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### Great Mission Conference ... Enjoyed Visiting Family At Thanksgiving ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Beloved Savior, December 4, 2003  
This Mission Sheets month began October 28th and finished today, December 1st. We share with you the happenings of some 33 days.  
We heard (Marie 3 less) a total of 25 sermons preached and I'll inform you where I preached the 4 sermons.

During the month I received one treatment on my back from Dr. Mark Miller and one dental treatment from Dr. Walter Fox.

On November 3rd, we visited and I preached at the evening service at White Hall Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, where Timothy Beard is the pastor and Pastor Mike Barnes is a member. On November 6th, Marie was X-rayed at a clinic. She was relieved to learn that she was bruised from her fall in October, but not broken.

On November 21st, Miss Ana Burris of the Heritage Baptist Church drove us (Marie and me) in her car to Pastor Bob Hopkins's house in Holly, MI, where we were royally entertained until Monday afternoon (24th). I preached both services at the Grace Baptist Church where Brother Bob is the pastor. Monday afternoon, Brother and Mrs. Hopkins took us to New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI, where we attended the Thanksgiving Conference. Brother Marvin Summers is the pastor. Brother and Mrs. Paul Felan received us into their home during the Conference.

I preached the first sermon on Tuesday morning, November 25th.

After the Conference ended at noon on the 26th, we returned to Lexington with Brother Edward Overbey and Brother Dave Parks.

The hymn writer wrote: "Lord, I would clasp my hand in thine, nor ever murmur or repine (in spite of my having so few opportunities to preach, my words); content whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me."

On Thanksgiving Day we were privileged to have Stephen, his wife, son, and mother-in-law (Dona Janete Nunes Gomez, who lives in Manaus, Amazonas, Brasil) to arrive here at the Mission House before one o'clock in the afternoon, after having traveled a lot of hours from their home in Ocala FL.

After their arrival, we went to Frankfort KY to the home of my youngest brother, Charles and his wife, Reva, where we enjoyed a bountiful Thanksgiving meal with them and some of their children. The food and fellowship was great.

We enjoyed visiting with Dona Janete in our home. She saw her first snow while she was here. She stood up well under the cold, cold weather. They had to leave early Sunday morning since they had work and school on Monday. Due to traffic being "bumper to bumper," it took them 14 1/2 hours to arrive at their home. We thank the Lord for all the blessings that have come our way these last few days.



Children at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church.

We thank each one who has been a blessing to us these days. We are grateful to every person mentioned in this Mission Sheets letter and to all of you who pray and/or contribute for our support through Baptist Faith Missions.

May the Lord bless us through the holiday season and throughout the New Year of 2004.

Yours in the service of the Savior,  
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### Preacher's Conference ... Two Night Services ... Working On Two New Buildings ...

Dear Brethren, August 2003

This month we held our annual preacher's conference at First Baptist Church. We had 67 preachers for this meeting. Every two months we have a smaller meeting at one of the other churches. At the last two we had fifty-five and forty-five workers.

The week preceding the conference we had a missions workshop for our missionaries. There were 25 present. We sat in a big circle for five days and went through a refresher course on our mission philosophy and methodology. I also took time to help them with specific problems they face in the field.

Paul and Wanda Hatcher came in for the weekend. Paul spoke for us during all the services Friday through Sunday. That was a total of seven messages in three days!

We paid expenses for our missionaries to come in from their fields for the conference. On the last night we brought all of them together, with their families, and gave each one an offering of \$100. This

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### B.F.M. Has Over One Hundred Churches And Missions In Peru ...

Dear Friends, December 1, 2003  
Greetings to all from the heart of the Andean Mountains, Huanuco, Peru. Huanuco is located directly in the center of the country at an altitude of 6300 feet above sea level. This allows us to have the "best climate in the world," and Anita and I wish more of you would come and enjoy it with us. Although Huanuco is the poorest province in all of Peru, we have some of God's choicest saints living here! Come and visit.

My sister, Nancy and her husband, Gary Carter, were with us for two weeks during the month of November. It was their first visit and they came to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with Anita and me. God has given Nancy a beautiful voice and she uses it to glorify HIM. She ministered to us in music while here, and now everyone is asking me when they are going to return to Peru. We hope very soon. They were such a blessing.

The construction for the mission work in Hualar is advancing on schedule. "On schedule" means slow but sure due to the limited funds for the building fund. But we praise the Lord for all the funds that come in because we know it was given in love and sacrificially on your part.

The work of the Lord continues to grow in Peru. Because of your sacrificial giving over the years, through Baptist Faith Mission, there are over one hundred Baptist churches and missions proclaiming the Word of God in different regions of the country. It is my joy to be able to help equip the pastors and preachers of these works through the Baptist Institute of Biblical Studies we started over ten years ago. We have seen numerical growth and spiritual maturity in these works and for this we give the Lord all the glory.

We have a worker now for the Mission work up in the mountain village of Chasqui. Brother Teodosio Valverde and his wife Eugenia have manifested their desire to work with the folks up in the village. They are advanced in age, and we are somewhat concerned about their health, but if God calls us He will take care of us. Please remember them in your prayers.

The works from the North and Central jungles have given good reports this month, as well as the different works in the mountains and along the Pacific coast. Peru is one third the size of the continental United States. Being responsible for works scattered all over the country requires a lot of traveling on my part. But that is what missionaries do everywhere. Just remember how much the Apostle Paul traveled in his days. We thank the Lord for automobiles, buses, and planes (and sometimes horses and boats).

Anita and I will be coming to the States for a short furlough from February until June. We hope to see as many of you as possible during that time so we can share some of the happenings of the last two years here in Peru. We look forward to hearing from you. The holiday season is upon us and we hope you will all enjoy your time with family and friends. Until next month.

Serving Jesus in Peru, Sheridan and Anita Stanton



Brother Stanton baptizing in Peru.

### WINTER MISSIONS CONFERENCE

January 18 - 21, 2004

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Sunday, January 18	Wednesday, January 21
10:00 a.m. Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Wayne Hart	Marvin Summers
6:30 p.m. Art Donnelly	11:00 a.m.:
Monday, January 19	George Sledd
5:00 p.m. Supper	12:00 Noon:
7:00 p.m. Harold Bratcher	Lunch
8:00 p.m. Aaron Dumas	5:00 p.m.:
Tuesday, January 20	Supper
10:00 a.m. David Humphries	7:00 p.m.:
10:45 a.m. Skip McCoy	Jayson Minix
11:00 a.m. Jayson Minix	8:00 p.m.:
12:00 N. Lunch	Sentoma Jaggernauth
5:00 p.m. Supper	
7:00 p.m. Harold Bratcher	
8:00 p.m. Leroy Duncan	

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## Holidays In Brazil . . . Visa Problems . . .

Dear BFM supporters, December 1, 2003  
Sooner or later that flu bug gets everyone and this past week it got me. I have been basically in the bed for days. Today I got up and walked around some and was sweating up a storm. I think that means that maybe it is breaking up. I hope so anyway.

We have been blessed this past two weeks. We have had a visiting pastor, Tom Counts, from the First Missionary Baptist Church in Oregon. His Church has been in the past great supporters of our Church here in Caragatatuba. They gave a great offering to help build the Church building and part of the First Mission Church. He preached for one week at the main Church and all of the mission points. It was a great week of revival. We had 29 members rededicate their lives for the Lord's work and one person saved. The Lord is really AWESOME!

I have been writing my messages in Portuguese and on Thursday nights I have a language teacher come in and help with the corrections that is needed. Boy, have I got a lot of work to do with grammar in Portuguese. Last week I had written one sermon which I thought was really good. When she got done with it - it changed color from blue to red. Sometimes growing is really difficult.

We did not have the usual Thanksgiving celebration this year. We decided to just forego it and begin to focus on Christmas. But even that will not be the "normal" Christmas that we know there in the States. Here we will have the regular Christmas feast but it will be eaten on the eve of Christmas. And the food will consist more of fruits and tropical things than in Kentucky. Also, as we now live in a beach town so the weather will not be the "norm" either. But we will have our daughter Mary with us this year and that will make it a much better time. We are planning just a small Christmas, probably a couple of outfits for the boys that will get them through the upcoming months. But no matter what, it is the Birth, the Death, and the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior that makes the season.

We are planning a trip to the States in January. Our visas came back undecided again and we have gotten council from a Christian official in the Brazilian Government and he says that the best thing for us to do is begin the request over again in the States. So on January the 11th, we will be on our way back to the frozen bluegrass state. We plan to go straight to Washington when we get there and get the paperwork started. Our tickets are for us to return on the 14th of February, so we need all of you to pray that this goes through rapidly and without a snag.

This week the boys and I are doing some finish woodwork. We are building six pulpits and I expect it will take a couple more weeks of slow work to finish. The wood we are working with is a little green and causing some problems. Pray for the boys in their spiritual growth and in their Bible study.

We are still looking at the same property to buy and the owner is doing the necessary paperwork to get it zoned to be able to run the machines that we want to use in the school. Pray for this procedure to go through and that we will be able to sell our piece of property there in the States to put a down payment on this one here.

As always we want you to know just how much we appreciate your help with each and every project we endeavor here in Brazil. Thanks, and I wish for you and yours a very happy holidays.

In His service, A. J. and Barbara



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First Baptist Church of Science Hill, Kentucky, continues to enjoy good attendance and fellowship.

For the past several years Betty and I have had the privilege of being with Richland Baptist Church in Livermore, Kentucky, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. After a very good lunch served in the church fellowship hall, Pastor Glenn Archer, his wife Judy, Betty and I start our journey to Michigan to attend the Thanksgiving Conference at New Hope Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights.

The conference at New Hope Baptist Church, as always was very good, and I believe the attendance was even better than last year, and the messengers were at their very best.

On Sunday Morning after the conference I preached for Pastor Bobby Greene and Calvary Baptist Church in Richmond, Kentucky, where Betty and I were members for several years. After Thanksgiving lunch in the fellowship hall, we heard a very good message from Pastor Scott Gilley, and then returned home in time to hear another good message delivered by our pastor, Brother Ed Massey.

November was another great month in the service of our Lord, and we are grateful.

In His Love, Bobby D. Creiglow

## CREIGLOW

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doesn't sound like much to you, but in this economy this is quite a bit more than an average worker earns in a month.

There were some more people saved during the conference. Two more young men surrendered to preach, also.

The last day of the conference was also the day we chose to launch a second evening service on Sunday. Our larger services here are at night. We had over 250 in the 5:00 pm service and over 700 in the 7:30 pm service. Since then we have averaged 200 in the first. The second service is growing back to the level it was before we split the services. (about 750-800 people).

Since the conference, we have started sawing lumber to put up buildings at Caipora and Vitoria on the Jurua River. One village is 100 miles up the river and the other is about 200 miles. Our missionary Aesio, that works at the Peruvian border, visits and takes care of Caipora once or twice a month. Mario, from Porto Valter, started and takes care of the mission at Vitdria. He goes there once a month. I have preached in all of these places since I was still a single man back in the 60's. It is great to see Brazilian missionaries living, working and establishing works in many of these villages.

Thank you for all of your prayers and gifts.

In Christ, Mike Creiglow



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## Travel To Remote Areas . . . Thanks For Your Gifts . . . God Blessing Prison Ministry . . .

Dear Precious Friends,

December 3, 2003

What a wonderful time of year this is as we celebrate the Savior's birth. Although it is warm and dry this time of year, and in our town, there are no Christmas lights or decorations yet, we are reminded of the Savior's love when we look around and see all that He has done for us and through us. There are so many evidences of His love when we see the different varieties of beautiful birds that land in our yard each day; when we watch the flowers bloom in all of their color; when we see the trees bud and bear their fruit; but most of all, when we see a life transformed by the love of Christ when the gospel is presented. Jesus is truly the reason for this season, and all seasons, and we are so thankful to God for His unspeakable gift to us.

This week Pam and I had the opportunity to go by helicopter again into the remote areas of the bush in western Kenya. Pam had been praying for more opportunities to go, as the main pilot's father died in October, and he returned to Germany for an extended time to be with his family. The former pilot that she was going with went on furlough and has been replaced by another pilot, so he is being trained by the main pilot since his return to Kenya after the funeral. So, she was told that she would not be able to go for some time, but God answered her prayers, and the main pilot called her and asked us both to go! We went to an area where she had not been before and as usual, we landed on top of a mountain with nothing in sight but dust, dry ground, and a church made of sticks and brush. The people, dressed in their tribal clothes, were so happy to see us and smiled and tried to tell us how happy they were, but we do not speak their tribal language and they do not know Swahili. So, the pilot dropped us off to get set up in a clinic which was made of sticks, and he flew to get some translators who did speak the tribal language. After everyone gathered and I had a translator, I told the story of the Wordless Book, and gave the gospel presentation. It was a different crowd as the people sat on "seats" made of long rows of sticks on the ground to listen to the story. There was another American nurse from a large church in the States who was visiting in Kitale, so she went with Pam to help in the clinic and together they saw over 70 patients in five hours. Many had respiratory infections from sleeping without blankets on the ground, and others had eye infections from the many flies that are associated with the waste products from livestock which graze in the area. Others had malaria and worms and malnutrition are an ever present problem among these tribal people. These people are so poor, but yet, are so thankful for the help offered to them. It is a blessing to go and share the love of Christ through the gospel and through medicine. We are praying that this ministry will continue as we go into the new year and that Pam and I can go into remote areas where the name of Jesus has not been heard, to tell these others who are so needy of the love of a Savior who came so that many could have eternal life with Him.

We thank so many of you for your gifts for our orphans. We now have all of the money that is needed to care for them, and both boys and girls are doing well at this time. Andrea, our German missionary who works with us, is returning from language school in Tanzania next week and she is hoping to begin a ministry with the street children of Kitale, and to expand our orphanages as the Lord provides. There are over one million Aids orphans in Kenya, and over 400 children who sleep on the streets each night in Kitale, so the need is great. We are excited about this addition to our team and anxious to see what God will do in the future.

Nathan trained 17 of the members in both of our churches in September how to witness and lead people to Christ, so God has blessed, and we have 14 new believers currently being disciplined at Imani Baptist, our second church, and 16 at our church at Calvary. It is a blessing to see our members going out each week to tell others of the love of Jesus. But, this does not make Satan happy, so we are once again being tested and tried with problems in our main church. God uses these trials to cause us to trust Him for wisdom and to look to Him for our strength. We have learned so many things by being tried, but would ask you to continue to pray for us to stay faithful and to endure.

God continues to bless the prison ministry that Nathan has, and Lord willing, he will begin to teach 30 more prisoners how to lead people to Christ beginning tomorrow. In September, he taught 17 prisoners how to share their faith, and these have told over 100 more about Christ, with over 30 making professions of faith. So, he has been asked by 30 other prisoners to teach this class again that he taught in both of our churches and he is excited about this new opportunity. The prison wardens have told Nathan that they have seen real changes in the lives of those who have been saved, so all of us are encouraged at what God is doing among those in prison who many have forgotten.

Looking back on 2003, we had a precious addition to our family in April. Melia Kait Austin was born on April 8, 2003, on her great grandmother's 92nd birthday. Now Melia is 8 months old, and is sitting up by herself and starting to crawl. Sara has left the teaching profession to stay at home with Melia and Graig continues to evangelize and disciple the students at the University of Michigan. Sara assists Graig with discipleship of these new believers when they are female students. We are so excited as they will all be coming to Kenya to spend Christmas with us. This is so special as it will be Melia's first Christmas and we will have the opportunity to experience it with her, Lord willing.

In early October, Nathan returned to the States for five weeks. He went back to the States for a very important reason. He has been e-mailing Carrie Derr since last October, and Carrie came to see Nathan here in Kenya in August. She loved the people here and wants to live here. It was actually the first time that she had seen Nathan in person, as they had sent pictures back and forth, but had never met. Carrie is a very godly, committed Christian, and she was interested in Nathan because God has called him to missions. She felt that God had called her in high school to be a missionary, so when she came we introduced her to the culture, and tried to show her the way that things really are here, and not as a tourist, to see how that she would do. She really loved the people and the ministries, and wants to be involved in the Lord's work here. Currently she is getting a Master's degree in education and is working full-time as a crisis counselor in Pennsylvania, as she has a minor in psychology. She will be a great benefit to us here and we are anxious for her to join our team, Lord willing.

Nathan flew back to Pennsylvania to meet Carrie's parents who have also been missionaries, and to ask her father for permission to wed his daughter. Then, on Oct. 26th, he went public and after giving his mission presentation at our home church in W.Va., Calvary Baptist, he asked Carrie to marry him in front of the whole church and she accepted. Pam and I are so excited, as we love Carrie, and she will be a big help to Nathan on the mission field. She loves children and hopes to be very involved with the orphanages. Lord willing, they plan to marry next year on October 16th, and Carrie is wearing the engagement ring that Nathan's father, Ron Radford, who passed away in 1990, gave to Pam 32 years ago. Later she will wear the wedding band. Pam and I are very pleased, as Carrie is a wonderful person who loves Kenya, and the people here and will make a great help-meet for Nathan.

We want to thank each of you so much who have written to encourage us during the year and have prayed for us, and given so that we may be in this part of the Lord's harvest field. It is such a blessing to us to be involved in the Lord's work here and to see lives transformed by the power of our Lord, and to see those who have been saved growing and developing as Christians. As we celebrate this wonderful season of the year, and reflect on what God has done and is doing, we are anxious to think of the future and the possibilities that await us in 2004. It is our desire that we would be found faithful in His harvest field and that all of us would be more diligent in His service where He has called us to serve. Have a great holiday season, but among all of the lights and busyness of the season, let us remember Who it is that was born and thank God for His precious gift to us.

Serving our Lord in Kenya. Mike and Pam (1 Corinthians 9:15)

## PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES...

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## A Month Of Reflection . . . Many Changes In Lives . . . About Some Who Have Left . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

December 3, 2003

DECEMBER! This year has gone by so fast. It is a month of reflection. This year has been a tough year. At times it was hard to keep moving on. We know that through the prayers and support of many of you God has given us one more wonderful and fruitful year. It is with tears of joy that we share with you the wonders of God's grace. We are going to share with you some of the things that have happened throughout the year here at the home and in the lives of our children.

Last year about this time of the year God sent to us, through the judge, a young girl name Rosely. She was 7 months pregnant. She was a victim of incest. She had some strange attitudes and even tried to kill herself. God in His wonderful grace had chosen her to be one of His. Today she is a different person. The daughter she didn't want she now loves. She has no more desire to be dead but a great desire to serve God. She is involved in 3 different ministries in church. She is fifteen years old.

About three months ago a young man was brought to us. When he arrived it was very obvious that he was gay. His name is Allan and he is fifteen years old. Kathy was out of town that afternoon. So I called her and told her about the situation. I asked her if she would rather not accept him. She thought for a little while and said, "He also needs Jesus." We let him stay. He hated church and tried every way possible to not go to church. After about a month he started having nightmares. We didn't put him in a regular room with the other guys. We put him in a room with two of our single guys that are leaders. One of them told us that he was having a rough time sleeping. A few days later very early in the morning he was waiting to talk to Kathy. After breakfast and devotions with the kids Kathy went to talk to him. When she walked in the room he had a funny stare on his face. She asked him what was wrong. He said, "They told me not to talk to the one with lots of hair." That day Kathy had her hair down. But then he said, "But I have already decided to talk to you anyway no matter what." Kathy started talking to him and hearing about his nightmares. Kathy told him that Satan always tries to get people to do things by fear. God on the other hand loves us and wants to give us salvation through faith in Him. He then told her he had never really believed that God existed, but was starting to wonder because Satan was trying to convince him not to accept what we were teaching him. Also, in one of his nightmares, the demons told him not to let us pray for him. Kathy had mentioned to me a few days before that she had a desire to pray for him and turn him over to God. Well, Kathy asked to pray with him and asked God to make His love clear to him and to realize that God was real. Well she didn't get to far in her prayer. All of a sudden he became possessed. The demon said his name and said that we couldn't have him because he had been given to him by his mother in a blood sacrifice at birth. Kathy continued praying and in her prayer she quoted the following verse. "For we were chosen before the foundation of the earth." Needless to say the devil didn't like that verse. Praise God that after some struggle we lead him to know God as his personal savior. The change in his life can be seen on his face.

Many people ask us about those who have left the home. There are three young men who left with their hearts and minds ready to start a new life on their own.

Luiz Brito is one of the boys who had lived with us for almost eight years. Luiz was on all kinds of drugs and to get them he had to steal. At the age of 13 he was still in second grade. Well, eight years later he just enrolled in law school. To get into college here you have to do a test because there are too many students and not enough colleges. So you take the test and hope you scored enough to get in. In many college's the enrollment statistic is one vacancy to forty candidates. He works in a business here in town. He still goes to our church and is in the music ministry.

Edi Ribeiro also lived with us for about seven years. He hated school. I think it was worse than pulling teeth. He was always messing with electronic things around the house. Sometimes making a mess. I guess it was worth it. He left and went to work for his brother in an electronic door factory. He is a manager for one of the stores. He is also getting ready for college. He comes to see us almost every weekend. He lives five hours from here. When he can't come he sends us an e-mail. He loves to play guitar in church.

Josinei lived with us here at the Alpha and Omega home for over two years. He had many problems with evil spirits. One time he knocked down five big men. His family all died tragic deaths. Praise God he has God in his heart and life. He has been married for a year. His wife is a young lady from our church. God has given him a great job in a grocery store and he has a great testimony.

Gabriela is a fifteen-year-old who has lived with us for about 2 years. She comes from a family of drug addicts and alcoholics. She roamed the streets and did pretty much what she felt like doing. Her mother is an alcoholic. Her teeth were rotten and she wouldn't smile. We had them pulled and now she has nice looking front teeth, and she has a beautiful smile. She had already made a profession of faith but had a hard time forgetting the life of the past. She constantly sang music of the world and she had a very pessimistic attitude about her ability to learn. A few weeks ago we had a seminar for youth for drama, sign language and singing. Gabriela loves to sing. She asked Kathy if she could do the seminar. Kathy was really happy that she finally had an interest in something. Well, she is doing great. Best of all is that she had a collection of worldly singers. She came to Kathy and gave them to her and said, "do with them what you want I don't need them any more. Also I have decided to get baptized." She is baptized and singing in church and is in the drama team.

The church is doing great. We are working really hard on getting everyone involved in church. All parts of the body must function. Our body can't have dead members attached to it. It makes the rest get sick and die also. But praise God it seems like many members got injected with a vitamin of God's love and a desire to share God's love with others. Worship is not something we just do at church, it is a life style! We must never forget that we were created for God's pleasure, and God still gives us the privilege to be blessed by serving Him. WOW!

Thanks for all your love and support throughout the year. May God's richest blessing be with you and your family and your church. We love each of you and are very grateful; more than words can express.

This is where your investment has been used. Please pray and ask God where he would have you to help us. Things are really tight and we want to keep moving on.

Love, Odali, Kathy, Tito, Jonas and Gabriel Barros



Happy Faces at Alpha and Omega Home.



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## Enjoying God's Blessings . . . News From Brazil . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

December 1, 2003

Another month has flown by. The Lord has been so good to us here in the Draper household. Ursula's health is stable and she has been traveling with me for the past three months. Michelle is doing well in College and on her part-time job. Michelle asked that I acknowledge the scholarship offering that was given to her by James & Rebecca Lessley, Alma, Ark. Also Sis. Evelyn Penny, Leesburg, Fla. We want to thank also the Bohon Road Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY and the Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, Ohio, for their offerings to the H. H. Overbey Scholarship Fund. This help is very much appreciated both by Michelle and by us.

The work in Brazil is doing well. Our new work in Primavera do Leste is growing in spite of some problems with the young preacher not knowing how to organize some things. The mother church at Boa Esperanca is very able and quick to help him out when things arise. We are so thankful that these brethren there know the truth and stand for it. All of the other works are holding up well. On the 29th of this month, we will have a baptizing in the new baptistry at the Jardim Fortaleza Mission. There are eight candidates awaiting baptism.

We will continue to travel and preach until December 14th. Then we will have to cut off the travel and make preparations to go back to Brazil. I plan to leave in January.

We have traveled a great deal since last month. I have been to five mission conferences in three states and have preached in several churches. I am trying to buy my ticket tomorrow for my return to Brazil in January to start our next term. I left Ursula at our daughter's near St. Louis yesterday at noon and came back to Kentucky to preach at my home church in Arlington to help out Bro. Howard Wilson Jr. who is sick with the flu. Tomorrow I will go back to where Ursula is to go with her to the doctor. She is going for tests to see if her medicine is holding her under control.

We make an appeal for the General Fund this month. It is very important that it not fall more but increase some.

We thank all of you for your faithful support. The Lord is faithful. Next month I will write a longer letter telling about the needs and what's going on in our work in Central Brazil. I do ask that you pray for two of our Brazilian preachers who have cancer. They both are 45 years old and have teenage kids. They are both from the same church. Their names are: Luis Antonio and John Candido. It seems that the first has the possibility of totally recovering from colon cancer. The outlook for the latter is bleak. They have detected a tumor in his liver. Both are on chemotherapy.

God bless all.

Yours in Christ, Harold & Ursula Draper



Pastor Agostinho-Pastor of work in Varzea Grande.

## Ready To Return To Brazil . . . Reports From Brazil . . .

Dear Friends,

December 1, 2003

It may seem strange to some, but there was a sweet sense of satisfaction when I typed in our Brazilian address again. I haven't been able to do that for the past twelve months and I missed it. This past year we spent in the U.S. has been blessed and we truly did enjoy meeting many of you personally through our visits. Frankly, though, we are ready to return to our ministries in Southern Brazil. We are motivated about the opportunities that God has placed before us and we trust that there will be much fruit to be harvested in the coming months and years.

I just spoke with Pastor Edinei on the phone and he gave me an encouraging report of the work in Curitiba. The evangelistic Bible study course he teaches is going smoothly and there are a couple more additions to the class. Edinei was especially pleased that his brother-in-law, Ed Anderson, and his sister, Joyce, are participating faithfully. There is another addition to that group that gives me great comfort. Edilson is a twenty-year-old young man who used to be in a street gang. He was befriended by Isabelle, a young lady from our church. For several years Isabelle was active in our church, but as a young adult, she almost abandoned the way of the Lord. About two years ago she returned and began to be active in different outreach ministries. She met Edilson, took a liking to him, but knew better than to get emotionally involved with someone who did not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. She continued to witness to Edilson and invite him to church services. He began to attend and now he rarely misses a service. We believe that he will be making a public profession of his faith in the very near future, for it seems that God has worked in his heart.

The Project Life motor home will be returning to Curitiba for the last two weeks of December for maintenance and also for the workers to spend a few days with their families before returning to the road again after the New Year's holidays. Paulo Novaes and his team have seen the Lord do some remarkable things this year. They had the privilege to present the gospel to over 125,000 people. Many of these accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord and are doing correspondence Bible studies with our team. We have a sense of responsibility to get churches started in the towns and cities where these folks live so that they might be able to follow the Lord in baptism and discipleship. That will be our number one priority as we return to Brazil later this month. Please pray for us. The challenge is so great and we can only meet it with God's help. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. May the Lord bless you richly.

In Christ's love, Bobby Wacaser



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