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# Enjoy Family Visit . . . Need For National Pastor . . . Medical Trip Into The Bush . . .

ear Special Friends, January 3, 200

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We are so thankful that God has spared us another year, and that we have been able to serve Him here in Kenya. There were several trials and temptations during the year, but God was faithful, and we were able to continue on with the ministries because of His help and grace. We are looking forward to what lies ahead in this New Year, and we have the promise that God is always with us in whatever we face.

We had the best Christmas as a family that we have ever had. Sara, our daughter, and her husband, Graig, and our granddaughter, Melia, who is 8 months old, came from Michigan to spend the holidays with us. It was such a blessing to experience Melia's first Christmas with her, and to watch her as she related to our Kenyan people. She did very well, was not scared, and even allowed many to hold her, and play with her. She is so alert and was such a joy to watch as she experienced new things for the first time. Graig and Sara are excellent parents, and all of us had such a great time together while they were here.

The Lord blessed us on Christmas Day as we combined both of our churches for a special service to remember the birth of our Lord. There were over 175 people present from both of our churches. Laban, the pastor of Imani Baptist, our second church, preached the Christmas message. Afterwards, we shared a special cake that Pam had made for the occasion. The two churches chose teams and we played volleyball. There was a real special operation between the members of each church, and Pam and I were blessed with the good attendance and desire to unite together to worship our Lord.

Unfortunately, Satan is not happy with the ministry, is always around to trouble us, and December was no exception. There have been many problems with the leadership of our first church for several months, and after trying to work out the problems time after time, our national pastor decided to leave. So, I am resuming the position as pastor. This is not Pam's and my desire, as we want all of our churches to have a national pastor. We are asking God to intervene, and to show us who He wants to assume this role. We are training several in our Bible Institute that will be given opportunities to preach. We are becoming very involved in the church again, as we try to get it onto a strong foundation with Kenyan leadership. Please pray for us to have wisdom in knowing God's will for the role of pastor. Imam Baptist, our second church, is doing very well and growing under the leadership of our national pastor. I aban. They had a record of 67 in attendance the Sunday after we did a week long

Imam Baptist, our second church, is doing very well and growing under the leadership of our national pastor. Laban. They had a record of 67 in attendance the Sunday after we did a week long Vacation Bible School there during the first part of December. The students are out on their long break during December, so we had a VBS at Calvary and at Imami, with good attendance in both churches. Andrea, the German lady who works with us, finished her language training earlier in December, and so now living in Kitale. She is anxious to begin the ministry with street children and has already received approval from the Children's Officer here to begin. So, we are busy helping her to get established and are excited about this new area of ministry.

Nathan continues in the prison and is anxious to work this year in other areas of the prison that have not been reached yet. He is planning to expand to three afternoons a week, instead of two, so that he can reach more prisoners with the Gospel. He will continue discipling those who recently have made professions of faith.

Pam and I, along with another nurse who was visiting our area from the States, went into the bush by helicopter earlier in December. Pam and the other nurse examined the patients, diagnosed their illnesses, and prescribed medication. I acted as the pharmacist dispensing the medicine. Before the clinic started, I was able to teach a Bible story giving the plan of salvation. Several responded. The "church" was made of sticks and bushes, and the people sat on logs. All of us were blessed by the gratitude of the people that we were able to help. It is our goal this new year to be able to go out many times into unreached areas to present the Gospel and to help the people medically.

Thanks again for your encouragement through E-mails and cards, and for your faithful financial support and prayers that allow us to continue on in this part of the world. We are hoping that many of you will visit us in June with the Mission Adventures team as they come, so that we can show you what God is doing here. For information, contact our brother-in-law, Randy Jones, at 1-606-739-4833, or by e-mail at jonesr@bfmma.org. We look forward to meeting many of you here in Kenya. Have a great new year, and may all of us seek to work for our Lord more in 2004.

Blessings to each one,



Pam and a friend sharing the gospel with a group of women and children in a mission hospital.

The friend is teaching in English and Pam is translating.

## AN URGENT REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

- "Every Friend A Giving Friend" -

We need every friend of BFM to make a personal commitment to begin giving a personal offering to the General Fund of BFM. We need this offering to be regular, consistent, and as generous as God's grace enables you to be. We believe that all giving is Grace-giving. 2 Corinthians 9.8-15.

We need to increase our giving to the General Fund because the General Fund is the only source of supply we have for the commitments we have made to our missionaries. These are essential services and benefits, such as: salaries, monthly housing and ministry expense allowances, car allowances, furlough transportation, hospitalization, Mission Sheets publishing, support services, etc. The General Fund is what keeps our missionaries on the field and keeps them going.

But, we continue to run deficits every month. We always disburse more from the General Fund than we receive in offerings to the General Fund. It has always been that way, and the deficits over the current year were covered by drawing from the Thanksgiving Offering received at the end of last year. But, even the Thanksgiving Offering is not sufficient to cover the accrued deficits over an operating year now.

year now.

"Why is that?" you ask. Well, over the past 3 years, especially, we have increased the amounts of services and benefits we commit to our missionaries. We believe all the FRIENDS OF BFM want our missionaries to be provided for as adequately as we are able. We have increased their salaries and other services to try to bring them up to a sufficient level of adequacy. It is still very modest and conservative. It is never as much as we would like to do for them, but we are always striving to do all we can to enable them to do the work of the ministry as adequately and effectively as they can.

But, the giving to the General Fund has not increased with the commitments we have made. So, we are asking you, the Friends of BFM, to respond by doing one of two things: (1) INCREASE your personal commitments to missions giving to the General Fund of BFM {if you are already giving personal offerings}, or (2) BEGIN GIVING a personal offering to the General Fund of BFM if you are not doing so now.

WE APPEAL TO EVERY FRIEND OF BFM TO BE A GIVING FRIEND. Here is what we need immediately: (1) We need to increase our regular, consistent monthly offerings to the General Fund by at least \$5000.00. We need this increase every month. We incur at least that much deficit every month (and most months, more). Our goal is to make the monthly General Fund offerings at least equivalent to the month's disbursements. (2) We also need to begin committing immediately to increase the 2004 Thanksgiving Offering by \$25,000.00.

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If we are exhausting our annual Thanksgiving Offering to cover the next year's "regular operating expenses," then there is no room or prospects for growth, adding additional missionaries, or increasing our services for our current missionaries.

So, we are not only interested in providing for our current commitments, but we are also looking to the future and how we can continue to increase our territory in time to come.

THIS IS SO "DOABLE" - We can begin immediately making up \$5000.00 of the monthly deficit. Here's how: (1) 100 Friends of BFM begin immediately to commit \$50 per week to the BFM General Fund. (2) Or, 50 Friends of BFM give \$50 and 100 Friends give \$25 per month. *Break it down by the week and see if you can't give that much to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.* (3) Or, 25 Friends give \$50 per month, 50 Friends give \$25 per month, and 250 Friends of BFM give \$10 per month, and we have the additional \$5000.00 per month we need. And nobody will have to give any less to your church's ministry or to any designated offerings you are already contributing to. *The only thing we may have to do is adjust some of our personal priorities...which we are already commanded to do, anyway* (Matthew 6.33; 2 Corinthians 8.1-5).

We believe that there are hundreds of Friends of our missionaries who are willing to give even a little (or a little more) so your missionaries' needs are supplied. Will you begin responding immediately?

You may give your personal offerings to your church's treasurer and ask for it to be forwarded to BFM General Fund, or you may send it yourself: George Sledd, P.O. Box 471280, Lake Monroe FL 32747-1280. If you denote your offering "Giving Friend," we will know you are responding to this appeal.

For a fuller presentation of this appeal, visit our website: www.baptistfaithmissions.org, or, write our Secretary for a printed copy of the appeal — or for multiple copies for distribution: Dave Parks, 3985 Boston Road, Lexington KY 40514-1507/850 223 8374

And, "...as you abound in everything—see that you abound in this grace also" (2 Cor. 8.7).

Dave Parks, Secretary BFM

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## **Brother Bratcher's** Furlough Report . . .

Tomorrow at midnight, 2003 will leave us and the New Year 2004 will arrive. May the Lord, the eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with us during each one of the 366 days of the New Year. "God be with

you till we meet again."

During this Mission Sheets month, December 2nd to December 30th, I preached three sermons: one at Glen's Creek Baptist Church, where David Fee is the pastor, and two at Stonewall Baptist Church, where Michael J. Campbell is the pastor. The Glen's Creek church held

special service and supper in our honor the night that I preached, December 17th.

On the 23rd, Mrs. Ella J. Casey and Mrs. Pam Lakes of Clarksville Baptist Church visited us and presented us with Christmas gifts. On the 12th, we went with the Fees (from Glen's Creek Church) to the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, KY, where we attended the graduation program for some 150 who graduated. One of the graduates is BFM missionary, Bobby Wacaser. It was the first time for Marie and me to attend a graduation program since my graduation in January of 1955.

On the 25th, we were blessed by Ana Burris and her brother, Don, who served us dinner in Ana's

We, Harold and Hattie (she prefers to be called Marie) have been blessed these days by receiving many Christmas cards and gifts and prayers from many of the Lord's people. We have also been blessed by giving offerings to the churches we have visited and to other missions.

On December 27th of 1954 at the Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Hattie and Harold were declared "man and wife" by Pastor Clarence Walker. We thank the Lord as we have now entered the 50th year of our marriage. May the Lord bless each one of you readers of the Mission Sheets and each church and person whose name is listed in the December Mission Sheets in the list of the Offerings Received. May the Lord continue to supply your every need and give you the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that we all will need throughout the rest of our days here upon the earth.

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

P.S. We receive regular reports from Ediberto Ribeiro da Silva, pastor of the 24th of March Baptist Church in Manaus. This is the church where I was pastor from March 1999 until June of 2003 and where Marie and I are still members and where each month we send our tithes and offerings. Pray for the church and pastor and former pastor for as in all our churches, there are problems



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## Some Of The Ways God **Blessed In 2003...**

January 1, 2004 May this find you enjoying the beginning of the New Year. Reviewing what the Lord has done in and around Toumefeuille since January 1, 2003 is amazing even to us who were here and saw it

happen. Following are some examples of how God has worked. In February 2003, someone contacted us by email enquiring about our Bible studies. Shortly thereafter we met this person, a young man named Shantha, and he began coming to our home weekly to have a 4 hour Bible study. He is from Sri Lanka and grew up as a Hindu. During this past year Shantha has read and we have discussed most of the New

Testament and over half of the Old Testament. We delight in what God is doing through these Bible studies and we have become good friends with him and his (French) wife, Nathalie. When Shantha first contacted us, he and Nathalie lived in another town about 30 minutes by car from us. Since then, they have moved to downtown Tournefeuille. When they moved into their new home, we had the privilege of being the first guests invited to their home. The most amazing part of this story is how God brought Shantha and us together; He was searching for a job in our town in Information Technology (comput ers). When he entered job related search words and Tournefeuille, he found our letter on the BFM Internet site among the results. After this happened on two different occasions, he contacted us!

In May, Raphael and Tonia, our neighbors from across the street, began coming to Sunday services. We had been praying for about nine months for an opportunity to share Christ with them, but not having a common language was a barrier. They are German and could not speak English or French. We do not speak German! We had watched their children on various occasions and even shared a few meals. One Sunday in May as Ursula was arriving for church, she noticed that Tonia was frustrated with her oldest child. She stopped and offered to take the child, Kim, with her to Judy's Sunday School class for children. The next Sunday morning, I was moved to tears as we saw the entire family, mother, father, and three children crossing the street to come to the service. Ursula translated from French to English for them. My parents, John and Alta Hatcher, were visiting with us at the time. Dad took the ngest child who had been distracting the parents to the front porch and prayed and watched her while the parents listened. They have never stopped coming.

Ursula and her family moved back to Germany in July 2003. Before this took place, we began praying for God to provide someone to translate to German when Ursula moved away. God gave a perfect solution. Another young German couple, Joachim and Angela, began attending. They have been translating ever since then. The husband in this family is not a Christian but the wife is. They have two children and Amanda met Angela through a children's play group. Angela was saved about 2 years ago and had been praying for God to give her a church. Her husband comes regularly, even when Angela is out of town. God answers more than one prayer at once!

At the close of the year we were having six weekly Bible studies, two weekly prayer meetings and day worship and Sunday school. There are many other blessings we could share, but these are sufficient as evidence that God is at work! Ursula's parting words as they departed for Germany were, "You have changed my life." Well, God was the one who did it, but we sure are glad that we got to be in on it!

We praise God for your faithful support. God has used your faithfulness for the advancement of the Gospel here. May the coming year be a delightful one for you, your family and your church.

With thanksgiving, John and Judy Hatcher

## PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES...

#### IN BRAZIL:

John and Alta Hatcher Harold and Marie Bratcher Michael and Beverly Creiglow Paul and Wanda Hatcher Harold and Ursula Draper Robert and Charlene Wacaser A. J. and Barbara Hensley Odali and Kathy Barros

#### IN PERU:

Sheridan and Anita Stanton

#### IN KENYA:

Mike and Pam Anderson

#### IN FRANCE:

John M. and Judy Hatcher

## Christmas In Kenya ... Training Prisoners . . .

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Dear praying friends,

January 4, 2004

Happy New Year! I hope this email finds you doing well and you enjoying the New Year. May this new year be a year where we truly do more for God than we have ever done before, a year where we diligently seek His will for our lives, and a year where we truly see Him working on our behalf in the places that He has called us to serve Him. That is my prayer, and 1 hope you share it as well for

One of the difficult aspects of missions is being separated from family, especially during the holidays. It is difficult to say good-bye to family when you leave for the field, but even more difficult around the holidays, times when families are together. It was even more difficult this year, as my fiancee was in Pennsylvania, and I was here in Kenya. Lord willing, this will be the final Christmas season that we will spend apart. It is never easy to be separated from those that you love, but it is what God is asking of me for now, and I want to be sure that I remain faithful to Him and His call on my life here in Kenya. This past Christmas was extra special as my sister, her husband, and my niece Melia were able to come and spend the holidays with us here in Kenya. It had been many months since 1 had seen them, and it was so special to be able to celebrate our Lord's birth with them. They all did very well adjusting to the culture here, and realizing that things do not work here like they do in the States. I was very proud of each of them and their willingness to travel so many miles to see me this past Christmas. Their current ministry is at the University of Michigan, where they use their time in evangelism, counseling, and discipleship. It is truly exciting what God is doing there, and how they are being used by Him. Please keep each of them in your prayers.

I have finished with the second evangelism class in the prison. There were around 25-30 that took the teachings, and many have already taken the exams and have done very well on them. We have already completed the "role play" time where each prisoner gets the opportunity to demonstrate before the group what he has learned. As each role play was completed, I found myself so proud of each prisoner, as they not only did very well on their exams, but also are able to use the training that they have received in real life situations. Please pray for these prisoners as they are now finished with the training and ready to begin sharing with the other prisoners this week. They face much opposition, as many different denominations and beliefs are represented in the prison, yet they continue to remain faithful and share the Word of God. I am so proud of each of them and the genuine effort that I have seen them make. Please pray that they would be able to share their faith with boldness, and that they would see many decisions for the kingdom of God.

There are many plans that we have in the future for the prison ministry. Please pray as meetings will be held and plans will be discussed for this new year. Among the topics that have been suggested are classes in theology, teaching on various cults and how to share with those with other beliefs, AIDS awareness and education, classes on the New Testament, how to live the Christian life, Walk Through the Bible, etc. Each of these classes will be very important to the future and Christian growth of the prisoners, so please pray that God would give us wisdom for each class to be taught as well as the correct timing for each class. We must never make decisions in our own wisdom. If we lack wisdom, we are to ask of God (James 1:5). Please pray for me as I ask God for wisdom for how to proceed with new classes and education, so that the prisoners will truly grow spiritually and be challenged in their walk

That is all of the current news from Kitale. Thank you once again for your e-mails, letters and prayers of encouragement. May we all be truly dedicated to doing more this year for the Lord than ever before. God bless you.

Nathan Radford

## 2004 SPRING CONFERENCE **APRIL 19-21, 2004**

**Thompson Road Baptist Church** Lexington, Kentucky

PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES!



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## **Inaugural Service For** New Mission ... Family Visiting . . .

January 6, 2004

This has been a very busy month, as usual, with long days and short nights. The Lord has blessed greatly. There were two major highlights this month - the first of which was the inaugural service in our new mission in Macapa, Amapa. The only way to get to Macapa

from Manaus is by air or by water. Pastor David Ohana had Bible studies and we had already had fifteen decisions before the inaugural service. On opening night, we had twenty-seven people present and had a great service. At the second service there were three decisions; and this past Sunday, for the great joy of Pastor David, his step mother accepted Christ as Lord and Savior. His father is Jewish and we are praying for him.

The second highlight was in Boa Vista, Roraima. Last Sunday was the opening service in a new mission in the subdivision of Asa Branca under the leadership of Pastor Junior. We rejoice each time a new mission is started and God's light shines in new communities. We count on your prayers as we reach to new cities and new states to begin mission works. You can partner with us by sending your support to Paul Hatcher, New Works; we request your fervent prayer for each of these new works.

Some family news - Mrs. McGary, Wanda's mom, arrived the first of January to spend about three months with us. It is always a joy to have her with us. Our son-in-law, Michael Samples, who pastors a Portuguese-speaking mission in Norfolk, Va., is here for the month of January to work on the church and school's computer network. One of our dreams is to make our seminary training available on line for churches and ministries all over Brazil. It is good to have him with us. Our youngest daughter, Michelle, is home on break from med school. Wanda and I are doing well. Thanks for your love and prayers.

Paul and Wanda Hatcher

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New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL, Christmas Gift 50 Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL, Christmas Gift- Nathan 25	Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary 25 Gerig, Galen & Tamara, Columbus, OH, Salary 30 Grace Baptist Church, Coffeen, IL, Salary 75
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Perkins, WV         200           Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesborough, TN         200           Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, FL         88	Meyne, John & Kelly, Grand Rapids, MI, Nathan Radford         25           Minturn, Timothy, Nitro, WV, Nathan Radford         85.47           Minturn, Timothy, Nitro, WV, Christmas Gift-Natha         50	King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL, Personal
Paul, Charles & Elsie, Mount Gilead, OH	Mitchell, Dr. Matthew, Fort Wayne, IN, Nathan Radford	Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV. Salary 100 Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL, Salary 15 Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Personal 80
Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY         10           Rankin, Sandra, Mentor, OH         2000           Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY         880	Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Salary 100 Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Chesapeake, OH, Salary 60 Neidlinger, James & Ann, Nitro, WV, Orphan Girls 25	Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL, As Needed 20 W.K. & W. Richmond, KY, As Needed 25
Riverview Baptist Church, Point Pleasant, WV	Pack, Joe, So. Charleston, WV, Salary	Total
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV	Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY, Children's Fund	Alexander, John & Sharon, Cedar Creek, TX, Salary
Sims, James & Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS	Rocky Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN, Support	Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, Personal
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL	Simmerman, Carl & Glenna, Port Washington, OH, Salary	Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA, Children's Home
Valley Drive Missionary Baptist Church, Bristol, TN	Smith, W.B. & Anna, Hurricane, WV, Nathan Radford	Central Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, TX, New Church Equiment
Virginia Friend	Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV, Mary & Julianna 100 Stalnaker, Ron & Gina, Glenville, WV, Nathan Radford 100 Standale Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, MI, Nathan Radford 400	Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC, School Project
Webster Memorial Baptist Church, Lakeland, FL 50 York, Wallace & Doris, Princeton, KY 60	Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH, Nathan Radford	Edwards, Wilgus& Maria, Booneville, KY, Salary 10 Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Personal 525 Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY, Personal 100
Total	Tolson, Mary, Lexington, KY, Personal	Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, KY, School
Berry Baptist Church, Berry, KY         380           Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL         2000           Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY         2200	Wade, James Dr., Abingdon, VA, Nathan Radford 50 W.K. & W, Richmond, KY, As Needed 25 Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV, Support 100	Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Support
Covenant Baptist Church, Dayton, OH	Weight, Randy & Teresa, Hurricane, WV, Salary 100 Yanak, Albert & Ruby, St. Albans, WV, Salary 10	Roman, June, Sadieville, KY, Support 50 Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL, As Needed 20 Tolson, Mary, Lexington, KY, Personal 100
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Nathan Radford 100 Total	Union Baptist Church, Cynthiana, KY, Pews For Church 230 Total 3,459.89
Mt. Pisgah Missionary Association (Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Normantown, WV)	ODALIBARROS Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY, Salary	SHERIDAN STANTON Adams, Michael & Judy, Lexington, KY, Huarai Building Fund
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY (Youth Ministry)	Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, Personal	Adams, W.H. & Arbia, Lexington, KY, New Work
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV (Mt. Pisgah 5th Sunday Thanksgiving offering) 809 Sims, James & Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS 500	Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC, Alpha & Omega	Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed
Singleton, Wallace & Geneva, Lexington, KY 50 Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH 5843 Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY 5881.75	From A Frien, Alpha & Omega 1000 Joy Bells SS Class, Lexington, KY, Personal 50 Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Alpha & Omega 50	Brown, Esther, Taylor, MI, Personal 100 Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH, Salary 50 Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC, Building Fund 615.39
Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Taylor, MI	Landmark Baptist Church, Winchester, KY, Alpha & Omega 100 Men's II Bible Study (Cecilia Baptist Church, Cecilia, KY), Alpha & Omega 300	Cooper, Michael & Beverly, Lexington, KY, Salary
IN MEMORIUM Overbey, Calvin & Doris, Van Buren, AR, In Memory of Grace Overbey	Mt. Pisgah Miss. Baptist Association (Liberty Miss Baptist Church), Alpha & Omega	Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA, As Needed 250 Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, M, Personal 230.79 Grace Baptist Church, Bradenton, FL, Building Fund 200
Total	New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Alpha & Omega	Grace Baptist Church, Bradenton, FL, Building Fund 200 Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Surgoinsville, TN, Salary 50 Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Wyandotte, MI, Support 200
Total	Pine Set Baptist Church, South Pittsburg, TN, Salary	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed 500 Kentucky Friend, Personal 50
Bandi, Mary, Forest Park, IL	Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH, Support	Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI (From Sunday School Kids), Support 7,08 Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Belleville, MI, Salary
Bratcher, Harold & Hattie, Brazil, SA 200 Central Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, TX 34.50 Covenant Baptist Church, Dayton, OH 673	Tenney, James & Patsy, Ococe, FL, As Needed         85           W.K. & W.Richmond, KY, As Needed         25           Total         4,230.75	Rocky Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN, Support 50 Rye Patch Baptist Church, Ludowici, GA, Salary
Covenant Baptist Church, Dayton, OH 0/3 Doan, Christopher & Kathy, Berea, KY 30 East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL 335	HAROLD BRATCHER Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary	Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mims, FL, Salary 25 Tolson, Mary, Lexington, KY, Personal 100 Victory Baptist Church, New Salisbury, IN, Support 50
Grace Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, KY	Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY (From Jr. ss Class), Support 32.95 Bratcher, Debra, Mesquite, TX, Donation	W.K. & W. Richmond, KY. As Needed
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY         500           Jones, Bob & Sue, Harrison, TN         200           Jones, Faith, Harrison, TN         100	Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, Personal 100 Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Poverty Relief. 100 Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY, Personal 75	BOBBY WACASER Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, Personal
Nandun, Shiela, Naperville, IL	Clarksville Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Poverty Relief	Calvary Baptist Church, Piqua, OH, Salary 50 Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC, Support 615.39 Fellowship Baptist Church, Brinson, GA, Salary 50
Smith, John & Barbara, Nitro, WV. 500 Telugu Fellowship 99.65	Edwards, Wilgus & Maria, Booneville, KY, Salary	Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary
Varma, Omega & Elsie, Oak Lawn, IL 10 Walker, Sieglinde, Wichita Falls, TX 200 Witges, Frances, Galatia, IL 300	From A Friend, As Needed 2000 Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, New Work 100 Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV, Salary 10	Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Love Offering 240.50 Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Salary
Total	Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston Salem, NC, Salary	Young Adult Class (Storms Creek Miss Baptist Church, Ironton, OH), Salary
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH 200 Total	Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH, Salary	Grand Total

## Stephanie Busy At Alpha and Omega

Hello! I pray the Holy Spirit will fill your heart with praises to the Lord from the time you wake up until the time you go to sleep (Colossians 3:17). It is such a blessing to be here serving the Lord at Alpha & Omega Children's Home in Garca, Brazil. Thank you so much for partnering with me in the wonderful work God is doing here in Brazil.

I've been here in Brazil since June, and God has done marvelous things in response to your prayers. Many Sundays I get to go to Alvinlandia (a city close to Garca) and help with our church plant in that city. We have a service for kids at the local school, and then we have a service for adults in various homes. Praise the Lord that on August 31st, Bruno, Eliezer, and Douglas (three young boys) got down on their knees with me and prayed to receive Christ as Savior.

Praise the Lord for Jessica, a young girl I was able to witness to at a hospital. She accepted the Lord as her Savior and was so happy to receive a Bible. The next time I saw her she told me she had been reading her Bible. Praise the Lord for two nurses and Barbara and Oneida and Marcio who were also saved at a hospital.

The kids here at Alpha & Omega play a lot of soccer. It is such a joy to go with them to their games and pass out tracts, Bibles, and gospel bracelets with them. I love to hear the kids come up to me and say, "Stephanie, we need more Bibles and tracts to pass out to the people." Just recently, the kids and I were sharing the gospel in the stands, and I asked two ladies if they had a Bible. They said no, so we gave them Bibles. God gave me the opportunity to share the plan of salvation with these older ladies

(Jenny and Ceda) and help them receive Christ as their Savior.

Right now I'm teaching English classes for all of the students at the Christian school here at Alpha & Omega. It is a wonderful opportunity to teach them Bible verses and Biblical principles in English. Almost every weekday, some of the kids and I go out to share the Gospel. Please keep praying that



sharing her love and the gospel at the Alpha Omega Hom

God will save more people and bring more people into the church through our evangelistic efforts with the kids.

Praise the Lord for a very special young man of God here named Alexandre. Please pray for him He's 15 years old and has such a tender and true heart for the Lord. He hopes to go to the States and study the Bible in the future. His dream is to have a home like Alpha & Omega one day. Alexandre goes



Raising the flag at the Alpha Omega Hom

with me witnessing often and is a tremendous help to me. I won't forget him saying, "Stephanie, you go, please leave me the supplies to make gospel bracelets, so I can continue taking the kids out witnessing when you are no longer here." Please pray with me that God will plant such a deep fire to share the gospel in the hearts of these young people, like Alexandre. If you want to learn more about Alpha & Omega Children's Home, please visit this website: www.alphaomegabrazil.com.

THANK YOU - Praise the Lord that through your prayers and support, I was able to buy one good boombox for each of the five halls here at Alpha & Omega. These boomboxes give the children the privilege of praising the Lord through Christian music when they work, play, and rest here at the home. My heart is to show the kids that living for Jesus is so much more fun and so much more rewarding than living for this world. It's music to my heart to hear these kids singing praises to the Lord throughout the day.

Thank you for helping me purchase Christian books in Portuguese for the kids and Christian posters and games for the Christian library I'm trying to start here at the home. My prayer is to plant the Word of God in the hearts of these children in as many ways as possible.

PLEASE PRAY...(1) That God would save more people and continue to help the children here at the home grow in the Lord. (2) That God would provide more Christian books in Portuguese for the Christian library I'm seeking to start here. Thank you for helping me be able to purchase two couches, a rug, and a lamp for the Christian library here at Alpha & Omega Children's Home. My desire is to make the library look like a living room, where the kids feel comfortable to read, play Christian board games, make gospel bracelets, listen to Christian music, and just relax in the precious Presence of God! (3) That God would provide more Bibles, tracts, and gospel bracelets for the kids and I to use to share the gospel. (4) That God would provide the right visa I need. Right now, I can't stay in Brazil past December 9th. (5) That God would provide the money I need for my insurance and plane ticket back to the States in December. (6) That God would bless my precious parents and brother. My father, who is a Navy Chaplain, will soon be starting a ministry at a Navy chapel in Virginia Beach, VA, as the head Protestant Chaplain (Lord willing).

Thank you again, for your prayers and support. May God bless you and keep you very close to the heart of God!

Resting in His Grace, Stephanie Parker Stephm2237@yahoo.com



Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre Brazil

## **New Building Dedicated...** Stuck In The Mud . . . Andrew's Support . ...

This month was the dedication of the new building at Profeta. For the last two years, two of our men from First Baptist have taken over the leadership of the congregation there. Brother Marinho (the crippled 55 year old preacher) had been working at Profeta and Valquiria on the

Jurua. Marinho also takes care of one of our chapels here in town. It was too much for him, so Zico and Osvaldo have been caring for Profeta. They led the group to build a brand new brick building right beside the old wooden one. It is big and really well finished. The pews they had built are beautiful.

The two villages are actually on the river, but now there is a dirt road to both. The state even took electricity to them, also. If years ago, someone would have mentioned the possibility of a road and lights in these villages, it would have been unbelievable. It still feels strange to me who preached in

these villages for so many years.

There were over three hundred present for the dedication. Bev and a big group went with me by road, but a big rain stopped us just short of the village. We slipped around in the mud and almost got stuck before deciding it was not going to be possible to get through. Nevertheless, the service was a

The church at Mourapinanga held her 60th anniversary this month. The rain and a flat tire kept Bev and me from making the service. My S-10 pickup does not have 4-wheel drive, so we missed these two great services. One of these years the Lord will give us a truck with 4-wheel drive.

I did manage to get to Rodrigues Alves to visit our mission there. It did not rain, but even so, the road to there is paved! They have a nice brick building, but we are going to have to make it bigger. Their attendance on Sunday now is averaging over 120.

We have had moderate growth at First Baptist. There has been small numbers saved each week.

The most was six in one service. I baptized nineteen last month and fourteen this month.

We have also had two camps: one for youth and the other for the ladies. Both were great. The ladies had one hundred women at Camp Salem. This was their 10th year anniversary. The women were actually wilder than the youth!

Thanks to all for the faithful prayers and offerings. A special thanks to all who have sent offerings for Andrew's ministry. For the past months, there has been between \$250 and \$300. This is his only income, but it is much appreciated. Any others who would like to come on board would sure be welcome Thanks

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## 2003, A Busy Year For Both Sheridan And Anita . . . Furlough In February . . .

January 2, 2004

Anita and I hope everyone had a blessed holiday season enjoying the company of family and friends. Things were a little quiet for us here in Peru, but that is a real blessing! We seldom ever get to have "quiet time." Looking back over this past year made me realize just how much the Lord has blessed His work here in Peru, I married five young couples;

rdained three young preachers to the Gospel Ministry; taught three Institute classes; baptized a lot of saints into the church here in Huanuco; preached in several Conferences and special meetings; hosted two mission tour groups; and preached every Sunday in Huanuco or one of the many Mission works. Anita stays even busier than I do. Besides being the best possible wife a man could ask for, she also continues to develop Sunday School materials for all of our churches and also Bible Studies for women's meetings. We stay very busy (and tired) but we love the work, the people and the privilege of serving the Lord here. We thank all of you for your continued prayers and support, month after month. We love you all and thank God for you.

The mission work in Huaral is ready to put the roof on their new building. Some special funds were given in December for this, so hopefully it will be under roof before we get to the States on furlough in February. After the roof we pour the floor and put in the windows and doors. We thank those of you that have contributed to all of the various building projects that are going on here in Peru. The works continue to go forward, slow sometimes but always steady.

As I mentioned in the above paragraph, Anita and I will be coming home for a short (four month) furlough beginning the first week of February. Several pastors from Tennessee and the Carolinas, and Georgia have already written and scheduled us to be with them. Pastors, get in touch with me soon if you would like us to come and give a report and present the Lord's work in Peru in your church. While in the States, Anita will be having the operation on both of her hands and our daughter, Leah, will be getting married on May 15th. We appreciate your prayers and hope to see as many of you as possible while in the States. Until next month.

Serving Jesus in Peru, Sheridan and Anita Stanton

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