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### Review Of 2002 . . . Anita's Health Problems . . . Need For Building Funds . . . Special Prayer Request . . .



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Dear friends,

December 31, 2002

Looking back over the past year, it has been a very good year for the Lord's work here in Peru. The first four months, Anita and I were in the States where we had the great blessing of being with many great churches, pastors and Christian friends. We were able to make many new friends and several new churches felt lead of the Lord to take us on for financial support. Anita and I thank the Lord for all of you and we pray that God may shower his blessings on each of you in 2003.

We have baptized many new converts on our return to Peru, helped two new mission works get started, married four couples, presented a dozen or more babies to the church here in Huanuco, preached six revival meetings and two Bible conferences, and taught another Institute class. All of these things were accomplished while traveling extensively to the mission works and helping co-pastor the Central Baptist Church of Huanuco. Anita and I love our calling and we enjoy being busy. Thank you for your prayers during this past year.

At present, Anita has been diagnosed with Carpal Tunnel Syndrome in her right hand. She really needs your prayers. She wears a wrist brace but she has lost feeling in her thumb and first two fingers. She drops things a lot and now is not able to write. She can still type but makes a few errors now. This is in addition to the fibromyalgia that she has. She works every day in pain, but she keeps going. Please remember my wife in your prayers. We know that God's grace is always sufficient.

Most of our progress is on stand by for the building projects at the different mission works. The building plans for the Huaral work are still being drawn. They should be ready sometime in January. We are waiting on word about buying the property for the mission work in Huaral. We could hear any time about that one. Up in Chasqui, we need about \$300.00 to finish the flooring and build a small kitchen for Brother Marcelino Cierro, the national worker, and his family. They will be moving up there to live the fourth of January.

So many of you have written and expressed interest in special financial needs. Really, at this point and time our main financial need is funds for building projects. We have three major building projects at this time, waiting for funds. We can honestly only do one at a time. If you really feel the Lord wants you to help, then designate your funds for the "Stanton Building Fund." The donations will go for these projects. Please consider increasing this year your regular giving to the General Fund of Baptist Faith Mission.

One more prayer request; a young, sixteen year old girl in our church here in Huanuco, Danitza Presentacion, has a serious heart problem. I have made arrangements for her to see the leading heart specialist here in Peru on the seventh of January. Anita and I will be taking her in to see him. The doctors here in Huanuco can't do anything for Danitza. It appears that she is going to need heart surgery to repair a leaking valve in her heart. Her family has no type of medical insurance. The doctor has agreed to operate if necessary at no charge and even guaranteed that the attending doctors and nurses will not charge. But there will be hospital cost and medicine. Anita and I are trusting the Lord to provide this need. Danitza is an identical twin with her sister Sophia. They both sing in the Choral group and are very faithful in church. Please remember this young girl in your prayers. The thought of open heart surgery here in Peru is scary to say the least. We pray that maybe the doctors can do something without surgery, but we are told it is not likely. I will give you the outcome of this in my next letter. Thank you for your prayers.

Serving Jesus in Peru,  
Sheridan and Anita Stanton



Anita with some of the orphans they shared Christmas gifts with.

### Thankful For Being Able To Preach . . . Forty-eighth Anniversary . . . Valleys And Mountain Tops . . .



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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Savior:

December 30, 2002

The day after tomorrow will be the first day of the New Year, January 1, 2003. Time marches on! We thank our Lord that we will have as our Lord and Master - prophet, priest and King the same as this year of 2002 - The Lord Jesus Christ. This Mission Sheet month began on December 1st, and finishes today the 30th.

I preached during this period a total of 10 sermons. All 10 were delivered at the 24th of March Baptist Church where I am the pastor and Marie and I are members. On Sunday morning the 22nd of this month, I preached from Matthew 7:13-14 on the two ways. The Lord blessed with 5 rededications. On Wednesday night the 25th, I delivered a message on baptism. I lead the singing before the baptism. I did not baptize the three young people because of my back condition. The baptism was a blessing to me and to all the 52 of us present. Ediberto Ribeiro da Silva, my assistant, did the baptizing. This was the first time the baptistry was used. Pray with me that at the end of February we will be able to have another baptism and pray that I will be strong enough to do the baptizing.



Brother Bratcher with the family of a departed Sister in Christ.

During this Mission Sheet month Marie and I heard 10 sermons delivered by 6 different preachers. We are very thankful we are able to attend others churches as well as all of those at the 24th of March Baptist Church. On the 9th, Dr. Alvaro, my heart doctor, examined me and he said everything was normal and I am not to return to him until the end of February.

On the 27th of this month Marie and I celebrated our 48th wedding anniversary. We thank and praise the Lord that we were able to live and stay together these 48 years. "Through many dangers, toils and snares," as well as many blessed days and victories we have come. On this day we were blessed by a two-hour visit from our fellow missionaries and friends of many years, Brother John and Alta Hatcher. We enjoyed their visit very much. Also we enjoyed the lunch that our son, Asa Mark and Lucia, treated us to. We have had our joys and our sorrows, been on the mountain top and down in the valley, but our Lord has been with us through it all and has given us grace and strength to continue on. We are grateful for this blessing.

We thank all of you who have sent us e-mails, letters and Christmas cards. We pray that the year of 2003 will be a blessed year for all of us. Thank you who contribute to us personally as well as all of the churches and individuals who give to the "Work Horse Fund."

May the Lord bless you all is our prayer.

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

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## Ministry Enlarging . . . Wedding-Kenya Style . . . Spreading Christmas Cheer . . .



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Dear Special Friends, January 1, 2003

Happy New Year! Today is a day of reflecting on the blessings of the past year, and a time for anticipating blessings for the year ahead. As we reflect on the Lord's goodness to us in 2002, we are reminded that He permitted us to finish the court case that has ensnared us for over 3 years. God called a new team member to join us, our son, Nathan, and he has adjusted so well, finished first in his class in Swahili language school in November, and has started a youth ministry, a volleyball team for the youth, and another for adults of our church, a prison ministry, and is studying to teach a course in evangelism to enable our people to know how to use God's Word to lead the unsaved to Christ. God was with Pam as she completed 18 weeks of getting experience in the government clinics and hospitals, so that we can start a medical ministry in the near future. And last, but certainly not least, our Lord has brought unity to our church, after so much bickering and gossiping that had taken place since our return early in 2002. We praise God for all of the above answers to prayers, as well as all of us enjoying good health, traveling mercies on the bad roads here, working for a great mission board whose directors pray for and encourage us so many times, and most of all, for allowing us the privilege to represent Him, as well as so many people and churches, here in Kenya. We are so blessed to be called by God to minister His Word to the very needy people of this country, and it is such an honor to have His Spirit with us, enabling us to do what we could not do within ourselves. To God be all of the glory.

One of the highlights of the church occurred last month when I performed our first Kenyan wedding. Laban Wayoga, one of our deacons, who also keeps our 3 orphaned boys, married Norah Wambati. Laban is himself an orphan, so because he had no parents, our church assumed the responsibility of his wedding, and this brought with it so much excitement, and unity. In Kenyan culture, it is the man who must pay for and organize the wedding, so at a pre-wedding party that we attended early in the month, the dowry was decided on, and the papers were signed, so that he could marry Norah. Laban had to agree to pay for 11 cows, 2 goats, give a blanket, a sheet set, and pay the father of the bride 50,000 Kenyan shillings (approximately \$700 U.S. dollars), and 5,000 shillings to Norah's mother (approx. \$70). On the day of the pre-wedding party, he had to make a down payment of 15,000 shillings (approx. \$200), and had to sign an agreement to pay the rest over his lifetime.

Because he is an orphan, our church acted in the role of his parents, and organized the entire wedding, and everyone donated food to feed the crowd of over 300, and bought them a nice wedding gift of a sofa and chairs. As is tradition with a Kenyan wedding, the service started 3 hours after it was supposed to start. Traditionally, the bride must be picked up after everyone arrives for the wedding, so I picked Norah up, since there are only 2 other people in our church who have a car. The other two cars were being used to transport the rest of the bridal party. There was a huge celebration of singing and dancing in the neighborhood when I arrived to pick her up, and another celebration when we arrived at our church. There were 15 bridal attendants from our church, and 15 groom's attendants, and each group did their own "shuffle" with their feet as they came down the aisle. Since Norah's veil covering her in front extended to her waist, so that she was completely covered, Laban had to lift the veil as part of the ceremony to make sure that he was indeed marrying the right person. Kenyans exchange wedding rings with their hands in the air, so that all can see what they are doing, and they cut the wedding cake and exchange bites of cake, and then, cut the cake into small pieces and personally give it to each person who attends the wedding as part of the ceremony, too. After the exchange of wedding vows which I officiated, the bridal train was placed around Laban's shoulders to show that they are now one, so they moved together as a from then on. While all of this was going on inside, our ladies were cooking the food for everyone on their charcoal stoves outside in the grass, and the 3 goats that had been slaughtered and cut up by one of our deacons, were being cooked, too. As part of our gift to them, we provided the money for the meat, as meat is only served in Kenya for special occasions, because the people are too poor to afford the cost of meat. Everyone had such a good time, and was personally involved in making this wedding a "red-letter" day for the church and for Laban and Norah.

Later in the month of December, Nathan, Moses, our assistant pastor, and I gave out over 1300 gifts to the prisoners in Kitale. The gifts were provided from gifts of money that Nathan received, and the packets included a tooth brush, tooth paste, soap, some hard candy, and a Gospel of John and Romans, as well as a gospel tract. These are such small gifts to us, but the prisoners are forgotten people, and don't have access to tooth brushes, tooth paste, etc. Nathan has been burdened about the prisoners for a long time, and they were so thrilled with the gifts, and the fact that we thought that they were important, that they danced and sang to us. Nathan hopes to return on a regular basis, and begin to witness to them, and follow this by one-on-one discipleship with those who receive Christ. One prisoner was able to get a thank you note to Nathan. He is saved, and wants to grow spiritually, so he asked for more material. Nathan hopes to start with him and his friends, and develop from there. Please pray for this new outreach.

On Christmas Day, we had a service to honor our Lord's birth, and then, we personally visited over 25 of our very poorest church families to take them gifts of toys and clothes that had been given to us by many of you in the States, and then, we added some of our personal money to buy food for them, as they get NOTHING for Christmas. The smiles and gratitude from each one made this the best Christmas that we have ever had here, and we resumed home after dark, but so thankful for the opportunity to give a little of all that we have, to make their day special. Thanks to so many of you who provide for us, so that we can be a blessing.

Our assistant pastor plans to marry next month, and Lord willing, I will again perform this ceremony. Moses has had a difficult time, too, as his name has been smeared. We reported a few months ago that he had fallen into sin, and would have to be disciplined. We were so sure that this was right, but have discovered that our former deacon who we did have to discipline, has been behind all of the problems that we have had this year, and he especially has wanted Moses to be disciplined, too. Moses has sworn on the Bible that the things said about him were untrue, and he even got physically sick as a result of us believing these lies. He felt betrayed that we had worked so closely with him, and then, we believed that he was guilty of sexual sin. After much prayer and time spent with him, we do believe that he is innocent, and we look forward to his wedding, and this time of celebration.

Lord willing, we hope to start another church in the near future. We have been approached by one of our members who lives several miles from the church, and walks to church, to start a church in his neighborhood, as there are only Catholic and Quaker churches in the area, and he wants his large family of children to be taught God's Word in the right way. We have prayed about it, and feel that it is time for our church to become more indigenous under the direction of a Kenyan pastor and deacons, so hopefully we will be branching out soon to start another work.

The Bible Institute will be starting next month, if the Lord wills, as we want to train our young men who have been called to the ministry. Our goal is to start at least two new churches this year and we will use the young men from our Bible Institute to pastor these churches under my supervision. Pam and I have been meeting with the pilot of a helicopter ministry and talking to him about the possibility of beginning a medical work in the unreached areas of Kenya. This has been a prayer request of his and ours for over 2 years and the Lord is bringing the people and supplies together for this to become a reality in the near future. We are really excited about expanding in order to tell more people who have never heard the Good News of salvation.

Thanks to each of you who have brought our names before the Lord this past year. Please continue to remember us as we start these new endeavors that God will get the glory and we will have His wisdom. May our Lord bless each of you in your various mission fields, as you serve Him there.

Your servants in Kenya, Mike and Pam Anderson

## Brother Creiglow's Report . . . Cancer Treatment . . .



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Dear Brethren:

December 31, 2002

We have made only one trip out of town since my last letter, and that was last Sunday night when we went to visit First Baptist Church of Science Hill, Kentucky where Brother Ed Massey serves as pastor. Ed and his family are going to Florida for a short vacation and he invited me to fill his pulpit this coming Wednesday night while he is away.

After visiting my dermatologist I have spent the following four weeks treating the pre-cancerous skin lesions on my arms. This treatment is rather painful. The medicine causes the skin to blister and peel off the outer layer, thus removing the lesions. After the peel off, it takes about two weeks to heal, so I still have about two weeks to go to complete the total of six weeks. These lesions are the result of being exposed to the tropical sun. My advice to those who want to maintain a good sun tan, don't do it, because the result is not pleasant.

Betty's physical health has been some better this month for which we are thankful unto the Lord.

My video editing computer has had a problem for several weeks now and has refused to cooperate with me until I get a doctor to heal it, but I can still reproduce any of our videos to mail to any that might want them, and can still present them to any church that would invite me to make the presentation, or would be happy to mail them to you.

We are ready to start the New Year and will do so anticipating great blessings from the Lord. We desire the same blessing for each of you.

In His Name, Bobby D. Creiglow

## Soon To Return To Brazil . . . Thanks For Special Gifts . . . Hoping To Visit More Churches . . .



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Faithful readers,

December 31, 2002

How AWESOME is the God we serve!! It is really great to be home and to be able to enjoy family and friends during this holiday season. Barbara and I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for your faithful support of B. F. M. and us this year with your prayers and your finances. It is really awesome to have friends and Churches that love our Lord and Savior in such a way and that express that love so wonderfully. We have been really busy visiting Churches and reporting on the work in Brazil. We still have some open dates between now and March 4th if you would like for us to visit your Church. Our contact number in Lexington is 859-252-2859.

We would also like to thank everyone for responding to our losses which occurred during the robbery before we came home. We have been able to replace our cameras and we have been given a new keyboard for services, and a lap top computer. We are hoping to be able to replace more of the lost items before we return home to Brazil in March.

Barb and I have been looking forward to seeing snow while we are here. However, we are finding that we have gotten used to the climate in Brazil. We are suffering from the cold weather, but we have the warm clothes that we left here so we are keeping warm while waiting for the snow.

This is the most time we have taken off from the work since we first went to Brazil. But, as you know, we are between works, so we were able to stay longer without worrying about the kids and what is happening with them. We have, therefore, been enjoying our time with our children here in the States. We have had all our family together this year for the first time in 10 years and it has been a blessing from God. Though enjoying every minute of this time, Barbara and I both are itching to get back to our home (Brazil) and to be about our Fathers business.

Pray for us as we begin the search for the new location where God would have us serve. And know that when we get to that location we will have much work to do and you know that many hands makes fast work. That is just our Kentucky way of saying, please come down and visit us and see what God will do through you.

In His Service, A. J. and Barbara

## Nathan Writes . . .

Dear praying friends,

January 3, 2003

I wanted to take this opportunity to give you an update on what God has been doing in the ministries here in Kitale, Kenya. As the New Year approached a couple of days ago, I was reminded of what an honor and privilege it is to serve the people of Kenya. Much was accomplished for the kingdom of God last year, and I look forward to the ministries that will be done for the glory of God this year.

It was difficult to be separated for four months during language school, not only from my parents, but also the ministries of Calvary Baptist Church. I am so grateful that God protected me during my time in Tanzania, and that I was able to receive a strong foundation in the language of Swahili. One of my goals is to be teaching in the language of Swahili within a few months, so I would appreciate your prayers, that I would develop further, and do well in the days and weeks ahead.

On December 23rd, I had the privilege of going to Kitale main prison and passing out the packets which I had prepared for each prisoner, using the money that was given from the States. I want to thank each person, and each church, that gave so generously for this project. With the money that was given, I was able to give over 1,300 prisoners basic toiletries, a gospel tract, a copy of the books of John and Romans in Swahili, as well as a letter which had more information about the ministries of Calvary Baptist Church.

When I arrived at the prison, I was informed that there would be a large gathering of prisoners in the main courtyard. When Pastor Mike, the assistant pastor Moses, and myself arrived, the majority of the courtyard was filled with prisoners. We were then welcomed by the chief prison officer, and I was given the opportunity to say a few words to the prisoners. I told them of my experience of doing prison ministry when I was in college, and of my love for prisoners, and desire to reach them with the gospel. They then applauded and welcomed us, and an African choir sang to us as a "thank you" for coming to visit them, and to give them something to benefit their lives. It was truly a wonderful experience, and I am looking forward to starting this ministry in detail next week.

Just last week, I received a thank you letter from one of the prisoners, and he expressed his desire for us to visit him and get him more information about the Word of God. Please pray that we will be able to visit this prisoner immediately upon our return to the prison next week. Please pray not only for the prisoners, but also for the wardens. There are 230 wardens in this prison, and many of them wanted copies of the books of John and Romans themselves, so there are definite possibilities of reaching them with the gospel as well.

It is truly exciting to be part of what God is doing in Kitale. Thank you to the many who have sent letters as well as emails, and for your encouragement. May God richly bless you.

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## Baptist Faith Missions

### DECEMBER 2002 OFFERINGS

#### REGULAR FUND

Adams, Joanna and Robert, Viola, AR	100.00
Adkins, Elbert and Frances, Ada, OH	300.00
Amazing Grace Baptist Church, Palmyra, TN	30.00
Battle Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY	30.00
Beath, Mr. and Mrs. William, Buckhannon, WV	25.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY	80.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY	187.00
Bell Missionary Baptist Church, Luka, IL	50.00
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddente, NC	400.00
Berry Baptist Church, Berry, KY	200.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksburg, TN	275.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	552.00
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	613.25
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY	175.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV	125.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	440.20
Cornerstone Baptist Church, Minford, OH	197.00
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV	70.00
Darling, Russell & Ruth, Mount Horeb, WI	100.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	550.00
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA	250.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	218.72
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Irvine, KY	100.00
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO	100.00
Faith Baptist Church, Leighton, AL	100.00
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY	200.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	1,000.00
First Baptist Church, Grayson, KY	100.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, OH	100.00
Goldfloss Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	25.00
Goodsprings Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL	200.00
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, KY	30.00
Grace Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH	600.00
Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Spring, MS	150.00
Harbor View Missionary Baptist Church, Harbor View, OH	100.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV	300.00
Hardy, Ola, Guntown, MS	25.00
Hatcher, Laura, Hebron, KY	50.00
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	3,125.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI	300.00
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculum, AL	114.25
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC	41.00
Jenkins, William and Sonora, Appling, GA	50.00
Johnston, Mark, San Jose, CA	20.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	100.00
Kentucky Friends	3,000.00
King, Pastor Doug & Romona, Arcadia, FL	100.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	853.43
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH	50.00
Matthews Memorial Church, Stevenson, AL	50.00
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	500.00
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Dawson Baptist Church)	300.00
Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Grafton, OH	250.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Bloomington, IL	50.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	630.00
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	657.00
Norris, William W., Richmond, KY	60.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Perkins, WV	100.00
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesborough, TN	80.00
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesborough, TN (Christmas Gift)	100.00
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, FL	382.00
Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY	220.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	880.00
Riverview Baptist Church, Point Pleasant, WV	50.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN	200.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV	300.00
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winsont-Salem, NC	1,100.00
Sims, James & Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS	125.00
Singleton, Wallace and Geneva, Lexington, KY	50.00
Sloan, Jimmy, Louisville, KY	500.00
South Carolina Friend	45.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL	150.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	4,391.00
Sugar Creek Baptist Church, Woodland, TN	30.00
Tenney, James and Patsy, Ocoee, FL	40.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	286.00
Valley View Baptist Church, Bristol, TN	100.00
Virginia Friend	510.00
Wannaville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL	50.00
Watkins, Bert and Louise, Richmond, KY	55.00
Webster Memorial Baptist Church, Lakeland, FL	50.00
Wood, Nerec, Columbia, SC	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,217.85</b>

#### WEST INDIES

Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Sewnauth Punallal 54.51
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	Emmanuel Jaggernauth 63.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>117.51</b>

#### ODALI BARROS FUND

Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA	Support 200.00
Baker, Karl and Rebecca, Georgetown, KY	As Needed 50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 189.00
Citizens of Jackson County, AL	A-O Home 249.34
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	A-O Home 351.00
Hatcher, Laura, Hebron, KY	A-O Home 50.00
Joy Bells Sunday School Class, Lexington, KY	Personal 50.00
Kentucky Friend	A-O Home 1,000.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	A-O Home 45.00
Lear, Margaret P., Lexington, KY	Personal 50.00
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY	Salary 100.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	S. Parker 63.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI (Spical Conf. Off.)	S. Parker 538.00
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	A-O Home 361.00
Pine Set Baptist Church, South Pittsburg, TN	35.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Stephanie Parker 40.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	A-O Home 80.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Love Off. 384.00
Ruth Sunday School Class, Alexandria, KY	A-O Home 100.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL (Thanksgiving Off.)	294.37
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	Stephanie Parker 75.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	A-O Home 898.66
Tenney, James and Patsy, Ocoee, FL	A-O Home 50.00
Tenney, James and Patsy, Ocoee, FL	Salary 20.00
Tenney, James and Patsy, Ocoee, FL	As Needed 30.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	A-O Home 40.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Stephanie Parker 20.00
Tolson, Mary, Lexington, KY	Personal 100.00
Wahler, Richard, Georgetown, KY	A-O Home 400.00
W. K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	As Needed 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,913.37</b>

#### HAROLD BRATCHER FUND

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary 66.66
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 100.00
Bratcher, Debra, Mesquite, TX	Personal 60.00
Brickner, Wayne and Olena, Piqua, OH	As Needed 10.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Poverty Relief 100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	Christmas Gift 100.00
Clarksville 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
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	New Work 351.00
Edwards, Wilgus and Maria, Booneville, KY	Salary 10.00

Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA	250.00
Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, MI	New Work 100.00
Grimes, Melvin and Margaret, Evans, WV	Salary 10.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	100.00
Kentucky Friends	Where Needed 2,000.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH	Salary 35.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH	Personal 65.00
Northwest Baptist Church, Tampa, FL	Buildings 100.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL (Thanksgiving Off.)	Personal 294.37
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	50.00
Turley, Marion and Carolyn, Richmond, KY	Salary 30.00
W.K.E., Lehigh Acres, FL	As Needed 25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,032.03</b>

#### A. J. HENSLEY FUND

Alexander, John and Sharon, Cedar Creek, TX	Salary 25.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary 62.50
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	As Needed 150.00
Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA	Support 100.00
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
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	New Work 351.00
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
Lynam's Creek Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY	New Work 100.00
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY	Salary 50.00
Newman, Steven and Terry, Elgin, TX	New Work 60.00
Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY	40.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL (Thanksgiving Off.)	Personal 294.37
Tolson, Mary, Lexington, KY	Personal 100.00
W. K. J., Lehigh Acres, FL	As Needed 25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,205.37</b>

#### MIKE CREIGLOW FUND

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 200.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	As Needed 351.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	Food Pantry 218.72
Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, MI	New Work 100.00
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Columbia, TN	Personal 100.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Andrew Creiglow 45.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL (Thanksgiving Off.)	Personal 294.37
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mims, FL	Salary 75.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,384.09</b>

#### HAROLD DRAPER FUND

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 120.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH	Salary 60.00
Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Nicholasville, KY	As Needed 80.00
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, KY	Salary 40.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	As Needed 351.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	Salary 50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, MI	New Work 100.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV	New Work 2,000.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV	As Needed 100.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV	Christmas Gift 200.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	100.00
Jenkins, William and Sonora, Appling, GA	As Needed 50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	New Work 122.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL (Thanksgiving Off.)	Personal 294.37
Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,767.37</b>

#### JOHN A. HATCHER FUND

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 200.00
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN	115.00
Brown, Margaret, Lookout, WV	New Work 30.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, NC	New Building Lots 351.00
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, Detroit, MI	New Work 100.00
Hatcher, Charles and Beulah, Alexandria, KY	Personal 100.00
Hatcher, Laura, Hebron, KY	Personal 30.00
Jenkins, William and Sonora, Appling, GA	30.00
Kentucky Friends	As Needed 2,000.00
Meadow Bridge Missionary Baptist Church, Meadow Bridge, WV	Salary 200.00
Michigan Friend	As Needed 500.00
Mundy, Billie and Evelyn, Godfrey, IL	Salary 5.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Brazilian Preachers 40.00
Sims, James & Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS	New Work 25.00
Singleton, Wallace and Geneva, Lexington, KY	Gift 50.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL (Thanksgiving Off.)	Personal 294.37
Spicer, Hubert and Emogene, South Bend, IN	300.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	Marie 75.00
Wood, Nerec, Columbia, SC	As Needed 100.00
W.K.E., Lehigh Acres, FL	As Needed 25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,640.37</b>

#### PAUL HATCHER FUND

Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL	Seminary-Manaus 60.00
Allbritton, Tommy and Barbara, Scott Depot, WV	Sem-Manaus 30.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY	As Needed 100.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN	50.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	Seminary-Manaus 351.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	Seminary-Manaus 20.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	Seminary-Manaus 50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, MI	Seminary-Manaus 100.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI (From SS Kids)	Salary 22.00
Lahe Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Seminary-Manaus 61.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL (Thanksgiving Off.)	Personal 294.37
Trinity-Northbrook Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH	Seminary 30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,168.37</b>

#### STANTON FUND

Adams, W. H. and Arbia, Lexington, KY	New Work 25.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Salary 41.66
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	As Needed 50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 200.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH	Salary 60.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	Relief Aid Fund 351.00
Durrum, Anthony & Linda, Winter Springs, FL	As Needed 200.00
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA	As Needed 250.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	Personal 218.72
Gaal, Stephen and Martha, Hurricane, WV	Building Fund 25.00
Gilpin Masonary Construction, Inc., Lexington, KY	Personal 50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Surgoinsville, TN	Salary 50.00
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Wyandotte, MI	175.00
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	As Needed 500.00
Howe, C.R., St. Augustine, FL	As Needed 150.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	90.00
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Belleville, MI	Salary 100.00
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Belleville, MI	Christmas Gift 200.00
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY	Salary 50.00
Restoration Baptist Church, Dickson, TN	Personal 100.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN	50.00
Rye Patch Baptist Church, Ludowici, GA	Salary 200.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL (Thanksgiving Off.)	Personal 294.37
Stanton, Martita and Jeff, Merritt Island, FL	Salary 25.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mims, FL	Salary 75.00
Tolson, Mary, Lexington, KY	Personal 100.00
Victory Baptist Church, New Salisbury, IN	25.00
W. E. K., Lehigh Acres, FL	As Needed 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,705.75</b>

#### WACASER FUND

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 350.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Piqua, OH	Salary 50.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	New Work 351.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	Personal 20.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Brinson, GA	Salary 50.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	Salary 25.00
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	Salary 100.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL (Thanksgiving Off.)	Personal 294.37
Storms Creek Young Adult SS Class, Ironton, OH	Christmas Gift for kids 300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,540.37</b>

#### HOME MISSIONS

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	Building 90.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	Reinhardt 164.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI	Reinhardt 50.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Reinhardt 54.51
Norris, William, Richmond, KY	Reinhardt 40.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	Reinhardt 80.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	Reinhardt 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>528.51</b>

#### IN MEMORIAM FUND

Grooms, Mary, Lucasville, OH	In memory of H. C. Grooms 25.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	In memory of Corine Delacruz 65.00
Overbey, Calvin & Doris, Van Buren, AR	In Memory of Louis Maple 125.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>215.00</b>

#### CAR FUND

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

#### H. H. OVERBEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

#### MISSION ADVENTURES

Orrick, Jim and Mildred, Ironton, OH	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>50.00</b>

#### MIKE ANDERSON FUND

Allbritton, Tommy and Barbara, Scott Depot, WV	30.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	As Needed 100.00
Bible Baptist Church, Durham, NC	Salary 90.00
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV	Nathan Radford 30.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	Special Off. 100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	Nathan Radford 100.00
Campbell, Julie, Pelion, SC	As Needed 50.00
Clemens, Vernon and Valnita, Hurricane, WV	Nathan Radford 100.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	As Needed 175.50
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	Nathan Radford 175.50
Dimitri, Michael and Diana, Zephyrhills, FL	Support 825.00
Dimitri, Michael and Diana, Zephyrhills, FL	Nathan Radford 800.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV	127.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV	Nathan Radford 100.00
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV	Support 108.50
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV	Nathan Radford 83.50
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV	Nathan's Prison Bibles 220.23
Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH	100.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Vienna, WV	Support 55.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	Salary 25.00
Gaal, Stephen and Martha, Hurricane, WV	Salary 50.00
Gaal, Stephen and Martha, Hurricane, WV	Nathan Radford 25.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, OH	Nathan Radford 25.00
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentucky, WV	50.00
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentucky, WV	Nathan Radford 25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Lima, OH	Nathan Radford 150.00
Grace Miss. Baptist Church, Surgoinsville, TN	Salary 50.00
Grace Miss. Baptist Church, Surgoinsville, TN	Nathan Radford 50.00
Greenbottom Baptist Church, Lesage, WV	Nathan Radford 50.00
Hale, James and Lodema, St. Albans, WV	Ministry 5.00
Harris, Ruby, Charleston, WV	Nathan Radford 100.00
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 100.00
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC	35.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	Nathan Radford 45.00
Leavittsburg Baptist Church, Warren, OH	Nathan Radford 30.00
Matheny, Charles and Betty, New Port Richey, FL	Nathan Radford 10.00
Matheny, Charles and Betty, New Port Richey, FL	Expenses 40.00
Meyne, John and Lois, Grand Rapids, MI	Nathan Radford 25.00
Minturn, Timothy R., Nitro, WV	Nathan Radford 81.25
Minturn, Timothy R., Nitro, WV	Nathan Radford 50.00
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	Salary 100.00
Mount Hope Baptist Church, Chesapeake, OH	Salary 60.00
Pack, Joe L., South Charleston, WV	Salary 10.00
Parker, Steven, Burlington, IA	Nathan Radford 10.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN	50.00
Smith, W. B. and Anna, Hurricane, WV	Nathan Radford 25.00
South Carolina Friend	As Needed 60.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL (Thanksgiving Off.)	Personal 294.37
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV	As Needed 100.00
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV	Christmas Offering 100.00
Stalnaker, Ron and Gina, Glennville, WV	Nathan Radford 100.00
Standalone Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, MI	Nathan Radford 400.00
Storrey Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	Nathan Radford 75.00
Tennies, James and Patsy, Oceoke, FL	As Needed 80.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Nathan Radford 27.00
Wade, Dr. & Mrs. James, Abingdon, VA	Personal 100.00
Wade, Dr. and Mrs. James, Abingdon, VA	Nathan Radford 50.00
Willing Workers Circle, South Charleston, WV	Nathan Radford 75.00
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV	Support 100.00
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV	Christmas Offering 128.36
Wright, Randy and Teresa, Hurricane, WV	Nathan Radford 200.00
Yanak, Albert and Ruby, Saint Albans, WV	Salary 10.00
Total	6,576.21



## Much Good News ... Project Life ... Home On Furlough ...



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Dear Friends,

January 3, 2003

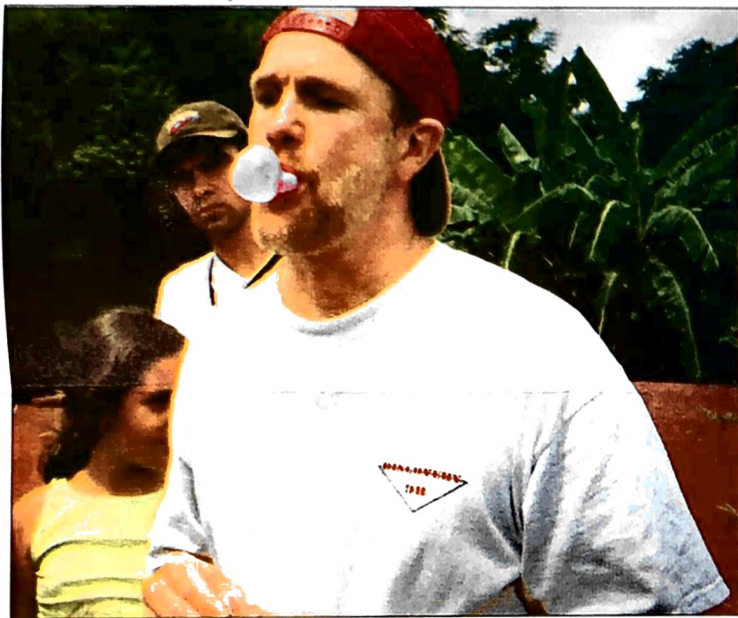
There is so much good news to report to you this month that I hardly know where to begin. The team of leaders at the new work in Diadema are really working well together and they are developing a strong nucleus of believers. That ministry is working without foreign aid and is growing steadily. Bible Baptist Church, which I pastored for the last 10 years, has taken on their own pastor, Edinei, who we evangelized and disciplined since he was a little boy. We trust that God will use him to lead that church to steady growth and outreach.

Some of you are already familiar with Brother Paulo's ministry that I have mentioned in recent letters. God truly did bless what we call "Project Life" during the year of 2002. There were over 4000 folks who professed Jesus Christ as their Savior in the various campaigns throughout the year. A large majority of those folks did a six-week Bible study course immediately following those professions of faith and many are still faithful in seeking to serve Christ through their lives. During the months of December and January, Paulo and the evangelistic crew do the maintenance and repairs on the bus that they use to travel in, live in, and preach from. God is truly using this ministry to the message of His grace to folks who would be very difficult to reach otherwise. More doors of opportunity are opening for this ministry than we can possibly take advantage of. Please pray with us for more laborers to meet this great demand.

The family and I have just arrived in the U.S.A. to begin our furlough. We will be happy to come share with you how God is blessing in southern Brazil. You may contact me at hwacaser@juno.com and soon I will have a regular mailing address and phone number. Looking forward to hearing from you and to seeing you soon.

In Christ's service,

Bobby, Charlene, Jessie and Brennen Wacaser



Bobby Wacaser applying his talents at youth camp.

## Exciting Christmas At Alpha And Omega ... \$35,000 Fine ...



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

January 3, 2003

Happy New year to all of you. Our prayers are that God may bless each one of you more and that our lives may be used more and more for His glory.

Things are doing great here. At the close of this year the church has been challenged to work together as a body, like God's word says. We have challenged each member to get involved. Each part of the body must be put to work. Every member is going to have to find some way to serve inside the church. We don't want dead members. Most every one agreed. Only a few didn't like the idea. We have already started seeing the results. We have a Brother and his wife, Sillio and Eliete, from our church that will be going to live in the city of Lupercio, where we have a mission point. This is great. This city is needing a full time pastor. Pray for them as they start their new life there.

Christmas was great here at the home. We had a big supper on Christmas Eve. The kids always look forward to the supper that night. Days before, they start talking about the supper. If you heard them talking you would think they were starving. I guess they can't get over the amount of food on the table at once and all the fruit on the table. All you can eat! God blessed us with tile to put on the Kitchen floor and walls. A factory donated to us enough to do most of the work. Well, as we got to work we realized that the measurements were wrong and we didn't have enough. We called the factory to buy enough to finish the floor in the kitchen. When we called, the lady said they were closed now but she could donate some tile for the floor, but it was black. Praise God! Who cares if it is black. We have put together a design for the floor using the light color with the black. It Looks Great!!! So the Lord willing we will have a new dining room real soon. The kids are out of school now. We try to keep them busy and out of trouble. That can be hard when you have 2 or 3 kids, so you can imagine what it is like when you have 100. They have been to the farm, fishing and having several soccer competitions. Some will be going to camp in just a few days. Many of you have asked about the container that was sent almost 2 years ago. Well, we have done all that we could. It is in the Lord's hands. Because the papers were not stamped by the Brazilian Consulate in the States, the Federal Government has put a fine of \$104,000 thousand Reais (35 thousand dollars) on the container. If we had that much money we would just buy everything. We do not always understand. But we know and believe that all things work together for good for them that love the Lord and are called according to His purpose. He certainly never fails. The end of times is certainly getting closer. Satan is working hard to get more people in his hands. We are working to bring more to hear God's Word. They must hear to be saved. We serve a risen Savior! What are we doing to announce His love to the world?

Your servants for the King, Odali & Kathy Barros

## Tournefeuille Could Be A Launching Pad ... Lost Keys A Blessing ...



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

December 31, 2002

We thank God for your partnership with us in the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ in France. We began the month of December with the largest number of participants to date in worship. There were 28 present. We have been thrilled to observe those who come to worship and Bible studies spontaneously inviting others and testifying to others how God has changed their lives. One of those who often witnesses to others and who has brought many to worship and Bible studies is Ursula. Just a couple of weeks ago she expressed something that has become a concern of hers. This coming summer she and her family will be moving back to their hometown in Germany. She is concerned that she will not have a fellowship of believers there. We suggested that perhaps she could be instrumental in starting a Bible study.

Another lady who has been a very regular participant in Bible studies and worship moved to England in November. A third family who has been actively involved will be moving to another city near us in the early part of the coming year. It has become evident that these departures are a regular occurrence in our community because many who live here have short term assignments in industry. Others plan to stay in the general area, build or purchase more affordable housing in smaller communities nearby.

On the surface, the high rate of transition might appear to be a detriment to the advancement of the Lord's work here. But, we are convinced that God has carefully placed us just where He wants us. We are reminded of the ministry of the Apostle Paul in the highly mobile society of Ephesus. Acts 19:10 records that his ministry in this city resulted in the spread of the gospel throughout Asia (minor). What God did not allow Paul to do personally (see Acts 16:6), He did indirectly by multiplying his ministry from the launching pad in Ephesus. It seems that God may be operating in a similar fashion through us in the City of Tournefeuille. Pray that we will be faithful to the task.

Following is a recent exemplary incident of how God works. Philip and Amanda had just departed to the USA to spend the Holidays with family, and Judy and I promised to do a couple little things at their home. As we were heading for their house, I could not find their keys. Since this was one of several stops we had planned for the afternoon, we decided to reroute and go first by a little Christmas market a couple of miles from our home. Just as we arrived at the booths, we met a couple of ladies. One of them is a Baptist lady from Virginia who has just moved to the neighboring community and who is delighted to find out about our services. God's direction and timing are perfect. Incidentally, the keys were in the car all along!

Thank you for praying for Judy's health. Her last check-up found no cancer. It has now been 2 years since her last surgery. May God bless you and make you fruitful in His Kingdom during this year.

Rejoicing in Christ,

John and Judy Hatcher

## Enjoying Being With Family ... Ready To Visit Churches ...



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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

December 25, 2002

We greet you at the end of this Holiday Season. We have been blessed since we have been home to having had the opportunity to visit with most of our family during these past days. It had been many years since this had been possible in this way. We praise the Lord for it. We appreciate our family. Most are saved and serving the Lord. Also, we have been able to visit some of you but still hope to do much more of that while we are here. I only have a few openings through April and some in May. I am putting our phone number and address this time in the body of this letter since our Brazilian address is being posted on the letterhead. It is: Harold Draper, P. O. Box 395, Bardwell, Ky. 42023. The phone number is: 1-270-628-9517 and my cell number is 1-270-556-9301. If you would like us to come to your church, please contact us. We will be staying through the summer next year to get the daughter settled into college before going back to Brazil. I want to stay busy preaching and being a blessing as the Lord gives opportunities.

Ursula just finished up almost all of her exams. The doctor has decided to delay her surgery on her neck for now. Her stroke left her a little weak but she is getting stronger every day. We thank you for praying for her. Michelle is doing well in school and has a part-time job. I am fine except for the fact I've put on some extra weight with all this good cooking.

We attended the Thanksgiving Conference and are looking forward to the Winter Conference. We helped the Faith Baptist Church celebrate 22 years in Versailles, Kentucky. The news from our works in Brazil is mostly very good. Souls are being saved and our preachers are being faithful. We thank all of you who support our work as well as the works of all the faithful missionaries. May God bless you all and give you a great year in 2003. Let us work and pray, for the Lord's work, our country, our President, and for lost souls as well as for each other.

Yours in Christ,

Harold Draper & Family



Church building and pastoral house at Jardim Fortaleza. Brother Draper's work.