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## Good Bible School ... Two New Pams ... Problems and Blessings ...



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Dear Special Friends,

April 30, 2002

April has gone by so quickly for us here in Kenya. We started the month with our annual Vacation Bible School. Since the students in Kenya go to school year around, they are out for a month break during the months of April, August, part of November, and all of December. So, since August is cool and rainy, we try to have VBS in April each year. This was the first year to be able to have VBS on our church compound and to use our church facilities. We averaged about 70-75 students each day, and all had a good time. During the course of the week, 4 young people received Christ as Savior, and many others rededicated their lives to Christ. This probably was the most successful VBS that we have ever had, although we had fewer workers this year. Nathan was involved with the young people, and it was a real learning experience for him in this very different culture. However, it gave him a chance to become much more involved with our young people, and it proved to be a good experience for him as well. He was used in the discipling of many who rededicated their lives to Christ.

Speaking of Nathan, he is adjusting well to this third world culture, and God has been using him in many ways. He is teaching a discipleship class to our evangelism team on Sunday afternoons after church before we go out for soul winning visitation, and then, is personally taking out each member of our team during the week to teach them how to disciple our new believers, as he visits in their homes. This has proved highly successful, and we now have 2 on the evangelism team who are able to be on their own and take others with them to train them as well. So, it is a ministry of multiplication, which is what we are striving for while we are here.

Nathan also hopes to become involved in a jail ministry here in Kitale and plans to meet with the head official this week concerning this new area of ministry. Please pray for him that this opportunity will open up so that we can expand into other areas to minister.

Next week the schools will reopen, so he will start teaching in the Bible club of a public school near here that we started in the latter part of 2000, and Lord willing, we hope that he will be able to do more Bible clubs in more public schools in the future. This is an excellent opportunity to teach about abstinence, as AIDS is an ongoing and growing problem here, particularly among the teens. He has filmstrips to use, too, to teach about the lives of different Bible characters, and in this third world culture that is so far behind American culture, film strips are a real treat and the kids really enjoy them.

This month, we have added two more "Pams" to our church. Two more baby girls have been born to church members, and both have been named "Pamela." In this culture, names are very important, and to have a baby named after a person is a real honor. Needless to say, Pam is very happy. This brings the number of Pams in the church to 6, with only 2 Mikes, as most of the babies born have been girls.

Speaking of Pam, she goes to Eldoret, the nearest large city to us, next week to begin getting experience in tropical medicine at the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital. She will have to complete 12 weeks of community health, and 6 weeks in the Emergency Room there, in order to be registered as a nurse in Kenya. She is licensed in Kenya, but must complete these requirements in order to be registered. She has prayed for a long time about enlarging more of our ministry and feels that God would have her to return to nursing as a way of opening up more doors for ministry. She worked as an R.N. in the U.S. for 25 years but has not done any nursing since we have been in Kenya. We wish that she could stay here in Kitale with us, but the nursing board insists that she go to the teaching hospital in Eldoret for the experience, since Kitale does not have a teaching hospital. Please pray for Pam during this time of our being separated. Because of the distance involved, and the bad roads, it

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is not possible for her to come home everyday, so God allowed us to find an Independent Baptist missionary couple in Eldoret who have a guest house on their compound. So Pam will live there, and we will get to see her twice a month. Please pray for her as she adjusts to being in nursing again, but most importantly that God will use her in a mighty way to minister to those who are sick physically, as well as spiritually.

Unfortunately, we are still having problems with some of our church leadership. Another one of our deacons had to be disciplined by the church this month for family problems. He had left his wife and four small children, and we have heard rumors that he is living with another woman. I have tried and tried to counsel him from God's Word on his responsibility to his family and have set up several appointments with him to talk to him about this, but he never comes to the appointments. I have gone to see him at his work, and he promises to come, but doesn't. But we as a deacon board did have to discipline him for sin in his life, but I hope to be able to counsel him in love from the Word of God about his responsibility, so

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## Marriage Brazilian Style ... Excited About Building ... Need Help To Pay Off Loan ...



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Greetings in the name of our Lord,

May 1, 2002

Thanks to all of you who prayed for me last month. I am recovering from whatever it was that attacked me. I am up to about one half speed with my stamina and tolerance for much work. Continue praying for me to return to 100%.

Speaking of prayer, Barb and I have been praying for one of the couples in our mission. They are not married and are living together. This is something we see with much frequency here in Brazil. You see, to get married you have to have a civil ceremony, and that costs about \$150.00. Most Brazilians make only minimum wage and that is \$200.00 per month, so they just live together. But this couple has accepted Christ as their Savior and God has touched their hearts. Our prayers have been answered. We are going to have our first wedding here at the Haven of Hope, in 30 days. There is another formality here in Brazil; you have to make a public declaration of your intent to marry and then wait 30 days to have the civil ceremony. We are basking in the Glory of the Lord; it is wonderful to watch the spiritual growth of young Christians. And also to watch as God shapes and molds their lives. How AWESOME is the God we serve!

We continue with the maintenance work on the property, repairs and painting. I think it will never cease. But we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. We are getting ready to have workers from the States; this is always a great help. We would like to have all this completed before we come home the last of August. Mainly because we want to get started on the construction of the houses for the children.

The property is really AWESOME. It includes 3 houses for workers, two occupied, one waiting for the Lord to send the next couple. There is a central area for meetings and another large area for cooking and eating. There are 48 acres—plenty of room to build houses for the children. We paid the last payment on the 20th of the month, but to be able to make this payment we had to borrow \$60,000.00. We had to borrow because many of the people who had pledged to help with the purchase were caught up in the decline of resources after Sept. 11. So if any churches, groups, or individuals would like to help pay off this debt, designate your offerings for AJ and Barbara's new work. We are greatly excited about the construction phase of the work, but first things first.

Thanks to you and your giving to B.F.M. we received our car allowance and were able to trade for a different truck. We stayed with the same style of truck. We got one 2 years newer but the big thing in the trade was that we got a diesel. This will be a two-fold savings for us.

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## A Letter From Brother George Sledd, Treasurer Of Baptist Faith Missions

We appreciate your generous love gifts to the missionaries of Baptist Faith Missions!

The thing that I love about BFM is that it is diversified so that a church or individual can designate personal gifts and other needs to the missionary. I am glad to forward these on to them. The missionary gets every penny of those personal gifts. Most Mission agencies don't permit this. Every gift counts as we reach out to precious souls around the world.

As you know, we depend upon the gifts to the General Fund to underwrite the Missionaries' support and service needs. These monthly basic needs are Salary, Ministry Expense Accounts, Hospitalization, Insurance, Hospitalization Deductible Reimbursements, Car Allowance (\$8000 every four years), Furlough and Emergency Medical Travel Expenses, printing the Mission Sheets to keep you informed of their ministries, and Retirement.

Every month we fall short. In the past we have depended on the "Thanksgiving and Founder's Day" offerings to draw from over the course of the year to help make up the monthly deficits of the General Fund.

Since I have become treasurer, I have come to understand just why we are called "Baptist FAITH Missions." We send out new missionaries and have given our current missionaries three salary increases over the past three years. All that, in spite of the fact that the gifts to the General Fund never are sufficient to match the expenses of the General Fund.

By faith we are committed to sending out more missionaries. It is not just the faith of a few men, but it is YOUR faith that works! We exist for the blessing of the Lord's churches and God's people. What one of us cannot do alone, ALL OF US, BY FAITH, CAN DO TOGETHER!

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## Mike's Back...One Day Vacation... Good Medical Mission...



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Dear Brethren,

May 1, 2002

I'm back! It only took me six months, but here I am. Let me apologize for the long dry spell, with no letters. I got so caught up in work when we came back from the States that I let work take control. Today is a holiday in Brazil and this is the first day I have taken time out to rest up a little. Beverly has been telling me it is time to slow down. This morning I sat down with a book after breakfast, but only got through a couple of chapters and fell asleep. I slept for almost 3 hours. This afternoon I managed another couple of chapters in my book and another hour of shut eye. In a little while I will be off to preach at one of our churches in the interior, but that is fun, not work. Anyway, I'm sorry about the lack of letters.

Beverly and I arrived from the States on a Saturday afternoon in late October. The next day I was already busy preaching at First Baptist. On Monday morning I was off to the mountains on the Moa River for one of our medical mission trips. Those first few days back here set the stage for the next few months of frenetic activity. The results have been really good, though. On that first river trip there were 28 people saved and over 800 medical procedures performed by our doctors and dentists.

When we got back home we decided it was time to paint our house and remodel at least 3 rooms. We stayed in a hotel for the first month until all the work was finished on the house. Although we are working on building our new house, we wanted to get this one in good shape for some of our children to live in once we move. Our youngest daughter, Cristina, is married to one of our pastors. They live in the building where the TV studio will soon be installed. They will move into our old house at the same time that we move into our new one. All of this construction has really put a dent in my time. Fortunately, we are close to finishing and moving.

There is lots of news to send your way, so I will have to give you just the highlights in this letter and then send a few more letters to fill in the blanks.

Our home church, First Baptist, did very well while we were away. There were a few discipline problems that they had put off and these were preventing more growth. We were still having good crowds, but not as large as normal and not many people were being saved. Once we sorted through these problems, which was quite difficult because of the delay, then things turned around. We were able to bring some back into fellowship, but others had to be excluded. The Lord has always honored the church's decision to be pure with more growth and better unity. Over the past few weeks we have had a steady stream of people saved and big crowds in all services.

Our School has started the new school year with more students and a more refined and fine tuned group of teachers. Pastor Pedro is the head of this ministry.

We have also started a new semester of our seminary. I am teaching 2 subjects this time around, and this has also put some serious pressure on my schedule. We have 27 students enrolled. Some of these are not going to make it, but we should still have a good solid group all this year.

In my next letter I will tell you more about the work in the interior and some of my trips out to some remote locations.

Thanks to all of you who read the letters, send your money and pray for us. Thanks also for your patience with me. A special word of thanks to all those individuals and churches who are helping us pay for the TV equipment. There will be some more exciting news to report about this ministry. God is opening some more doors there.

May God bless all of you just as much as He has us.

In Christ, Mike Creiglow

## In States For Medical Treatment... Hope To Return To Brazil May 30th... Seventy-Five Years old...



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given us since we arrived.

Sunday morning the 21st, we attended Pastor Edward Overbey's Sunday School class and heard Jeff Pell preach at the Heritage Baptist Church here in Lexington where Greg Waltermire is the pastor. That night we attended the Glen's Creek Baptist Church, Versailles KY, where Mickey Hyder is the pastor.

On the 22nd of April, we had supper with Dana and Becky Adams.

Besides the persons mentioned by name above, we thank the following brothers and sisters that have been a blessing to us: Charles and Reva Bratcher, Mrs. Ella Casey, Dona Engracia Dias Cardoso, Paul E. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Million, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Zacariah Whitaker, Mrs. Helen Palmer, and Bobby and Betty Creiglow.

"We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love, for Jesus who died and is now gone above."

We also thank all of the directors of BFM.

The Lord willing, we will return to Manaus on the 30th of May, 2002.

May the Lord continue to bless each one who gives to BFM and pray for us. We pray every day for many of you.

Yours in the service of the Savior, Harold F. Bratcher

MARIE WRITES: "IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS."

We have sought the will of the Lord now for many months concerning Harold's pacemaker. Finally, we were convinced that we should return to the USA for treatment for our hearts.

With Brother Dave Parks's help and the help of many others, we arrived at the Lexington Airport in Lexington on April 16th at eleven o'clock that night. To our surprise, there were thirteen brothers and sisters in Christ to greet us. This included four pastors and our granddaughter, Marcia Bratcher, who is a college student at Georgetown College. We appreciate all who came.

The Lord has been good to us and has provided for all our needs for which we praise His Name. So far, the pacemaker has not been implanted yet because the doctors here were able to give Harold the "electric shock" treatment, and he is now waiting to see if he will need to have the pacemaker implanted at all. This will be known on the 8th of May when Harold returns to his doctor. We pray that the Lord's will be done.

Before we left Manaus, there were many 75th birthday celebrations for the two of us with special services, gifts, flowers, food, and fellowship. One of these celebrations came as a complete surprise to us as the pastor at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church at Parana de Eva in the interior insisted we make a weekend visit there with him. On April 6th, the night

## Thankful For Supporters... Bible Studies Continue... Three Special Requests...



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May 1, 2002

Greetings in the name of the Lord. We thank God for your faithfulness in supporting the work of the Lord in France. We thank God for each of you who pray for us. We thank God for the directors of Baptist Faith Missions and especially the Executive Committee who work graciously and faithfully for the Lord and you on our behalf. It is a great blessing to work with a group that is so concerned about our welfare in every way.

In June we plan to start a 5th Bible Study as well as worship and encouragement services for those who have professed faith. We continue to be greatly encouraged by what we see the Lord doing around us. Amelia, who trusted the Lord in March, continues to grow. We are now studying the book of Genesis. She has enthusiastically invited her friends to a new Bible study to begin in her home. Several of her friends and neighbors have already committed to coming.

This is the way that we have found most effective for reaching adults. We pray faithfully for the Lord to open doors and touch hearts. We look for opportunities to build relationships with people. Since knowing English is very important in school and jobs, donating lessons is a very effective way to build relationships. People soon show an interest in the Lord or curiosity about what we do. We offer to give a "live demonstration" by inviting them to a Bible study or offering to start one with them.

Of course, a changed life is the most effective way of attracting unbelievers. As with the woman at the well of Sychar, when long term and deep needs are met, new believers are delighted to share with others how the Lord has blessed them. Both of these factors have been at work since Amelia trusted the Lord. She recently went to the funeral service of a friend's mother. Afterwards, she invited the priest and asked him for permission to place an announcement about the new Bible study on the bulletin board of the local Catholic Church. He hasn't said yes, yet.

The Bible studies that begin as a means of evangelism continue as a tool for discipleship. You may wonder how come we have not had "church services" sooner. The reason is that you can't have church services without a church! A church is made up of believers who have obediently professed their faith through New Testament water baptism. You may have noticed that we use the term worship meetings rather than "church services". We do not want to confuse people by misusing the term church. We plan to use temporary locations for meetings until there is a group of committed believers large enough to meet the cost of their own facilities.

We continue to hold evangelistic youth meetings each Sunday night and these continue to be well attended. The Lord has graciously supplied the use of a private international school gym here for this outreach.

Please pray with us for the following: 1. That the Lord will cause a spiritual hunger and thirst in the hearts of unbelievers among whom we live. 2. That those who are saved will follow the Lord in baptism. 3. That those who are saved will continue to grow and share the gospel with others.

In France for Jesus' sake, John and Judy Hatcher

## Ten Great Days In Manaus... Reports From Churches...



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Dear Friends,

May 4, 2002

Greetings from Urai. Weather here has been hot for about three months with the temperature in the nineties and very little rain. Autumn arrived March 21st but the hot weather continues.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST - MANAUS. The last four months have been full of pleasant surprises. We had not planned to spend Christmas and New Year in Manaus with Paul and Wanda and David and Pennie. Our plans were changed suddenly when Paul called and invited us to come to the organization of 12 churches and the ordination of 18 pastors. It was a heart thrilling service on New Year's eve.

Saturday night we attended the regular youth meeting with 650 youth present. On Sunday I preached at the evening service with over 1,000 present. We spent ten great days in Manaus with our family and friends.

SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. One month later we received another surprise. Wanda called and said the school was having its forty-first anniversary and that we were invited to be there for the festivities of the school we had founded: "The Baptist School of the Americas." Thousands of students have heard the Gospel and hundreds have been saved throughout its existence. It employs teachers who are Baptists and dedicated to serving the Lord. We spent three days visiting the classes, talking with pupils and teachers, seeing former students and enjoying the nice things that were said. They dedicated the new school library in our honor. All was very lovely and we are thankful to God for His goodness.

CHAPADA BAPTIST - MANAUS. Our last five days in Manaus were spent with Pennie and David. On Sunday evening I preached to the crowd of 700 at the Chapada Baptist Church where David and Pennie work. They are doing a great job in leading the church which was the first we organized in Brazil.

There were 560 present in the morning services which consists of Sunday School classes and Seminary classes. The auditorium is on third floor and they have just finished building a ramp for wheel chairs and persons who have difficulty climbing stairs. The church has, also, finished their balcony since the main auditorium has become too small. The Chapada area has become an outstanding part of the city. The six-lane avenue that goes to the international airport passes in front of the church; the largest shopping center is across the street and parking is now a problem. This is in a city of almost two million people. The church has purchased a lot for church parking which is already too small. The members are asked to park in the paid parking area of the Shopping Center. Many people are coming to the church because they have seen it as they pass by.

DUARTINA. We arrived home on March 25, and on the 30 we drove to Duartina for the ordination of the new pastor of the Duartina Baptist Church. This church was begun soon after we moved to south Brazil in 1976. This pastor is the third, and, like the former pastor, he was saved and trained in this church. I had the privilege of preaching the ordination sermon.

URAI. The Lord willing, we will inaugurate the new baptistry in Urai. It has been built in the church yard. Several should be baptized, but that will not happen since the pressures of families prevent many children from being baptized.

OUR THANKS.

We are thankful to you who support us with your prayers and financial help. Without your backing our ministry would be most difficult. May God bless you. We are thankful to the directors of Baptist Faith Missions who do far more for us than we can imagine. And, for Alta and me you have been doing it for a long time. God bless you.

In Christ's Love, John and Alta Hatcher

service was in our honor, celebrating and giving thanks to the Lord for our 75th birthdays. The final celebration, in a special service, on Sunday night April 14th, was held at the Communion Baptist Church, Asa Mark Bratcher pastor. Again, we give thanks to the Lord for all who were so kind and considerate to us during our last days there in Manaus.

Thank you for all your prayers, help and support you have shown to us. God bless each one of you is our prayer.

Yours in Christ, Marie Bratcher



## Baptist Faith Missions

### APRIL 2002 OFFERINGS

#### REGULAR FUND

Battle Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY	30.00
Beathe, Mr. and Mrs. William, Sr., Buckhannon, WV	25.00
Beautiful Garden Baptist Church, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil	150.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY	230.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY	144.00
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenite, NC	200.00
Berry Baptist Church, Berry, KY	140.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN	275.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	539.00
Bohon Road Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY	175.00
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV	100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	600.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	742.13
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY	175.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY	175.00
Casada, Mark and Sheryl, Manhattan, KS	100.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, WV	125.00
Central Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, TX	115.00
Charity Baptist Church, Wilsie, WV	150.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	300.00
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV	70.00
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV	350.94
Darling, Russell & Ruth, Mount Horeb, WI	100.00
Dyer, Robert R., Alexandria, VA	510.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	720.00
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA	250.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	236.24
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	667.34
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Grayson, KY	272.00
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO	100.00
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY	200.00
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Leighton, AL (Spring Conference)	50.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Vienna, WV	55.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	1,000.00
First Baptist Church, Grayson, KY	100.00
First Baptist Church of Siloam, South Shore, KY	526.56
Florida Friend	45.00
Gardner, Mrs. Jo, Leesville, SC	45.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, OH	100.00
Goldfloss Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	25.00
Goodsprings Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL	150.00
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, KY	30.00
Grace Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY	400.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH	600.00
Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Spring, MS	150.00
Griener Memorial Baptist Church, Glasgow, KY	100.00
Hallum, Marguerite, Hammond, LA	50.00
Harbor View Missionary Baptist Church, Harbor View, OH	132.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV	300.00
Hardy, Ola, Guntown, MS	25.00
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	3,175.00
Huckabee, Mr. and Mrs. J. M., Austin, TX	600.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI	300.00
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC	41.00
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tuscumbia, AL	143.60
Johns, Hervey and Linda, Lexington, KY (Spring Conf.)	30.00
Johnston, Mark M., San Jose, CA	20.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	100.00
King, Pastor Doug & Romona, Arcadia, FL	100.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	985.39
Lybrook, Charles and Phyllis, South Shore, KY (Spring Conf.)	20.00
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH	50.00
Mattews Memorial Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL	50.00
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	800.00
Mt. Pisgah Assoc., Normantown, WV (Liberty Miss. Bapt. Church)	100.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Bloomington, IL	25.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	940.00
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	25.00
Norris, William, Richmond, Ky	60.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Perkins, WV	100.00
Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Paul B., Tuscumbia, AL	100.00
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Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesborough, TN	80.00
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, FL	320.00
Parker, Stephanie, Millington, TN	25.00
Potters Baptist Church, Viola, AR	100.00
Powers, Robert and Kathleen, Grandville, MI	30.00
Redding, Warren and Barbara, Atlanta, GA (Spring Conf.)	100.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	880.00
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	1,100.00
Sims, James & Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS	125.00
Southside Baptist Church, Fulton, MS	125.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL	150.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	1,997.08
Sugar Creek Baptist Church, Woodlawn, TX	30.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	456.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY (Spring Conf.)	889.33
Valley Drive Baptist Church, Bristol, TN	50.00
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 Friend	200.00
Total	27,187.61

#### CAR FUND

Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	200.00
Total	200.00

#### WEST INDIES

Florida Friend	Sewnauth Punallal	45.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Sewnauth Punallal	57.11
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	Emmanuel Jaggernauth	94.00
Total		196.11

#### H. H. OVERBEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	50.00
Total	50.00

#### ODALI BARROS FUND

Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA	Support	200.00
Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA	A-O Home	50.96
Bakker, Karl M. and Rebecca L., Sadieville, KY	As Needed	20.00
Bakker, Karl and Rebecca, Sadieville, KY	Salary	20.00
Bakker, Karl and Rebecca, Sadieville, KY	Personal	20.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed	186.00
Blake, David S., Lexington, KY	A-O Home	100.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	A-O Home	54.00
Lear, Margaret P., Lexington, KY	Personal	25.00
Lear, Margaret P., Lexington, KY	A-O Home	50.00
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY	Salary	100.00
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY	Salary	100.00

New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	A-O Home	403.00
Parker, Stephanie, Millington, TN	Bibles for Garcia	103.00
Pine Set Baptist Church, South Pittsburg, TN	Salary	35.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	A-O Home	80.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH		50.00
Tenney, James and Patsy, Ocoee, FL	A-O Home	35.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	A-O Home	145.88
Tolson, Mary E., Lexington, KY	Personal	100.00
W, K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal	100.00
Total		1,977.84

#### HAROLD BRATCHER FUND

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary	266.67
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY	As Needed	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed	220.00
Bratcher, Debra J., Mesquite, TX	Personal	30.00
Bratcher, Debra J., Mesquite, TX	Personal	30.00
Brooksbury Baptist Church, Madison, IN	Personal	509.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Salary	50.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Poverty Relief	100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY	Personal	75.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY	Personal	75.00
Clarksville Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Relief Fund	100.00
Edwards, Wilgus and Maria, Booneville, KY	Salary	10.00
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA	Salary	250.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work	50.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	Salary	100.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH	Salary	35.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH	Personal	65.00
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Medical Transport	1,003.00
Northwest Baptist Church, Tampa, FL	Buildings	128.75
Turley, Marion and Carolyn, Richmond, KY	Salary	30.00
Total		3,257.42

#### HENSELY FUND

Adams, David and Becky, Mount Washington, KY	Personal	100.00
Angels Attic, Ashland Ave. Bapt. Ch., Lex., KY	Personal	1,000.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary	625.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal	300.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed	50.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA	Children's Home	62.50
Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA		125.00
Central Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, TX		76.00
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
Lear, Margaret P., Lexington, KY	Personal	25.00
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY	Salary	50.00
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY		50.00
Newman, Steven and Terry, Elgin, TX	New Work	30.00
Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY	Personal	30.00
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	Barbara Hensley	100.00
Tolson, Mary E., Lexington, KY	Personal	100.00
Union Baptist Church, Cynthia, KY	Salary	300.00
W, K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal	50.00
York, Wallace and Doris, Princeton, KY	Haven of Hope	100.00
Total		3,783.50

#### MIKE CREIGLOW FUND

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed	200.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	Video	1,000.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN	Salary	25.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN	Salary	25.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	Food Pantry	236.24
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO	TV Equipment	2,000.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work	50.00
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Columbia, TN	Personal	100.00
Total		3,686.24

#### DRAPER FUND

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed	120.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH	Salary	85.00
Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Nicholasville, KY	As Needed	110.00
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, KY	Salary	40.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	Salary	50.00
Florida, Connie E., Ellensburg, WA	Personal	500.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work	50.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV	As Needed	100.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV	New Work	1,000.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	Salary	100.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	New Work	60.00
Rankin, Sandra, Normantown, WV (Premier Bldg.)	New Work	8,500.00
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV	As Needed	100.00
Tennessee Friends	New Work	75.00
Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY	Mission	100.00
Total		11,040.00

#### JOHN HATCHER FUND

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed	200.00
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN	Salary	65.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL		25.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	Salary	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work	50.00
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	50.00
Sims, James & Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS		25.00
Spicer, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert, South Bend, IN		300.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	Maria	25.00
Wood, Neree, Columbia, SC	As Needed	150.00
Total		1,065.00

#### PAUL HATCHER FUND

Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL	Seminary-Manaus	70.00
Allbritton, Tommy and Barbara, Scott Depot, WV	Seminary-Manaus	30.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY	As Needed	100.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN	Salary	25.00
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
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, MI	New Work	50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Seminary	30.00
Trinity-Northbrook Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH	Seminary	30.00
Total		480.00

#### STANTON FUND

Adams, Arbia, Lexington, KY	New Work	25.00
Angel's Attic, Ashland Ave. Bapt. Ch., Lex., KY	Personal	1,000.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary	416.67
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed	200.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH	Salary	85.00
Cooper, Michael and Beverly, Lexington, KY	Carlos Azana	10.00
Cooper, Michael and Beverly, Lexington, KY	Carlos Azana	10.00
Durrum, Anthony and Linda, Winter Springs, FL	Personal	100.00
Durrum, Anthony and Linda, Winter Springs, FL	Personal	100.00
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA	Personal	250.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	Personal	236.24
Gaal, Stephen and Martha, Hurricane, WV	Building Fund	100.00
Gilpin Masonary Construction, Inc., Lexington, KY	Personal	50.00
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Surgonsville, TN	Salary	50.00

Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal	500.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI (SS Kids)		3.00
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY	Salary	50.00
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY		50.00
Restoration Baptist Church, Dickson, TN	Personal	100.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN		50.00
Shawnee Baptist Church, Louisville, KY		100.00
Stanton, Jeff and Martita, Merritt Island, FL	Personal	25.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mims, FL	Salary	25.00
Tolson, Mary E., Lexington, KY	Personal	100.00
W, K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	Personal	60.00
Total		3,720.91

#### WACASER FUND

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed	350.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Piqua, OH	Salary	35.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	Personal	25.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Brinson, GA	Salary	50.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	Salary	25.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI		25.00
Total		510.00

#### HOME MISSIONS

Bell Missionary Baptist Church, Iuka, IL		50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed	161.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	Building	90.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Reinhardt	57.11
Norris, William, Richmond, KY	Reinhardt	40.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Reinhardt	80.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	Reinhardt	50.00
Total		528.11

#### IN MEMORIAM FUND

Overbey, Dale & Doris, Van Buren, AR	In Memory of Paul Calley	125.00
Total		125.00

#### MIKE ANDERSON FUND

Allbritton, Tommy and Barbara, Scott Depot, WV		30.00
Bakker, Jason and Julie, Antioch, TN	Nathan Radford	25.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed	100.00
Bible Baptist Church, Durham, NC	Salary	90.00
Boukma, Joshua J. and Jillian N., Grandville, MI	Nathan Radford	80.00
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV	Nathan Radford	30.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	Special Fund	100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	Nathan Radford	100.00
Clemens, Vernon L. and Valnita R., Hurricane, WV	Nathan Radford	100.00
Dimitri, Michael and Diana, Zephyrhills, FL		400.00
Dimitri, Michael and Diana, Zephyrhills, FL	Nathan Radford	400.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV		116.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV	Nathan Radford	100.00
Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH		50.00
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, St. Albans, WV		50.00
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV	Salary	100.00
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV	Nathan Radford	75.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	Salary	25.00
Furnas, Grant and Linda, Louisville, KY		50.00
Furnas, Grant and Linda, Louisville, KY	Nathan Radford	50.00
Gardner, Mrs. Jo, Leesville, SC	As Needed	60.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, OH	Nathan Radford	25.00
Grace Miss. Baptist Church, Surgonsville, TN	Salary	50.00
Grace Miss. Baptist Church, Surgonsville, TN	Nathan Radford	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Lima, OH	Nathan Radford	150.00
Greenbottom Baptist Church, Lesage, WV	Nathan Radford	25.00
Grimes, Jack and Margaret, Evans, WV	Salary	20.00
Hanson, Anna L., Charleston, WV	For Dennis, Edwin, Kevin	180.00
Harris, Ruby C., Charleston, WV	Nathan Radford	10.00
Harrison, David and Barbara, Red House, WV	Nathan Radford	20.00
Harvesters Bible Class, Point Pleasant, WV	Salary	100.00
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Personal	190.00
Hester, Helen D., Eleanor, WV		25.00
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC		35.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Nathan Radford	50.00
Lewis, Sue Ellen and Lowell T., Milton, WV	Nathan Radford	25.00
Martin, Gaylord and Hazel, Charleston, WV	Salary	90.00
Martin, Gaylord and Hazel, Charleston, WV	Nathan Radford	45.00
Matheny, Charles and Betty, New Port Richey, FL	Nathan Radford	10.00
Matheny, Charles and Betty, New Port Richey, FL	For Expenses	40.00
Means Baptist Church, Means, KY	Nathan Radford	35.00
Meyne, John and Lois, Grand Rapids, MI	Nathan Radford	25.00
Meyne, John and Lois, Grand Rapids, MI	Nathan Radford	25.00
Mintum, Timothy R., Nitro, WV	Nathan Radford	72.00
Mount Hope Baptist Church, Chesapeake, OH	Salary	60.00
Open Door Bible Church (Adult SS Class)	Salary	75.00
Pack, Joe L., South Charleston, WV	Salary	10.00
Parker, Steven E., Burlington, IA	Nathan Radford	10.00
Ranson, Joseph and Vinila, Culloden, WV		35.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN		50.00
Rusthoven, Dirk and Susan, Johnston, IA	Nathan Radford	500.00
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV	As Needed	100.00
Stalnaker, Ron and Gina, Glennville, WV	Nathan Radford	100.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	Nathan Radford	75.00
Sugar Creek Baptist Church, Charleston, WV		150.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Nathan Radford	55.00
Thompson, Peter A. and Karen J., Nitro, WV	Salary	20.00
Thompson, Peter A. and Karen J., Nitro, WV	Nathan Radford	10.00
Wade, Dr. & Mrs. James, Abingdon, VA	Personal	100.00
Wade, Dr. & Mrs. James, Abingdon, VA	Nathan Radford	50.00
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV	Support	100.00
Wright, Randy and Teresa, Hurricane, WV	Nathan Radford	100.00
Wright, Randy and Teresa, Hurricane, WV	Nathan Radford	100.00
Yanak, Albert and Ruby, Saint Albans, WV	Salary	10.00
Total		5,138.00



## Sister Draper Writes . . .



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Dear Fellow Saints,

April 30, 2002

Hello from Brazil. Time flies by when you are very busy. I manage to stay busy. I like to do most of the cooking since my family likes home-cooked meals and do not like junk food much. The hot weather makes it a hot job. This past fall we moved into an apartment up on the 6th floor to be more secure after having been robbed twice last year. We really are thankful to be here and are enjoying it. Our last child will soon be leaving the nest. Michelle will be 17 years old on the 26th of May and will finish High School in December of this year. We will be bringing her to the States to get her Driver's License and get her started in College. Right now she is having some health problems. She studies from Monday through Saturday and has Spanish classes two nights a week. She just had semester exams and is very tired. We took her to the doctor yesterday and her blood pressure is very low and she has lost almost 10 pounds in the past 10 weeks. She needs more rest and may be anemic. She also may have a parasite problem in her blood or intestines. We will know this tomorrow when we take her back to see what the lab work showed. Pray for her. You moms know how we worry about our babies.

I stay busy visiting with Harold and teaching Bible classes in Ladies groups. Also we have every other week a meeting with pastors' wives which is being a great blessing to all. The Lord has blessed our work in a great way these past two years, and you there have responded by giving so that we may open up new works. We praise the Lord for that. It feels so good to know that you are being used.

My health is holding its own. I take a lot of medicine and am walking about 3 miles with Harold about 3 times a week. We both have problems with high blood pressure and Triglycerides. We hope to see many of you next year when we come home for furlough. In the past years my health hasn't allowed me to always travel a lot. We hope it will be different this time. Our oldest grandson will graduate soon from High School and we won't be there. We hope to be there when he graduates from College. If the Lord lets us live we will be candidates to be great grandparents before many more years. God bless all of you there.

Your Sister in Christ, Ursula Draper



Harold Draper family with Pastor and family of Calvary Baptist Church in Santa Cruz, Bolivia

## Staying Busy . . . Many Special Blessings . . . Returning To Peru May 22nd . . .



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Dear Friends,

May 2, 2002

Anita and I have received so many blessings from the Lord this past month. Our son, Joshua, is now a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Air Force. I was privileged to be able to pin his bars on him at his commissioning ceremony at the Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, on the 5th of April. He is now serving in Texas at another base there. Please remember him in your prayers.

Since our son moved out to Texas, we had to give him his car back! (We had been using it since January). We were without "wheels" but the Lord always provides our needs. Anita and I express our sincere thanks to Brother and Sister Steve Blake for loaning us their 2002 Chevy Pick-up truck for the remainder of our furlough. It has been a real blessing.

We had a wonderful trip, with great weather, up in Michigan for two weeks, then Ohio and Northern Kentucky. We were in many wonderful churches and well received by all. It was a special blessing to see and be with Brother and Sister Homer Crain again. He is now pastoring the Gethsemane Baptist Church of Taylor, Michigan. We spent a lot of years serving with Brother Crain in Peru when he was a missionary there also.

As I write this letter, my wife and I are in Rye Patch, Georgia with Pastor Eugene McDuffy and the Rye Patch Baptist Church. I am preaching a three day meeting for them. We started last night and had a good number of folks turn out. We leave here in a few days for services in several churches in North and South Carolina. We are staying very busy and are being very blessed. Everywhere we go the saints of the Lord treat us with such warmth and great hospitality. We thank the Lord for each and every one that has had us in your home, given us a meal or provided lodging for us. We return to Peru on May 22nd. Please remember us in your prayers and come and visit us in Peru. Next month our letter should be from Peru.

Serving Jesus in Peru, Sheridan and Anita Stanton

## SLEDD

(From Page One)

Would you consider sharing a regular monthly gift to our General Fund or increasing the gifts you are already sharing? Even a few dollars will go a long way toward helping us meet the basic needs of our missionaries. God bless you and thank you for your love for our wonderful missionary families.

George Sledd, Treasurer BFM

## Baptize Twenty Five . . . Story of Two Children . . .



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

April 30, 2002

Time sure doesn't wait. It seems that it was just last week that we wrote last month's letter. We just pray that all is well with all of you. We are all doing fine.

To say the least, this has been a pretty interesting month. We baptized 25 this last month from our church. All the mission points had special services and several saved.

Here at the home we had several things happen. We have lots of new kids. Many of them have been saved. Twelve of the 25 that were baptized are from the Alpha and Omega Home. We always pray and hope that all the kids from the home will be saved. That is the only hope there is. Only God can transform lives!

We have had many kids to leave and we pray that they will do well. Those that come in all have a story that we could tell you. I will take a brief moment to tell the story of two of the kids.

Fernando is a teen that is 14 years old. His aunt brought him to us for help. His mother got together with some man who asked her to choose between him and her son. Needless to say, she chose the man. The teen became very rebellious and into lots of trouble. That took him to drugs. When he came to my office for the first time, he had 3 packs of drugs in his back pack, so he had to be disciplined for that. After being disciplined, we had a good talk. He told me he did not know who his father was. He said that he would like to meet his dad but his mother will not permit him to. Then I asked him if he would like me to be his dad. I told him I couldn't be his real daddy but a friend dad that would love him. Then I told him



Luiz Antonio and Paulo Henrique. Two who have found a happy home at Alpha and Omega

that I knew someone that loved him very much and wanted to be his dad and specially his Savior. I told him about the love of Jesus Christ, and he accepted Jesus as his Personal Savior and we prayed together. I see a lot working with kids every day. But it seems like there are always new experiences. I'm sure it was a new experience for him. At one moment he was caught with drugs then disciplined and then accepted Jesus as his Savior. He left my office with the real meaning of the Alpha and Omega home. Beginning and End. Beginning of a new life and the End of the old life.

The other story is of a two-year-old girl whose name is Mayra. The Judges social worker came to us and asked us to help two children. The mother left the kids alone to go out with guys. The neighbors were upset with the way the kids were treated. The mother brought them today. When she left them she didn't even shed a tear. Don't be surprised if one of these days Mayra's last name becomes BARROS. Amelia always wanted God to give a little adopted sister. Well, God may have just answered her prayer.

In the middle of all that, we have had a very difficult month financially. With all the expenses in the school, the mission point minister's travel expense and the home, the cost is very high. Just the light bill is over \$1,000; the gas bill is over \$1,500; and feeding 120 people three times a day.

Then we have had a lot of problems with our cars and buses. Would you or your church consider taking up a special offering to help us in the crucial time here at the Alpha and Omega Home where children's lives are saved two times? Give them a new life here on earth and eternal life.

Love, Odali and Kathy

## HENSLEY

(From Page One)

You see, gasoline is \$1.95 per liter and diesel costs \$.98 per liter, and we are getting 250 kilometers more per each tank of diesel. We are looking forward to this savings so we can put this extra money to work somewhere else in God's work here in Brazil.

Many thanks for your wonderful support and for your prayers. Without you, this work is not possible. We are looking forward to seeing many of you this coming fall at the Thanksgiving Conference and at your churches.

In His service, AJ and Barbara Hensley

## ANDERSON

(From Page One)

pray that he will be open to this. I really need God's wisdom, as in this culture, to take another wife is not a sin, but is accepted and even expected.

In spite of the problems, the Lord has really blessed us this month, as our attendance has been up, and we have had a good problem to deal with. We do not have enough pews made for all of the people who are coming. Two weeks ago, we had an attendance of 159 in church, and this past Sunday, we had 145. The most exciting part is the way that people are responding to the messages that I have been preaching on sin. Two weeks ago, 24 people went forward to ask for prayer. This past Sunday, 10 went forward for prayer. So, we are encouraged at how the Lord is working in people's lives. Please pray for us that Satan will not have the victory in lives, and that God will put a hedge of protection around each member.

Thank you so much for your prayers. We can tell that many are praying, because we see the evidence of much prayer and are encouraged about the growth both numerically and spiritually among the church body. God is blessing the efforts to win souls, and then to disciple the new believers, and there is a good spirit of unity among the church members. This is so different than when we returned to Kenya just two-and-a-half months ago. So, we can't thank you enough for bringing us before the Lord, and would ask that you continue to do so, as we fight Satan and his influence among the members of the church. May our Lord bless each of you, and use you as you labor for Him there in your area of ministry. Until next month...

Serving together, Mike and Pam

## SUMMER CONFERENCE

July 29-31, 2002

Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church

Ironton, Ohio - Make your plans now to attend