing Bible college and marrying Beverly.

Every week while I would be getting my boat ready for the next river trip, Amarino's boys would be over at the shop. They were fascinated with the boats and motors. I got to witness to the boys regularly. One day Amarino came over. We sat and talked and I explained what I do. He asked why I never went to Grajau. I then told him the story of my only stop there. Instantly he said, "Well, you should have come to my house. I would have given you a place to preach." Before the silence could get too deafening, one of the boys came to the rescue with, "He did, Dad. I remember." It was an embarrassing moment, but it opened the door for me to tell him about Christ's sacrifice for him. After that, I continued to witness to him regularly, but he just could not understand.

When his wife got cancer and eventually died, I was there. When his boys got out of line, I was there.

Later he had multiple bypass surgery. Then he remarried. The lady he married has a little girl, Tamiris. They put her in our school. One of her teachers is my daughter Crissy. Tamiris wanted to go to "Professora Cristina's" church. Her mom and Amarino started bringing her on Sunday nights. Tamiris was saved shortly after.

Amarino had been to our services several other times through the years and now was coming almost every Sunday. He would tell people how much he really liked our church and would add, "I only like to go when Pastor Miguel is preaching because he makes it so plain and easy to understand." He made this statement to many people even in my presence. More than once I had to rebuke him. My thoughts were always, "If it is so plain, why don't you understand?" You know the answer to that one.

While helping out in VBS at Richland Baptist Church, word came in from Brazil that Amarino Salles finally trusted Christ. The description of the celebration that night at First Baptist Church made me wish that I had been there. On the other hand, it was so good that Amarino's "favorite preacher" was not there when the Holy Spirit opened his eyes.

He wrote me a long letter describing his salvation. I wish I could share that with you, too. He even asked my forgiveness for his years of hard-heartedness.

We serve a great and obviously sovereign God who gives us great victories. He does require that we be faithful and patient!

Well, I must close. Please don't forget our needs for the TV broadcast equipment. Be faithful and patient, it will bring victory. May God bless all of you.

In Christ, Mike Creiglow

Man Killed By Drug Dealers . . . Doors Opened For The Gospel . . . Looking At Place To Start New Work . . .



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Dear Friends,

October 2, 2001

The rainy weather caused us to make some changes in our scheduled mini-retreat. Instead of going camping we had a group of 24 folks over to our house for an all-day fellowship. God has blessed us by putting us in a location within walking distance from a park with a soccer field, volleyball court, playground and nature trails. Our church members brought some of their unsaved friends and we had opportunities to witness to them.

I got a phone call on Saturday morning from Guilherme, one of the teens who worked with us on our recent mission trip to the interior. One of his older brothers was shot to death by some drug dealers. Guilherme and he lived and worked together and were very close. His brother, Wilson, probably wasn't saved. I was asked to perform his funeral and it was a very difficult situation. A positive result from this terrible event is that Guilherme's family is seeking the Lord now. Guilherme has been an excellent witness to his family since he came to know the Lord nearly a year ago. We are ministering to his family in this tough time and pray that many of them will surrender to Christ as a result.

The Lord has provided us with a marvelous opportunity to witness among a group that we have usually found inaccessible. The upper middle class in Curitiba has been negatively biased toward true Christianity because of bizarre practices of several pseudo-Christian groups in our area. Christianity is associated with hyper legalism, an extremely low educational level, and exotic worship behavior. Our difficulty has been to get an opportunity for them to see genuine Christianity in a rational setting. Recently I was asked to aid an English teacher with the executives of the public electrical company. We have meetings during their lunch break on Fridays, and I have been given total liberty to speak on any subject that I choose. We have also scheduled some outings with these folks so that we may spend more time together. We are even discussing a possible camping trip with them. None of them are Christians, and it will be a marvelous opportunity for us to share the gospel with our words and actions. Pray that God would use this great opening that He has given us for their salvation and for His praise.

We are in the preparation stage of a church plant in a new neighborhood. The population is over 30,000 and there are no Baptist churches there. We have been equipping those leaders who will be preaching, teaching and discipling. All of the residents have moved there within the last two years. We have found that folks who recently have been through major changes in their lives are much more open to the gospel message than those who have well established lives. It appears that the unsettled human heart is seeking something to give stability, and we believe that God is giving us this opportunity to supply that yearning with the message of Christ's love before they find some poor substitute in false religions or useless activities. Pray that God will prepare receptive hearts for the gospel.

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

Investing In Souls For An Eternity . . . Report On Alta's Health . . .



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Dear Friends,

September 24, 2001

Monday morning; sun is shining; all is well for God is on His throne.

How people can face life without knowing Christ is beyond my imagination; how God's people can invest their lives and money in earthly endeavors and material challenges without the least thought of responsibility to reach the lost with the Gospel is, also, beyond my imagination. How can they sleep at night knowing millions are going to hell without having heard of the Saviour. "He is a fool who saves what he cannot keep." All the investments in earthly things will blow and go in a moment. Remember the trade center towers! Not just to hunt terrorists, but to remember the need for being faithful to our Lord in spreading the Gospel for in an hour that you think not!!!

Conference in Marilia - On September 6 through 9, I preached in Marilia at the Faith Baptist Church which is a work out of the Central Baptist Church in Garca. Many attended and nightly attendances ranged from 45-80. Special music was presented by the young people and by the adult choir of the Garca church.

Seminary in Session - Seminary classes two nights a week and preparation keep me a little busier. Fourteen adults are enrolled. (Read the article: TO BE A MOTHER, written by one of the students.)

Alta's Health - Alta is in good health as far as sicknesses are concerned. Her problem is pinched nerves which incur great pain and immobility when they attack. However, she is about 85% improved and is showing improvement each day. Four days this month she was able to go visiting. We praise the Lord for His goodness and we thank each of you who have prayed for her. Many have written and sent e-mail assuring her of your prayers. Ricardo Fujikawa, doctor and chiropractor, came on business to Brazil in August. He made special plans in his trip to come and treat Alta. He is coming to Brazil again in October and has advised he is coming again to treat Alta. God bless you Ricardo! Ricardo was saved and baptized in Garca when he was nine years old.

Christian development - The development of men and women who trust Jesus as Savior is one of the biggest thrills of being a missionary. Josie Mara Liaschi wrote the article TO BE A MOTHER as an assignment in my seminary class. Josie was led to the Lord by her husband, Lucas, before marriage. She is a dynamic Christian. She has been a blessing to her husband, who leads the youth ministry in Cornelio Procopio. She is 21 and they have two beautiful girls. Josie has been the instrument used of God to bring her two sisters and mother to know Jesus as Saviour. Josie and her sisters, Solange and Rosangela, and her mother, Angelina, are students in the Seminary. They are dividends of those who invest in Christ's work. Do not miss reading Josie's thrilling article about motherhood.

Because of Him, John and Alta Hatcher

TO BE A MOTHER

It was an ordinary day of the week; I went to the doctor. I had made some tests and had to take the results to him. I felt indisposed but did not imagine the surprise that was coming. Looking at the result of the sonogram, the doctor gave the news; "You are going to have a baby."

I went home and could not wait to tell the news to everyone. I was specially anxious to tell my husband, Lucas. That news changed my life completely. I could not think about another thing. My thoughts were flying and a thousand things passed through my mind. I felt strange; another person was living in my body. I had the feeling that someone was with me; someone that was hearing me and who was feeling me; and there was.

Lucas was thrilled to hear the news and we rejoiced together.

When I completed three months and a half of pregnancy, I felt the baby move. I made a scandal of joy and called Lucas to rejoice with me. It was an inexplicable joy! Marvelous! Each day that passed I learned something new about the baby who was a girl. Her birth was a great thrill; in the midst of pain there was an inexplicable happiness. In hearing her cry and seeing her beautiful face, it would be impossible to say that God does not exist. The most unbelievable thing was she recognized my voice and stopped crying. She reacted to each little song or chorus that I had sung for her when she was still in my womb. God has blessed me and I have had this privilege two times. We have two daughters who are gifts from Heaven: Julie and Ana Laura.

I feel the responsibility of being a mother more each day that passes, realizing that two lives are in my hands. They are like two precious stones that must be polished and perfected, taught and trained by me.

With the Master Tool, the Bible, I have tried my best to do well the task God has given me to do; be a mother.

Josie Mara Liaschi

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REGULAR FUND

Adkins, Elbert and Eileen, 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	200.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY	125.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY	106.00
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenite, NC	200.00
Bethal Baptist Church, Williams, IN	189.77
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN	275.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	458.00
Bohon Road Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY	175.00
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV	100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	1,200.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	599.65
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY	175.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarburg, WV	125.00
Central Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, TX	88.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	300.00
Crestline Friend	200.00
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Cassaway, WV	70.00
Darling, Russell & Ruth, Mount Horeb, WI	100.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	499.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Niles, IL	420.00
Elgin Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL	541.22
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA	250.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	212.78
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Centerville, OH	471.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	665.03
Faith Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY	245.00
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO	100.00
Faith Baptist Church, Leighton, AL	150.00
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	75.00
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	175.00
Grimes, Jack and Margaret, Evans, WV	15.00
Hallum, Marguerite, Hammond, LA	50.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, OH	108.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Letter Gap, WV	300.00
Hardy, Ola, Guntown, MS	Where Needed 50.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Marengo, OH	25.00
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	3,175.00
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC	35.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI	300.00
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculumbia, AL	94.66
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	100.00
King, Pastor Doug & Romona, Arcadia, FL	100.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	921.90
Liberty Baptist Church, Mount Zion, WV	75.00
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH	50.00
McMackin, Brother and Mrs. James, Coal Grove, 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	620.00
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
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	220.00
Southside Baptist Church, Fulton, MS	100.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL	150.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	1,434.83
Sugar Creek Baptist Church, Woodlawn, TN	60.00
Texas Friends	600.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	215.00
Valley Drive Baptist Church, Bristol, TN	50.00
Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	10.00
Virginia Friends	1,710.00
Wannville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL	50.00
Watkins, Bert and Louise, Richmond, KY	55.00
Webster Memorial Baptist Church, Lakeland, FL	50.00
Total	25,344.84

CAR FUND

Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	200.00
Total	200.00

WEST INDIES

Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Sewnauth Punallal 50.07
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	Emmanuel Jaggernauth 62.00
Total	112.07

OVERBEY FUND

Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	50.00
Total	50.00

ODAL BARROS FUND

Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA	Support 100.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 186.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL (VBS Kids)	As Needed 175.00
Fletcher, Michael and Dee, Winchester, KY	A-O Home 40.00
Joy Belles S.S. Class, Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal 50.00
Kissner, Janet, Mount Vernon, IL	As Needed 25.00
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	A-O Home 320.00
Pine Set Baptist Church, South Pittsburg, TN	Salary 35.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Children's Home 75.00
South Carolina Friend	A-O Home 50.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	Salary 50.00
Tenney, James and Patsy, Ocoee, FL	Salary 35.00
Tenney, James and Patsy, Ocoee, FL	A-O Home 65.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Alpha and Omega 101.01
W., K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal 50.00
Total	1,357.01

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	Personal 30.00
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 Jamieanne, Portsmouth, OH	Personal 100.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	Salary 100.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH	Salary 70.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH	Personal 130.00
North West Baptist Church, Tampa, FL	Building 100.00
Simpson, Bobby, Richmond, KY	Poverty Relief 50.00
Total	1,556.67

HENSELY FUND

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary 625.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal 2,221.69
Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA	Salary 91.67
Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA	Children's Home 62.50
Central Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, TX	59.00
Edwards, Wilgus and Maria, Booneville, KY	Salary 10.00
Hall, Charles and Kelley, Warner Robins, GA	New Work 1,000.00
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal 500.00
Hilltop Baptist Church, Boattville, 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 70.00
Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY	Personal 30.00
W. K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal 50.00
Wilson, Aloha, Bardwell, KY	House of Hope 100.00
Total	4,944.86

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 212.78
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Centerville, OH	General 150.00
Grace Baptist Church, Columbia, TN	Personal 100.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work 50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI (From S.S. Kids)	17.50
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mims, FL	Salary 50.00
Total	805.28

DRAPER FUND

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 250.00
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV	New Building 205.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH	Salary 95.00
Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Nicholasville, KY	As Needed 84.00
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, KY	Salary 40.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	Salary 50.00
Florida, Connie, Ellensburg, WA	Personal Needs 500.00
Gaynor, Jack and Joyce, Cannelton, IN	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work 50.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Letter Gap, WV	New Works 1,100.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	Salary 100.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	New Work 62.00
Rankin, Sandra, Mentor, OH	Jardim Fortaleza 3,000.00
Rankin, Sandra, Mentor, OH	Personal Use 225.00
Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY	100.00
Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY	Building Fund 500.00
Total	6,411.00

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 20.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	Salary 25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work 50.00
Meadow Bridge Baptist Church, Meadow Bridge, WV	Salary 100.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Brazilian Preachers 40.00
Sims, James & Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS	New Work 25.00
Spicer, Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert, South Bend, IN	300.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	Maria 25.00
Wood, Nene, Columbia, SC	As Needed 150.00
Total	945.00

PAUL HATCHER FUND

Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL	Seminary 60.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN	Salary 25.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Centerville, OH	General 150.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	Seminary 60.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	Baptist Seminary 50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	Seminary 50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Seminary 31.00
Trinity-Northbrook Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH	Baptist Theological 30.00
W., K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal 50.00
Total	506.00

STANTON FUND

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary 416.67
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal 1,250.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 200.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH	Salary 85.00
Cooper, Michael and Beverly, Lexington, KY	Carlos Azena 10.00

Durham, Anthony & Linda, Winter Springs, FL	Personal 200.00
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA	Personal 250.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	As Needed 212.78
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Centerville, OH	General 150.00
Gilpin Masonry Construction, Inc., Lexington, KY	Personal 100.00
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal 500.00
Howe, Brother and Mrs. C. Raymond, Jr., Saint Augustine, FL	Building Fund 150.00
Restoration Baptist Church, Dickson, TN	Personal 100.00
Rosky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN	25.00
Shawnee Baptist Church, Louisville, KY	100.00
Stanton, Jeff and Marita, Merritt Island, FL	Personal 25.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mims, FL	Salary 50.00
Tenney, James and Patsy, Ocoee, FL	Salary 30.00
W. K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal 50.00
Total	3,904.45

WACASER FUND

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 350.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Piqua, OH	Salary 35.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Centerville, OH	General 150.00
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
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	As Needed 100.00
Total	810.00

MISCELLANEOUS

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

HOME MISSIONS

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	Reinhardt 35.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	Building 215.00
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY	Reinhardt 50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Reinhardt 50.00
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	568.00

IN MEMORIAM FUND

Jones, Bob and Sue, Harrison, TN	Ruth Darling 50.00
Matthews Memorial Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL	George Boat 50.00
Overbey, Dale & Dore, Van Roven, AR	(Ruth Overbey Darling 193-2001) Jose Allen 125.00
Total	225.00

MIKE ANDERSON FUND

Bible Baptist Church, Durham, NC	85.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	Special Project 200.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV (Youth Group)	20.00
Campbell, Julie, Pelion, SC	As Needed 50.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV	Personal 127.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Centerville, OH	155.50
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV	Salary 100.00
Faith Baptist Church, St. Albans, WV	50.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Vienna, WV	35.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	Salary 25.00
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentucky, KY	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Sargonsville, TN	Salary 50.00
Grimes, Jack and Margaret, New Haven, WV	Salary 15.00
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
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	50.00
Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Kichey, FL	Personal Expense 40.00
Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Kichey, FL	Nathan Kichford 10.00
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	Salary 100.00
Mount Hope Baptist Church, Chesapeake, OH	60.00
Open Door Bible Church, Culloden, WV (Adult SS Class)	75.00
Pack, Joe L., South Charleston, WV	Salary 10.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN	50.00
South Carolina Friend	As Needed 60.00
Stalnaker, Andra, Normantown, WV	As Needed 100.00
Wade, Dr. & Mrs. James, Abingdon, VA	Personal 100.00
Walnut Hills Baptist Church, Huntington, WV	Salary 20.00
Westerman, Vernon and Son, a, Sebree, KY	Personal 75.00
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV	Support 100.00
Yanak, Albert and Ruby, Saint Albans, WV	Salary 10.00
Total	2,027.50

JOHN M. HATCHER FUND

Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Salary 50.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	Personal 50.00
First Baptist Church, Grayson, KY	Personal 25.00
Geric, Galen and Tamara, Columbus, OH	Salary 80.00
Grace Baptist Church, Cothran, IL	Where Needed 65.91
Illinois Friends	As Needed 1,500.00
King, Pastor Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL	Personal 20.00
Kissner, Janet, Mount Vernon, IL	As Needed 25.00
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	Salary 100.00
Mundy, Mr. & Mrs. Billie, Godfrey, IL	Salary 15.00
Total	2,470.91

TOTAL - ALL FUNDS 52,142.66

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Brother Creiglow Staying Busy . . .



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Dear Brethren,

October 3, 2001

Betty and I were able to be a little more active in August. She has been feeling some better, so between doctor visits we have been able to be on the road more than we have been the past two months.

The first Wednesday night of the month I had the privilege of filling the pulpit for my pastor, Brother Bobby Greene, while he and his family were away, and then I taught his Sunday school class the following Sunday. While Brother David Parks was in Peru I was afforded the opportunity to supply preach for the Thompson Road Baptist Church in both services on August 12.

As Betty's health continued to improve, we decided to try to make a trip to North Carolina to make a drop-in visit to the Berea Baptist Church in Hibernia. On Sunday morning we were pleasantly surprised to see a packed out house. It had been more than ten years since we visited this church, and it was such a blessing to Betty and me to be able to worship with them. Pastor Charles Cook has a great ministry going, and the church is responding to his ministry very well. That night we attended the services at the Rosemont Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. We had visited this church about a year ago just one day before their new pastor arrived. Dr. Gary Norris is their pastor. Pastor Norris and his wife Wanda were celebrating their fortieth wedding anniversary, so we were invited to join them and the church in the fellowship hall after services. Both of these pastors have asked me to return at a later date to preach for them.

The next few days were spent visiting our daughters in South Carolina, and while there we visited the Tri-City Baptist Church in Westminster, SC. This church had just called a new pastor that has not yet moved onto the field. We promised these brethren we would get back with them later. Before returning home we visited our other daughter in Tennessee.

Sunday, August 26th, was Homecoming for Storms Creek Baptist Church where Brother Jim Orrick has been pastor for about thirty-eight years, and I was invited to bring one of the two messages of the morning. The ladies there are great cooks and we enjoyed a great lunch in their fellowship hall. Since they did not have a night service, Brother Orrick made arrangements for me to preach for Brother Bob Patton and the Grace Baptist Church in Ceredo, West Virginia.

The month of September found us in our home church and family reunion most of the time. Betty has been back to the doctor and has been feeling some better. She is on a lot of medication, and of course she doesn't like that.

We did make one trip this month, and that was to southern Mississippi where we attended one night of a revival, a Saturday fellowship, and I also preached twice. On Sunday morning I preached to about thirty-five or forty lost Choctaw Indians on their reservation. Brother Eddie Johnson is pastor of this fine mission work. That night I presented the work of Baptist Faith Missions and preached at Faith Missionary Baptist Church, also on the reservation, and Brother Shelly Peoples is pastor of this church. Betty and I both had a great time with these brethren and hope we can return there someday.

We will be leaving tomorrow, going to Clio and Holly, Michigan to participate in the mission conference hosted by Doug Armstrong and Bob Hopkins and their churches.

In His Name, Bobby D. Creiglow

Help Us Pray and Give For A Good Thanksgiving Offering

Dave Parks, Executive Secretary BFM

To all you can to make our Thanksgiving Offering an abundant one. We need the Thanksgiving Offering because our monthly receipts in the General Fund do not cover our monthly expenses to keep the missionaries' ministries funded. We draw from last year's Thanksgiving Offering throughout the current year to cover those monthly deficits we incur.

Designated Offerings - Designated offerings do not go into the General Fund. Designated offerings are already "addressed" by the givers, and we just forward those offerings to the respective missionaries for the purposes you have designated.

General Fund Offerings - But the General Fund offerings are used to finance all the normal basic expenses of their on-going ministries, plus the benefits we give our missionaries to help them in their faithful service.

Simple Exercise - Let me give you a simple exercise to follow to help you understand our need for an abundant Thanksgiving Offering to help carry us through next year - (and not just to maintain what we have, but to expand and extend our ministries toward greater fruitfulness in world missions).

First, look at this month's General Fund Offerings on the Receipts page. This is an average month's offerings for the General Fund. (Some other funds from miscellaneous sources will be added to that, but they are a very small proportion of the total General Fund receipts.)

Compare and Compute - Now, compare that figure with an average month's standard disbursements from the General Fund. On any given month, we will disburse a minimum of \$40,000 for missionaries' salaries (\$19,450/month), standard expense allowances (\$11,800/month), hospitalization premiums (\$400/month), printing and mailing of Mission Sheets (\$2400/month), and the necessary expenses of maintaining an office for communication and a nightrough home for them to use when they are Stateside. There are other every-month expenses. (Besides the occasional expenditures every month from the General Fund) but these major items comprise the bulk of our monthly General Fund expenditures.

4-year Auto Allowance - Also, we give each of our missionaries an \$800 allowance every four years toward the purchase of an automobile. We have four missionaries who are due for allowances in 2002. That is \$32,000. We have \$4000 in our Car Fund right now, that has been given toward this purpose. These allowances come out of the General Fund.

Thank You! We want to thank each one of you for the love you give our missionaries and for your partnership in supporting them. We thank you for what you have done, what you are doing, and what you will do.

Now is the time! If you have not made plans to give toward our Thanksgiving Offering (over and above what you already give monthly), we pray you will do so. If you have not given before now, begin this year! If all you have is a small offering, give it. Small offerings add up to big offerings when they are all put together. Pray about increasing your present plans to give.

FAITH IS THE VICTORY! Baptist Faith Missions trusts God for the supplies and resources we need to finance the work of His kingdom. We began by FAITH, we continue by FAITH. While we trust God, we tell you about the need.

We know you care. God provides by inspiring us to give cheerfully and liberally. That is the New Testament way. God bless you for responding.

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



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Dear Friends,

September 30, 2001

Time is going so fast, or so it seems. I wonder where it is fleeing. Here it feels like we have only half the time we had in the States.

We had an excellent trip home, and then I returned to Brazil for a missionary trip with friends from Winchester, Lexington and Virginia. Our trip back to Brazil took us over 2000 miles away from where we live. We went to the Amazon Rain Forest. This was a great experience to see the native Brazilian Indians in their natural habitat. Also to get to help other missionaries. We began with building projects and then went into the jungle to see the Indians. All this was made possible because someone in the States unconsciously paid for my passage. How great is the God we serve.

One of the most amazing things about the trip was that I got to preach in one of the jungle villages. The thing that was so different about this was that these Indians do not know who our God is. You see, they worship the river, the trees, the snakes, or whatever is big in their lives. So I got to explain about our God, and then I told them about salvation and how it is a free gift from God and they could accept that gift. While we were there for one week, 16 persons were saved. What a wonderful week!!!

We returned from the jungle and took a taxi to the missionary bush pilot who took us in to the jungle and got us back to civilization without losing one of us. It is hard to imagine, it is not that there are still people in the world that do not know our God? Well there are, and there in the jungle, there were tribes that we could not go visit because they are cannibalistic, and they still eat human flesh. This makes it more imperative for us to send missionaries, because of those who do not know our God, and they are going to a devil's hell.

After I returned from Brazil, I got to spend a little time in the States. Then Barbara and I returned to Brazil to begin the new work God has led us to do. We have been here a little over two weeks, and we have moved our furniture into the new home and are getting straightened up some. Imagine all the boxes we are unpacking (I would much rather do hard labor).

Being able to move into this property is just another miracle God has preformed in this new work. And we have to thank so many of you for making it possible by your giving. The property was offered to us for \$225,000, and through our Lord and the hard work of two Christian lawyers, we got it for \$92,000. Through many gifts, we have received all except \$43,000 of that price. What an awesome God we have. So now we are in possession of the property (moved in), and the lawyers are working on the final payments which will be spread out over the next few months. Again many thanks, and our prayers are that God richly bless you as you have blessed us with your giving for this new ministry.

Since we had only been on the property for 5 days, we decided to stay on the property Sunday morning. So we invited some of the workers, and they invited some of the neighbors, and we had our first of many services here at The Haven of Hope. There were 12 people in attendance. After the meeting, there was one lady who had many questions. Pray for Barbara as she works with this woman who is a spiritist. Next month we will try to have pictures of the property and the services to share with you. Remember as always to keep us in front of the Lord in prayer and again thanks to all.

In Christ,

A. J. and Barbara

Stunned By Terrorist's Attack . . . Explosion In Toulouse . . . Many Die Daily . . .



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Dear Brothers and Sisters

October 1, 2001

The terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11 stunned us. You as well as we have heard repeatedly the statistics and stories of devastation.

In our area, these were further accentuated on September 21 by the explosion of a petrochemical plant that rocked Toulouse and surrounding cities. Ninety acres surrounding the resulting crater were flattened. Windows in buildings 5 miles away were broken. One thousand five hundred people were injured, 50 critically. The last count I heard mentioned 30 dead and 20 missing.

Two thousand five hundred buildings were damaged and 60 families were left homeless. It seemed as if the roof was coming in on our house, which is located 6 miles from the site of the explosion. The small church that we attend has been unable to use their building for the past two Sundays.

Our hearts are moved by the death and the human suffering that have resulted from these two events. However, what Satan and sinners intend for evil, God uses for good. Many people, some of whom we hardly knew previously, called or came by to offer their concern. This has given us the opportunity to discuss matters of life and death. One of our neighbors is an airline pilot for Air France and his wife is a flight attendant. We have been praying for God to give us opportunities with them and this certainly opened the door. He came and talked about the events quite at length with us. The couple next door had just returned from a visit to New York including the World Trade Center - more opportunity to discuss the need to be ready to die.

I am reminded that every day many more people die throughout the world. Approximately 10 people die every minute. Consider this, nearly every time your heart beats, someone leaves this life to meet his or her everlasting end. The need to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every creature is a pressing matter.

We are happy to once again have the youth meetings on Sunday evenings running. In addition, next week Philip and Amanda will be starting a similar meeting for older teenagers. We continue to have the Bible studies in the Gospel. According to John and the study with other believers in The Letter to the Romans.

We praise God for His goodness and your participation with us in the mission of taking the Good News to the People of France.

Serving our Sovereign in France
John and Ruth Hatcher

DON'T FORGET THE WORK HORSE FUND



This is the General Fund.
Out of it comes the missionaries' salaries, expenses,
travel, medical care, 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.

Brother Park's Report On Recent Trip To Peru . . .

Dave Parks

"MY EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY" TRIP REPORT - TOUR OF BFM PERU MISSIONS August 2-17, 2001.

This was only my second trip abroad from the U.S. My first trip was to Brazil in August of 1999. So, everything I have observed and experienced on these two trips is new and interesting to me still. This was certainly true during my visit to Peru during August 2-17.

I could speak at length about how much I enjoyed the landscape, cultures, and people of Peru. Peru features many varieties of landscapes, environments, and climates. Just during our two weeks there, we enjoyed the Pacific shorelines of Lima, the jungle climates of Pucallpa and Iquitos, the awe-inspiring grandeur of the Andes, and the mile-high plateaus of Huanuco and Tingo Maria.

The people of Peru are lovely and loving people. The cultures of the people vary with their respective locations and ethnic heritages. But, all of them received us graciously and treated us royally. One of the regrets I brought back after being there for only two weeks was that I was not permitted by the constraints of time and travel schedule to spend more time with them in personal fellowship and participate in more of their worship services. I hope to make a return trip there some time to further enjoy their personal acquaintance and spiritual fellowship.

I was both encouraged and challenged by their love for our Lord and their commitment to His kingdom and service. They are devoted to Jesus Christ. The joy and strength of the churches is evident. God has done great things for them and through them. And God is still moving mightily among them. You should be sure of that and encouraged by it. I was constantly made glad that God has given me the privilege to share a small part of helping and supporting them.

BFM has served through the ministries of several missionaries in Peru over the years. Shortly after BFM was established in 1942, Brother Hafford Overbey began promoting the support of Richard and Maria Hallum and their daughter, Marguerite, who had been serving in the Iquitos area since 1935. Brother Hallum led in the founding of the First Baptist Church in Iquitos in 1937, the first Baptist Church to be established in the Republic of Peru. They were BFM's first missionaries in Peru. Since then, BFM has helped finance the support of Mitchell Lewis, Walter Lauerman, Del Mayfield, James Kissel, Art Gibbs, Homer Crain, Doug Gasque, and Sheridan Stanton - all of whom, along with their wives and families, have given significant portions of their lives to preach the Gospel to the Peruvians, establish churches, and train national pastors and leaders to carry on the work.

Sheridan and Anita Stanton are the only BFM missionaries in Peru at this time. Sheridan is co-pastoring the Central Baptist Church in Huanuco, as well as assisting the other Peruvian churches and pastors through teaching, counseling, and helping with building projects. The church at Huanuco has also just called as co-pastor a faithful man who is originally from that church, but has spent the past several years in Pucallpa. He left Huanuco to help Brother Sheridan when he and Anita labored in Pucallpa. His name is Eli Poma, who along with his wife, Nina, are working with the Stantons to help build up and expand the ministries of Central Baptist Church. Pray for them.

I accompanied George Sledd and his son-in-law, Jayson Minix, on this trip. Brother George pastors Sheridan's sending church. One of the main purposes of our trip was to organize another Baptist church in Lima: Ebenezer Baptist Church. We participated in this service on the Saturday night following our Friday arrival in Lima. The pastor of this new church is a Peruvian whom Brother Sheridan has helped train and prepare for the ministry. We met several of the national pastors at this church organization meeting.

Brother Sheridan prepared an excellent and thorough itinerary to cover the sites where BFM has established churches. Over the two weeks of our tour, we visited Lima, Huaral, Pucallpa, Iquitos, Huanuco, Tingo Maria and several other towns and villages around these centers of population. We worshiped with five of these churches during their regular services and saw several other church and mission locations. The churches of Peru are constantly reaching out and multiplying churches in the unevangelized neighborhoods and outlying areas around them.

Sheridan has prepared an inventory of the churches in Peru related to mission work of BFM over the years. It is an impressive record of what God has done through our missionaries. In Iquitos alone, there are at least 45 churches and mission works. These have been established since Missionary Hallum arrived there in 1935. In the other cities and villages of Peru, there are at least 43 other church and mission works. Almost all of these churches and mission works have active national pastoral leadership.

Sheridan and Anita are personally involved in a continuing ministry of pastoring, teaching, training, and mentoring. Sheridan is pastoring the Central Baptist Church in Huanuco. Anita works with the ladies of the church, counseling them and training them to follow Jesus Christ in daily discipleship and also to teach in the Sunday School. Anita is also engaged in the on-going process of preparing volumes of Sunday School lessons, materials, and activities for use in teaching and training children. These are the only Sunday School teaching resources that are available to many of the churches and their teachers.

Another of their monumental contributions to the churches in Peru is the Bible Institutes they lead. One of these Institutes is conducted at Huanuco, where they will also host and house those who come. Another is conducted in Iquitos. They conduct these Institutes at both locations, one after the other. They do this so the Institutes will be accessible to all the churches, wherever they are. The pastors and church leaders or leaders-in-training come from all over Peru. They meet for 4-5 days at a time and conduct all-day classes. At some of these Institutes, especially at Huanuco, Anita will teach the ladies while the men attend their classes. They teach courses on Bible doctrines, church organization and practice, and practical problems and issues they must deal with in their ministries. Sheridan and Anita will write the materials and print copies for each of the attendees. For many of them, this is the only source they have to acquire helpful ministry materials.

There are Scriptures that repeatedly run through my mind while I travel to these sites where God is establishing His kingdom and churches. One such theme comes from Acts 11:21-24. The Gospel of Jesus Christ had been preached in Antioch by the disciples from Cyprus and Cyrene. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, HE WAS GLAD, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. And a great many people were added to the Lord. It certainly made us glad to see what the hand of the Lord has done, and is still doing.

Another Scripture that kept coming to my mind is a Gospel promise in Habakkuk 2:14. "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." Faithful men and women have gone to these faraway (and often hidden, secluded, almost inaccessible) places. They have gone where before the people did not know the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:3-6). But through the witness and power of the Gospel, the glory of God broke through the darkness and illuminated peoples hearts and neighborhoods and cities with His grace and life. And as we traveled from place to place, we saw pockets of God's glory shining out from the darkness and through the darkness. And the glory is growing.

We saw the glory of God in the joyful countenances of believers, in the vitality of their worship, in their expressions of praise to Jesus Christ, in the beauty of changed lives, and in their zealous witness as they continue to tell others about the glory God has shone into their hearts. God's glory continues to fill more and more of the earth. May God shine His glory into the other parts of Peru and all nations, until it covers the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Here is what you can do to continue your partnership with us in these ministries: 1. PRAY FOR THEM. Pray for Sheridan and Anita. And pray also for the many churches, pastors, and faithful brothers and sisters in Peru. Sheridan and Anita have monumental responsibilities and are faithfully fulfilling them. But, they are not doing all the work that is being accomplished in Peru. The people who have been won to the Lord and disciples, and the churches that have been established - these are carrying on the work. Pray for them all. 2. THANK THE LORD FOR THE PRIVILEGE TO BE A PART OF THIS WORK. Your offerings over the years have enabled our missionaries to go to Peru and serve the Lord there. Much more continues to be done...and yet remains to be done. The evidences are there for you to see. 3. CONTINUE YOUR GENEROUS GIVING TO BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS. Together we can rejoice in the fruit of eternal life that Jesus Christ has harvested in Peru; and together we can carry on this great mission to completion until Jesus Christ comes again.

Visiting Churches . . .

Good Report From Kenya . . .

Nathan Hopes To Go To Kenya With Parents . . .



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Dear Friends,

October 4, 2001

God really intervened in the affairs of all of us this month with the terrorists hijackings and destruction in New York and Washington, D.C. It has caused many people to re-examine their faith, and to recommit themselves to our Lord. Hopefully, many people will think about their spiritual condition and will trust Christ as their Savior if they are unsaved. It has made us realize anew that Christ is truly in control of all things and that these are the last days. He is returning shortly, so we need to be ready and about our Father's business.

We are enjoying the beautiful display of God's handiwork in the trees that are changing color. This does not happen in Kenya, as we only have two seasons-wet and dry. So, the colors seem even prettier this year since we have not seen fall leaves for a few years. Our God is a great and majestic God.

This past month has found us visiting many churches. Once again, it has been so good to renew acquaintances with beloved friends in many churches and to be assured of their continuing prayer support and encouragement. This is so vitally important to us as missionaries to know that our names are brought before the throne of grace many times and that we are remembered.

During the month, we had some car problems that caused us to cancel two meetings. We were stranded in South Carolina for 10 days with a problem with the head gasket of the car that we are using. Thankfully, it is all right now and has been fixed the right way.

We are getting good reports from our church in Kenya. Moses, the assistant pastor that we left in charge, has written to us, and says that the attendance is staying up. There were 124 people in attendance this past Sunday there. He says that all of the programs that we started, such as the Bible studies for adults, public school ministries, Bible clubs, door-to-door evangelism, Sunday School, etc., are doing well, with many in attendance in each ministry. Other reports have come in from other people in our church there which concur with this report from Moses. How thankful we are for these reports, as I have spent much time discipling Moses for this task. He is doing a good job from all of the reports that we are receiving, so the time spent in discipleship has paid off. What a difference this is from our last furlough when Hesbon, the "pastor" who is suing us, stopped all of the ministries that we had started, and the church had almost folded before we returned. We miss our people, but are so glad for these good reports.

Our son, Nathan, has finished his job in Michigan. The company that he worked for was bought out by a larger company, so his job was phased out. He feels that this was a direct answer to his prayer for a definite response from God as to what he should do with his life. He had been considering missions for several years, and when his company was bought out and he was laid off, he felt that God had answered his prayers for clear direction. So, we just moved him back to West Virginia where he will be staying with us, and he is beginning to visit churches to raise support to return to Kenya with us. Nathan will be a big help to us, as he has been involved with evangelism in a Baptist church that he attended in Michigan. He has numerous computer skills that will be so helpful. He can help to teach in our Bible Institute, as he has a minor in Bible from Cedarville College, and he wants to be involved with youth and outreach. All of this will benefit us so much. Please pray that he will be able to raise his support quickly so that he may return to Kenya when we do.

Thanks so much for praying for traveling mercies for us, and for praying for the ministry in Kenya while we are here in the States. Each of you is a vital part of the work there in Kenya, as you give and pray so that God's work can go on. Let us continue on in His harvest field, wherever it may be, as the time is growing short, and Christ is coming back.

Serving the Lord in Kenya,
Mike and Pam

What's In A Name? . . .

Jim Orrick

Several years ago, I heard of churches that were removing "Baptist" from their name while still remaining associated with certain Baptist associations and fellowships. They maintain that they are not changing their doctrines but only removing a name that might keep people from visiting and even joining with them.

Those who are removing "Baptist" from their name must not be aware of the history of the people called Baptists and how in ages past they suffered, sometimes even to death, for such beliefs as salvation by grace, the separation of church and state, and the immersion of believers as the only true baptism. It would be good for those who are removing the name Baptist to read such books as *The History of Baptists* by John T. Christian, *The Trail of Blood* by J.M. Carroll, or the excellent daily devotion *This Day in Baptist History* by E. Wayne Thompson and David L. Cummins. In reading these, one can see that religious freedom, even in this country, did not come cheaply.

When I pass a church building where the sign reads "Methodist," "Presbyterian," or "Baptist," I have a general idea of what they believe. However, if the sign simply says "Church," I don't know what they believe. In one of C. D. Cole's writings he relates this story:

A man went into the fish business, putting a sign in front of his store that read: "FRESH FISH TODAY." It wasn't long until someone came in his store and said "Your sign is not correct, everyone knows that it is today and not yesterday or tomorrow. To be correct you should remove the word 'TODAY' from your sign." Wanting to be correct, the man painted over the word "TODAY" so that his sign now read "FRESH FISH." A few days later another man came in the store and said "Your sign is not correct. Everyone who knows you knows that you are a man of honesty and integrity and that you would not sell anything that was not fresh. To be correct you should remove the word 'FRESH' from your sign." Still wanting to be correct, the man painted over the word "FRESH" so that now his sign just read "FISH." A few days later another man entered the store and said, "You need to remove the word 'FISH' from your sign. Everyone can tell by the smell that you sell fish." Again the man took paint and this time painted over the word "FISH." Now his sign did not say anything, and people driving by didn't know what was sold in that store. The lesson of this story is that we should put out our sign and not change it. People should know what we believe and practice.

When this mission work was started, it was agreed that its name would be BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS. This name tells what we are, how we operate, and what our objective is. The first sentence of our original statement of faith begins by saying, "Baptist Faith Missions is a Baptist work. It is not Protestant. It is not unionistic, nor interdenominational. It is separate from all isms of all kinds."

This is also a work of FAITH. Our missionaries go to the mission field trusting that God will supply their needs month by month, year by year.

The object of BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS is to carry out the great commission as given to the Lord's churches to preach the gospel wherever He opens doors, baptize those who profess faith in Jesus as their Savior, to organize churches after the pattern of those found in the New Testament, and to teach the people to observe all things that God has commanded His people to do.

Almost sixty years ago, H. H. Overbey, Z. E. Clark and Joe Brandon agreed on what the name of this work would be. They put out the sign and we have not changed it or taken it down. We are still BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS.