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WALTER LAUERMAN (1927 - 2004)

By Dave Parks

Brother Walter Lauerman went to be with the Lord on 25 May, 2004. He had suffered from debilitating diseases and declining health for the past several years. In fact, he resigned from his last and final pastorate in 2001 to move to Lexington, Kentucky, to be closer to family members after his health would not permit his continuing the work of the pastoral ministry. During the last months of his life, he was blind and bedfast and required the round-the-clock care of his wife and family.

Brother Lauerman and his dear, devoted wife, Delores, served the Lord together in pastoral/missionary ministry for more than 45 years. Thirty years of that time was given in mission works in South America: 15 years in Peru and another 15 years in Honduras. During their missionary ministries, Brother Lauerman personally organized 25 churches. Those churches are still faithfully shining the light of the Gospel and bearing fruit for the glory of Christ. They frequently converse with pastors and friends from their South American churches who love them and bless them for bringing the Gospel to them and introducing them to Jesus Christ.



Walter and Delores Lauerman

The Lauermans served for 21 of those years in association with Baptist Faith Missions. The remaining 9 years were served through independent support. Like many missionary families, they not only accepted and endured the rigors of missionary life, but also gave extreme personal sacrifices for Jesus Christ. Shortly after arriving in Peru with their family, their 5-year-old daughter, Sandy, was stricken with a disease and died during surgery. They committed her to Jesus Christ and buried her body in Iquitos to await the resurrection of the dead in Christ. She is just one of the many hundreds and thousands of joyful reunions Brother Lauerman has already enjoyed in Heaven. (Luke 16:9).

On a personal note, it was my privilege to serve him as his pastor for the last three years of his life and minister in some small way to his many needs. He was weak from the time he came to us, but he diligently attended the worship services. He insisted on attending worship, even when he was so physically weak he couldn't sit up in his wheelchair. His disease attacked his organs and muscle tissues so that he had no strength in his body. But, he persisted in worshipping God. "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16).

He never failed to encourage me. He could no longer publicly preach or teach, but he thrilled to be where the Word of God was preached and taught; and he found his joy in God's truth. "Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts" (Jeremiah 15:16).

He talked about Heaven all the time. He wanted to be with the Lord. He truly believed and hoped that to depart this life and to be with the Lord is "far better." And I am sure he has discovered that hope to be true. He has entered into the joy of his Lord, and has been blessed by his Lord's pleasure. (Matthew 25:21,34).

Continue to pray for his faithful life-partner and ministry-helper, Sister Delores. We will continue to love, support, encourage, and help her every way we can. For any one who wishes to contact her: Delores Lauerman, 201 Boysenberry, Lexington KY 40511 / 859.225.2362.

Then I heard a voice from Heaven saying to me, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on,' "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them" (Revelation 14:13).



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Short Furlough Over . . .

Dear Friends,

May 31, 2004

In three days, Anita and I, will be heading back to Peru; so we should be there by the time you get this letter. We thank all of the churches, pastors and individuals that treated us so well while home on this very short furlough. We were not able to comply with all of the invitations and for that we are very sorry. Anita and I have realized that four months is not enough time for furlough. If we did not make it to your church please pardon us and know that we will plan to have longer furloughs in the future and have enough time to report to all of our supporting churches. During these months, Anita had both hands operated on and we planned a wedding for our daughter, Leah. Needless to say, the time has gone by very quickly. We thank you for your prayers during these hectic times.

We are looking forward to a mission group of twelve from Berea Baptist Church in Hiddenite, North Carolina (Pastor Charles Cook) to come down in July. This group will be working on a building project for us in Huanuco. Anita and I hope to have other groups in the near future. How about your church? We would love for you to come and share in the amazing work God is doing in Peru. The works are going great and we have some plans for new ministries in the near future. Remember us in your prayers. Until next month.

Serving Jesus in Peru, Sheridan and Anita Stanton



Group of happy children that the Stanton's minister to.

☆☆☆ Urgent Reminder ☆☆☆

By Dave Parks

For all practical purposes, the General Fund is dry.

We are entering June with about \$5000 available for General Fund use. Our average monthly deficit between General Fund disbursements and all funds received for General Fund use is usually more than that. So, during the business transactions of June, we will probably use that up and end the month in a deficit and no funds to supply it.

Many of you have responded to our EVERY FRIEND...A GIVING FRIEND appeal. Here are a couple examples:

"Dear Brother Sledd, we at the East Keys Baptist Church would like to let you know that after reading Brother Parks's note in the Mission Sheets, we have increased our support from 20% of our offerings to 25%. Praise God! David Hicks, Treasurer." To which we all say, "Amen! And Praise God again!"

"A few months ago, Brother Parks printed an appeal in the Mission Sheets, 'EVERY FRIEND A GIVING FRIEND'. So we at Bible Baptist Church thought, 'what can we do?' So we made us a BFM box and set it at the front of the auditorium so every individual, young and old, can have a part in becoming a 'Giving Friend.' It started out with around \$100 a month, and the last two months, it has been over \$1000. This is above the tithes and offerings. We pray this will continue month after month. IT WAS SO EASY! Pastor Art Donley, Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg IL."

Thanks to you... and to all of you who are helping us meet this on-going need.

If you are willing to help us with this need for increased giving, and especially if you are a pastor and can help us promote the EVERY FRIEND A GIVING FRIEND appeal in your church, may I supply you with a couple of resources? (1) I have prepared a PRINTED MESSAGE explaining the need and the proposed suggestions for how we can all give and work together to supply the need. I want to send you as many copies of the message as you desire. (2) Also, we have printed a BROCHURE presenting the highlights of the appeal. The brochures are ideal for inserting in your church bulletin or some other means you have for placing one in the hands of each individual Friend of BFM.

Please allow me to send you as many of each as you desire. You may send me your mailing address by: email: grace2u@aol.com; phone: 859.223.8374; fax: 859.223.8954; or mail: Dave Parks, 3985 Boston Road, Lexington KY 40514

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work...Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God... Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift (2 Cor. 9).



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Seventy-nine On April 30th . . . Thankful For Godly Wife . . . Telling Others About Jesus . . .

Dear Friends,

May 11, 2004

Thanks to all of you who remembered my birthday on April 30. Seventy-nine and still able to breathe. Memory does fail sometimes. The other day I took my afternoon nap, as usual. I always take off my glasses and put them on the table before lying down. That day I took off my partial plate and put it on the table and laid down with my

glasses on. Oh well! you cannot win them all.

Living the old age is ten times better than the pitiful programs they put on TV. The programs get worse and old age gets more exciting every day. And, the best is yet to come.

Seventy-nine years of God's blessings. Born to parents who loved the Lord and brought us up in His ways. I learned more about love and faithfulness to God from my father and mother in the years at home than all the time spent in schools, colleges and seminaries. The same was true in Alta's life. God's riches have certainly been ours.

He gave me the gift of a godly wife. He gave us the super treasure of five wonderful children who love and serve Him. Beside these He took one to Heaven to wait for our arrival. Then He gave us fifteen marvelous grand children and three lovely great grandchildren. Then we have Helena and Maria who we reared and educated after their father died. As if this were not enough he gave us three adopted grandchildren by Kathy and Odali plus the 128 grandchildren at the Alpha and Omega home.

If I had to choose one word to describe our family it would have to be MISSIONS- telling others about Jesus, the Savior. We have not gone into all the world yet, but God is not finished. We praise Him for His blessings and the privilege of using our family in Brazil, Bosnia, Asia, France and America. Multiplying as the stars of the Heavens is our inheritance through God's promise to Abraham.

As Psalm 107 declares: "The Lord has redeemed us out of the hopelessness of life; the slavery of sin; the afflictions of trials; and the storms of life."

And for all this we praise Him and want to tell others what He has done for us and what He can do for them.

Affectionately Yours
John and Alta Hatcher

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Brother Creiglow's Report ...

Dear Brethren,

May 31, 2004

The first of May found Betty and I in Pigeon Forge enjoying a couple of days just doing nothing. From there we traveled to South Carolina to visit with our daughters, Brenda, Arlete, and some of the Grandchildren.

On our way home we stopped at Cracker Barrel for breakfast, and just when we were getting ready to eat Betty started having chest pains, so we spent the rest of the day in the emergency room of the hospital in Hendersonville, North Carolina. The doctor ran all kinds of tests and found nothing that indicated she was having any heart problem. The doctor there, after talking on the phone to our family doctor in Lexington, released her to go home, only after I promised to get her to our doctor as soon as possible. The many tests in Lexington showed the same as those in Hendersonville, so our doctor said it probably was a blood clot in her leg that went to her lung and then dissolved before it could be picked up in the tests. She has had no problems since.

Our pastor, Brother Ed Massey, has been away a part of this past month, and I have had the privilege of preaching in his place. He will be gone again this coming Wednesday, and has asked me to fill in for him again.

The last Sunday in May Betty and I visited the Creekside Baptist Church in Waco, Kentucky, where Dan Jenkins is pastor. This church was wanting to know more about Baptist Faith Missions and asked me to present the videos to be better informed, with the possibility of supporting the work in the future. As always, we enjoyed the visit very much, even though there was a threat of some very bad weather.

We thank our Lord for His blessings, and we are doing just great, and hope you all are also.

In His Name, Bobby D. Creiglow



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Still Waiting ... Buying Equipment ...

Dear Friends,

June 1, 2004

We failed to write last month because we were waiting every day for news from Brazil about our visas. And when the day came to write to you and we had no word about our visas we just desisted.

But here we are at the end of another month and time for a letter so I will tell you what we have been doing in these past months. We have not been too far from the phone these months. As each time we speak with the Brazilian Embassy they say, "We will call you" or they give us a time to call them for them to give us more information. So Barbara has been tied to the phone waiting for that all-important call.

Today she has spoken to the office of Immigration and they have given her one more phone number to call. So tomorrow she will be back on the phone again with the hope of getting the news for which we are waiting.

I have been working these months with my brother in Paris, and through this work and many donations we have been able to buy many of the needed pieces of equipment for the work there in Caraguatuba. And through the donations of many generous people we will be able to begin looking in earnest for the property for the Vocational School when we return. Thank you to all who have helped in these projects, and to those of you who are thinking of helping please do so because we will need more help as we get back to the work.

We have gained another boy for the school while we are here in the States. The need occurred and the couple that is taking care of the other two agreed that one more would not be too much for them. So the work is growing even though we are in the States.

The Church in Caraguatuba also is growing. We get good reports each time we speak to the Pastor. We ask for your prayers for both the Church and the School. You know that when God is working Satan is also working to try to tear down everything. This is the same the world over. But we serve an AWESOME God and He will give the victory!! The seminary is going well and we have been able, while we have been in the States, to get several volunteers to come and teach for us there. These teachers will be a great blessing to our students. Continue to pray for more volunteers and students.

Thank you for your constant prayers on our behalf.

In His service, Aj and Barbara



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Many Professions ... Thankful For Support ...

Dear Friends,

June 3, 2004

We know you will rejoice with us in the news about God's blessings during the month of May. We can happily report that 98 adults made a public profession of their faith in Jesus as their Savior. There were an additional 193 children from the public schools who made a profession of faith. It is great news any time someone turns from darkness to light, but we are especially happy with these conversions

because these folks live in one of the most spiritually darkened regions of Brazil. The state of Rio Grande do Sul is the state with the highest rate of increase in demon worship, black magic, and involvement in the occult. For example, in 2003 there were over 100 new public witchcraft centers established and less than five new Baptist churches started. This gives you an idea of what type of society we are working with.

In one of the public schools where our evangelistic team presented the gospel, one of the school's teachers cried out during the gospel presentation, "It's a lie!" We are thankful that, despite his interference, fifteen adults and three children accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We are presently working to train leaders to establish new churches among folks like these who have stepped out in faith in Christ.

Our leadership training program is progressing well. The original sixteen has only dropped by two and one of these was due to his getting married and moving out of town. It has not been without some trials and struggles though. A few of our men have had struggles finding employment that doesn't interfere with their service to God, but through patience, most are in favorable situations where they can meet the needs of their families and still have time enough to study the Word, minister to the new believers and reach the lost with the gospel.

We are very grateful for the faithful and generous support we receive from you, our ministry partners. We know God will bless you eternally, but we want you to know that many lives are transformed forever by the prayers and gifts of love you offer so that we may be better able to share the gospel of Christ with them. May God bless you.

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

KENYA SAFARI

By Dave Parks and Bobby Creiglow

"Safari" is Swahili for "trip, or journey." Bobby Creiglow and I took one to Kenya from February 17-26 to visit the missionary ministries of Mike and Pam Anderson and their son, Nathan Radford, Missionary Support Worker through BFM.

The trip itself requires about 20 hours of flying time across 7-8 time zones. Our route took us from Lexington KY through Detroit, on to Amsterdam, then arriving in Nairobi. Nairobi is about 8 hours' driving time from Kitale, where the Andersons live and minister. We arrived in Nairobi late at night. So after resting a few hours at a missionaries' boarding house, we took an early morning commuter flight to Eldoret, a town only about 1 1/2 hours' drive from Kitale. The Andersons picked us up at the airport there and took us on into Kitale.

So, the trip enroute (and coming back) is very tiring on the body. Airplane travel itself is exhausting, and there is little opportunity for resting during layovers. But, we were quickly energized by accompanying our missionaries through the many activities of their ministries.

One of the first impressions you receive from visiting Kenya is how "English" everything is. Road signs, store signs, billboards, menus, and other forms of communication are predominantly English. Swahili is the official speaking language but many transactions, especially business and commerce, are in English. So, we had no problem with language barriers during travel.

Kenya was colonized by Great Britain and won their independence only in 1963. In fact, Kitale itself was one of the last outposts for stocking and supplies for the English explorers and business venturers before moving into the interior of the country.

The Anderson's minister in a population center of about 40-50 thousand people. Kitale consists of a downtown business district with a few short streets of storefront businesses and many open markets. Most of the business which people conduct is outside. The standard of living is predominantly poor. Very few of the people own cars. Their most common modes of transportation are walking or riding bicycles. Public transportation consists of taxi vans called "matatus", or fleets of independent bicycle taxis with a padded seat for the paying customer.

We quickly encountered an unexpected obstacle in the open markets. In every other country we have visited, we could take pictures at will. No one seemed to pay any attention. Most people even seem to enjoy having their picture taken. But not in Kenya. We soon encountered some hostile reactions. Some even would call out: "Publisher!" and they would express their disapproval. This would get the attention of others in the crowded streets and markets. We didn't like the not-so-friendly looks we were getting. Others would allow us to photograph them if we paid them.

It seems that they have developed a popular cultural notion that outsiders come into their country, take their pictures, and then go back home to publish them at great profits, which they don't share with the subjects of their pictures. So, they don't appreciate what they perceive as our profiting at their expense. We learned to courteously ask for permission to take pictures of the people we photographed. We still took several pictures, but not as many as we have taken on other trips.

But, we took in all of these cultural impressions while doing what we went there to do. We wanted to accompany the Anderson's and Nathan in their ministry activities among the people of Kitale.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH / Kitale. This is the home base of their ministry. Mike is pastoring the church presently while he is training national leadership to lead the church.

IMANI BAPTIST CHURCH / Kitale. "Imani" is Swahili for "faith." Imani Church is pastored by a young national Mike has trained. His name is Laban. We ate a delicious Kenyan supper prepared by his wife, Norah, one night during our visit. Laban is a very studious and sincere Christian with a pastor's heart. He demonstrates great humility and a desire to know the heart of God. During our visit, he asked Bobby and me a lot of questions about how to lead people and deal with problems in the church from a Scriptural perspective.

We arrived in Kitale on Thursday, but the highlight of our visit was the Lord's Day services at both churches. We attended Sunday School / Bible Study first at Imani, and then drove back to Calvary for the Preaching Service. The nationals conduct the Sunday School ministries at both churches. Mike and Pam have taught and trained the men and women to teach God's Word to the people's needs.

I was privileged to preach Sunday morning at Calvary. We had an enjoyable and spirited song service. The choir counted our visit as a special occasion, so they prepared some special songs for us and took the occasion to wear the bright blue choir robes donated to them by the Bethel Baptist Church in Lexington KY. Brother Larry Wilson pastors that fine, generous church. "Brother Wilson and good people at Bethel, they did your robes proud!" The services are conducted in Swahili. So, a 15-year-old member named Immanuel translated my message from Romans, chapter 1. Immanuel is only one of several young men in the church who are receiving weekly discipleship counseling from Nathan. But, Immanuel's knowledge of God's Word and his command of both languages is awesome.

I had also asked Nathan the Saturday night before to help me prepare my own introduction in Swahili so I could at least pronounce and enunciate it in Swahili myself. He did so. And then, as I "pronounced" (can't say I really "spoke") in Swahili, Nathan "translated" it back into English. The people loved my attempts to speak to them in their language. Nathan also helped me make some pretty funny, self-deprecating remarks!

EVANGELISM. The Andersons and Nathan have trained several evangelistic teams. And so, after Sunday morning worship services, the teams stay behind; and after a snack of bread and "chi" (tea), we went into the (literally) byways around the church neighborhoods witnessing the Gospel. Paths and byways are worn off of the main roads and meander all around the fields in Kitale. People build their simple houses (usually from mud blocks) wherever they can claim or rent a small plot of ground. People are very receptive to visitors. They all welcomed us into their homes. A young mother received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior during one of our visits that afternoon. Mike, Pam, Nathan, and others of their trained members of the church lead these teams.

VISITATION. We made several personal visits during the week we were there. Much of their contact and personal counsel is conducted during visits to the members' homes, or from house to house in the Kitale neighborhoods.

BIBLE STUDIES. Transportation and mobility is limited in Kitale, so the Andersons have organized several Bible Study sites in the homes of members in the outlying neighborhoods. That way, the members who live in the vicinity can attend the Bible Study for learning and growth in the Word of God, for mutual encouragement, and for outreach among their neighbors. We attended these weeknight Neighborhood Bible Studies during our week there.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES. The Andersons host a couple youth activity outreaches. One is a Word of Life group. This is primarily for the young people in the church. They meet for some recreation and then have teaching times to help them know the Lord better and live their lives for Him. The young man, Immanuel, taught the lesson in the meeting we attended.

Another outreach activity is for the hundreds of street children in Kitale. Many of them are AIDS-orphans. Kenya, like most African countries, is ravaged by AIDS, and children who are left orphaned by the death of their parents have no social safety net to catch them. So, they wander the streets of the town, sometimes burglarizing to get what they need. They sleep wherever they can until someone drives them away. Many are themselves sexually promiscuous, or else are prostituted into sex trades. The Andersons have STREET-KID OUTREACH ministries to bring them to the church, play soccer and other games with them, give them a snack and Kool-aid, and then teach them about Jesus Christ.

PRISON MINISTRY. Nathan has developed an extensive Bible Study ministry in the Kitale prison. He has won the confidence of the prison warden (Welfare Officer), and he is welcomed because of all the good he has done among the prison population. Nathan has organized courses of Bible Studies ranging from Evangelism to Doctrines and Personal Discipleship. The prisoners must make a commitment to apply themselves to these studies and complete them. We attended two such Bible Study sessions and were impressed with the seriousness with which the students apply themselves, and the depth of their knowledge of the Scriptures evidenced by their answers and discussion.

The prisons themselves are not at all like you would think them to be. The prison compound is a sprawling compound with rows of huts which serve as the cells. All the grounds inside the compound are bare dirt which become seas of mud during the rainy seasons. The prisoners are crowded into these huts with only a concrete floor and a bucket for relieving themselves. They may have a blanket — or they may not. All the living conditions are squalid and filthy; so poor, in fact, even Nathan has not been allowed to tour the facilities lest he report to "the outside world" on their conditions. No pictures of any kind are allowed.

But, through these Bible Studies, many of the prisoners have professed faith in Jesus Christ and are growing in their personal walk with Christ. Nathan is formulating future plans to organize regular worship services in the prison, and the prison officials are inviting him to expand his ministry into other major prisons, even larger prisons, in other nearby cities.

We were heartened by our short visit with them and give thanks to God for the knowledge of God in Jesus Christ that is being introduced into the spiritual darkness of Kenya through these and many other Gospel ministries. We commend our missionaries and we commend them to you. We encourage you to support them with your continued offerings and fervently pray to God for the advancing of His glory and grace further and deeper yet into the lives and destinies of the Africans who need the Lord... as we all do.

For a free video report on our trip, contact Bobby Creiglow at 606.423.1073.

DON'T FORGET THE WORKHORSE FUND

This is the General Fund. Out of it comes the missionaries' salaries, expenses, travel, medical, cars, etc. It has not kept pace with rising costs. It needs to increase so that our missionaries might have what they need.

Please Consider Increasing Your Offerings

Baptist Faith Missions

MAY 2004 OFFERINGS

Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL.....100	Watkins, Bert & Louise, Richmond, KY.....60	Wade, James, Abingdon, VA, Personal.....100	First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY, Judson Hatcher.....50
Battle Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY.....30	Webster Memorial Baptist Church, Lakeland, FL.....50	Wade, James, Abingdon, VA, Nathan Radford.....50	Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, Seminary Manus.....50
Baxter, Thomas, Downing, MO.....10	West Virginia Friends.....50	Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV, Support.....100	Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Seminary Manus.....31
Beath, Doris, Summersville, WV.....25	York, Wallace & Doris, Princeton, KY.....60	Wright, Randy & Teresa, Hurricane, WV, Nathan Radford.....100	New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI, Judson Hatcher.....83
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY.....130	Total.....30,582.75	Yanak, Albert & Ruby, St. Albans, WV, Support.....10	Smith, Darwin & Cathy, Lexington, KY, Judson Hatcher.....50
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY.....430	IN MEMORIAM	Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Taylor, MI, Nathan Radford.....100	Total.....569
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenite, NC.....300	Kays, Wilma, Richmond, KY, In Memory Of Raymond Kays.....100	ODALI BARROS	JOHN M. HATCHER
Berry Baptist Church, Berry, KY.....150	Overbey, Calvin & Dora, Van Buren, AR, In Memory Of Joel Overbey.....125	Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....130	Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....130
Bethel Baptist Church, Williams, IN.....149	Total.....225	Atlanta Street Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA, Support.....400	East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL, Salary.....25
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN.....275	MISSION ADVENTURES PROJECT FUND	Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....207	Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN, Personal.....550
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL.....1846	BFM Special Directors Travel Fund, Omck Kenya Trip.....500	Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Alpha & Omega.....195	First Baptist Church, Grayson, KY, Personal.....25
Bible Baptist Church, Portage, IN.....70	Total.....500.00	From A Friend, Personal.....25	Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary.....25
Bohon Road Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY.....175	MISSION ADVENTURES ASSISTANCE FUND	Hatcher, Laura, Burlington, KY, Alpha & Omega.....30	Gerig, Galen & Tamara, Columbus, OH, Salary.....30
Bray, Darrell, Houston, MS (Giving Friend).....100	BFM Director's Travel Fund, Orrick Kenya Trip.....500	High Hills Sunday School Class, Lexington, KY (Heritage Baptist), Personal.....50	Grace Baptist Church, Coffeen, IL, Salary.....150
Brown, Esther, Taylor, MI (Giving Friend).....50	Smith, Richard & Marcelyn, Ripley, WV.....500	Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Alpha & Omega.....50	Hatcher, Laura, Burlington, KY, Personal.....30
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV.....100	Total.....1,000.00	Midnight Missionary, New York, NY (Holy Spirit), Alpha & Omega.....50	King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL, Personal.....20
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV.....650	BIBLES FOR INDIA (In Memory Of Louis Maple)	New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI, Stephanie Parker.....83	Lessley, James & Rebecca, Alma, AR, Gift.....140
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY.....891.27	East Maine Baptist Church, Niles, IL.....500	New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Alpha & Omega.....160	Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Salary.....100
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY.....350	Support & Follow Up Team.....500	Pine Set Baptist Church, South Pittsburg, TN, Salary.....35	Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL, Salary.....20
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV.....125	Total.....500	Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Alpha & Omega.....80	Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Personal.....80
Central Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, TX.....132	CAR FUND	Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Stephanie Parker.....40	Weitz, Mike & Linda, Cincinnati, OH, Support.....10
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC.....440	Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH.....200	Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Peggy Foster.....40	Total.....1,335.00
Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, McDermott, OH.....50	Total.....200	Salem Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH, Support.....50	A.J. HENSLEY
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV.....70	II.II. OVERBEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	Salem Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH, Stephanie Parker.....75	Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary.....155
Darling, Russell, Rolla, MO.....200	Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH.....50	Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL, Alpha & Omega.....20	Atlantic Street Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA, Support.....200
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL.....707.5	Total.....50	Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL, As Needed.....20	Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....50
East Maine Baptist Church, Niles, IL.....500	WEST INDIES FUND	Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Alpha & Omega.....55	Brandenburg, Jerry & Pamela, Irvine, KY, Support.....200
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA.....250	Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Dave MacFarlane.....130	W.K.W. Richmond, KY, As Needed.....25	Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA, Support.....133.34
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS.....255.19	Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Linville McIntire.....130	Total.....1,820.00	Central Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, TX, Salary.....55
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN.....317.94	Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Allen Steele.....130	HAROLD BRATCHER	Cenacore Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, New Work.....30
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Irvine, K.....100	Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Olive Street.....130	Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Buildings.....130	Edwards, Wilgus & Maria, Booneville, KY, Salary.....10
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY.....355	Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Sewnath Parilla.....90.06	Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary.....82.67	From A Friend, Personal.....25
Eter, Delana, Taylor, MI (Giving Friend).....10	New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI, Emmanuel Haggard.....83	Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....100	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Personal.....225
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO.....100	Total.....662.06	Bratcher, Debra, Mesquite, TX, Personal.....50	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Block Machine.....2000
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY.....400	HOME MISSIONS	Brooksburg Baptist Church, Madison, IN, Personal.....344.83	Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY, Personal.....100
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Leighton, AL.....200	Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, Reinhardt.....272	Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Poverty Relief.....100	Immanuel Baptist Church, Monicello, KY, School.....25
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY.....1000	Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI, Reinhardt.....50	Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY, Personal.....150	Newman, Steven & Terry, Elgin, TX, New Work.....40
First Baptist Church, Grayson, KY.....100	Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Reinhardt.....59.06	Clarksville Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Poverty Relief.....100	Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary.....100
First Baptist Church Of Science Hill, Science Hill, KY.....175	Norris, William, Richmond, KY, Reinhardt.....40	Edwards, Wilgus & Maria, Booneville, KY, Salary.....10	Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY, Personal.....40
From A Friend.....100	Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH, Reinhardt.....50	Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA, Salary.....250	Reed, Fred & Karen, Cedar Creek, TX, New Work.....300
From Friends.....100	Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL.....10	Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, New Work.....50	Total.....4,008.34
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, OH.....75	Total.....481.06	Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV, Salary.....10	SHERIDAN STANTON
Goldfoss Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC.....25	MISCELLANEOUS DESIGNATED FUND	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	Adams, W.H. & Arbia, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....25
Goodsprings Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL.....200	Jones, Bob & Sue, Harrison, TN, Mission House Upkeep.....25	Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC, Salary.....100	Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Buildings.....130
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, KY.....30	Total.....25	Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY, Personal.....50	Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, New Works.....130
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH.....600	MIKE ANDERSON	Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH, Salary.....35	Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....100
Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Springs, MS.....150	Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Salary.....130	Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH, Personal.....65	Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary.....103.33
Grider Memorial Baptist Church, Glasgow, KY.....100	Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Nathan Radford.....130	North West Baptist Church, Tampa, FL, Buildings.....100	Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....200
Harbor View Missionary Baptist Church, Harbor View, OH.....132	Bakker, Jason & Julie, Dallas, TX, Nathan Radford.....50	Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL, As Needed.....20	Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH, Salary.....50
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV.....500	Bible Baptist Church, Durham, NC, Salary.....96	W.K.W. Richmond, KY, As Needed.....25	Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Support.....16
Hardy, Ola, Guntown, MS.....50	Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....100	Total.....1,972.50	Durham, Tony & Linda, Winter Springs, FL, As Needed.....100
Harmony Baptist Church, Marengo, OH.....25	Boulton, Joshua & Jillian, SW Wyoming, MI, Nathan Radford.....80	MIKE CREIGLOW	Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA, As Needed.....250
Hatcher, Laura, Burlington, KY.....100	Brook, Douglas & Sharon, Dayton, OH, Orphans.....25	Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, New Work.....130	Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Salary.....255.19
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....1500	Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV, Nathan Radford.....30	Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....200	Grace Baptist Church, Bradenton, FL, Building Fund.....200
Humphries, Cindy, Kirksville, MO.....10	Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV, Special Offering.....150	Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, Andrew Creiglow.....157	Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Sargonsville, TN, Salary.....50
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI.....330	Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV, Nathan Radford.....150	Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN, Salary.....25	Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Wyandotte, MI, Mission Fund.....115
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculumbia, AL.....78.49	Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV, Support.....129	Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Andrew Creiglow.....100	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....250
1-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC.....51	Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV, Nathan Radford.....100	Central Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, TX, Andrew Creiglow.....50	Kentucky Friend, Personal.....50
Jenkins, William & Sonora, Appling, GA.....30	Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV, Salary.....200	Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Salary.....255.19	Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Belleville, MI, Support.....100
Kemp, Ouida, Bryan, MS (Giving Friend).....100	Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV, Nathan Radford.....150	Elmridge Southern Missionary Baptist Church, E. Poria, IL, Personal.....50	Redemption Ministries, Kingston Springs, TN, Support.....10
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL.....100	Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH, Support.....50	Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, New Work.....50	Restoration Church, Dickson, TN, As Needed.....100
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI.....738.8	Fellowship Baptist Church, Vienna, WV, Support.....55	Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Columbia, TN, Personal.....100	Restoration Church, Dickson, TN, Personal.....100
Lock, George & Judy, Lakeland, FL.....100	Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary.....25	King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL, Andrew Creiglow.....20	Rocky Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Piquette, TN, Support.....50
Lybrand, Steven & Deborah, Dutton, AL (Giving Friend).....50	From "JL", Support.....1000	Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Andrew Creiglow.....50	Rye Patch Baptist Church, Ludovick, GA, As Needed.....200
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH.....50	Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Salary.....100	Lock, George & Judy, Lakeland, FL, Andrew Creiglow.....20	Shawnee Baptist Church, Louisville, KY, Support.....100
Matthews Memorial Church, Stevenson, AL.....50	Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Nathan Radford.....50	Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL, As Needed.....20	Victory Baptist Church, New Salisbury, IN, Support.....50
Mayfield, Ada, Coffeen, IL.....10	Gentry, Ralph & Kristi, Grand Rapids, MI, Nathan Radford.....25	Total.....1,247.19	W.K.W. Richmond, KY, As Needed.....25
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV.....500	Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, OH, Nathan Radford.....20	HAROLD DRAPER	Wilfong, Mr. & Mrs. Billy, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....1000
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Liberty Miss. Baptist Church).....200	Goshen Baptist Church, Kentuck, WV, Salary.....50	Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Primavera Building.....290	Total.....3,759.52
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Dawson Baptist Church).....100	Grace Baptist Church, Sargonsville, TN, Salary.....50	Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....130	BOBBY WACASER
Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Grafton, OH.....250	Grace Baptist Church, Sargonsville, TN, Nathan Radford.....50	Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....220	Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Salary.....130
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI.....830	Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV, Salary.....10	Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, Teresa Santos.....500	Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....350
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....490	Harris, Ruby, Charleston, WV, Nathan Radford.....10	Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH, Salary.....50	Calvary Baptist Church, Piquette, OH, Salary.....50
Norris, William, Richmond, KY.....60	Harrison, David & Barbara, Red House, WV, Nathan Radford.....20	Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Nicholasville, KY, As Needed.....100	Elmridge Southern Missionary Baptist Church, E. Poria, IL, Personal.....50
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Perkins, WV.....200	Harvesters Bible Class, Point Pleasant, WV Main St. Baptist Church, Salary.....100	Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, KY, Salary.....40	Fellowship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary.....50
Ohio Friend.....2850	Hodge, Joseph & Frances, Rockledge, FL, Land For Orphanage.....50	Elizabeth Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Salary.....50	Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary.....25
Oliver, Mr. & Mrs. Paul, Tusculumbia, AL.....100	Humphries, Cindy, Kirksville, MO, Orphans.....25	Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, New Work.....50	1-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC, Support.....45
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesborough, TN.....100	Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Support.....27	Grace Baptist Church, Sargonsville, TN, As Needed.....100	Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Support.....50
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, FL.....250.92	Leavittsburg Baptist Church, Warren, OH, Nathan Radford.....60	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Salary.....100
Potters Baptist Church, Viola, AR.....100	Lewis, Lowell & Sue, Milton, WV, Nathan Radford.....25	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	Total.....850
Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY.....10	Matherly, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL, Expenses.....40	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	Grand Total.....60,775.89
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY.....880	Matherly, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL, Nathan Radford.....10	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
Riverview Baptist Church, Point Pleasant, WV.....50	Meyne, John & Kelley, Grand Rapids, MI, Nathan Radford.....25	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
Rocky Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN.....200	Mintum, Timothy, Nitro, WV, Nathan Radford.....85.47	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV.....400	Michelle, Matthew & Holly, Fort Wayne, IN, Nathan Radford.....70	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC.....1100	Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Salary.....100	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
Simmerman, Carl, Port Washington, OH.....25	Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Chesapeake, WV, Salary.....60	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
Sims, James & Elizabeth, Hattiesburg, MS.....125	Needlinger, James & Ann, Nitro, WV, Where Needed.....25	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
Southside Baptist Church, Fulton, MS.....250	Open Door Bible Church, Culloden, WV, Salary.....75	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL.....150	Pack, Joe, South Charleston, WV, Salary.....10	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH.....1689.64	Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY, Orphan's Fund.....30	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
Sugar Creek Baptist Church, Woodlawn, TN.....60	Rawley, Philip & Sarah, Rockwall, TX, Salary.....250	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL.....10	Rawley, Philip & Sarah, Rockwall, TX, Nathan Radford.....100	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
Texas Friends.....600	Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Nathan Radford.....40	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....813	Riverside Baptist Church, Stanville, KY, Salary.....25	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
24th Of March Baptist Church, Amazonas, Brazil.....400	Rocky Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN, Support.....50	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
Valley Drive Baptist Church, Bristol, TN.....50	Rosen, Cecil & Ann, Bancroft, WV, School For Kenyan Boys.....50	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
Virginia Friend.....410	Simmerman, Carl, Port Washington, OH, As Needed.....25	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
Wacaser, Gary & Helen, Lithia, FL.....5000	Staltnaker, Douglas & Anna, Hurricane, WV, Nathan Radford.....25	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
Wannville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL.....75	Staltnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV, As Needed.....1150	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
	Staltnaker, Ron & Gina, Glenview, WV, Nathan Radford.....100	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
	Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH, Nathan Radford.....75	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	
	Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL, As Needed.....40	Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....200	

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Sister Bratcher To Have Heart Surgery . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Savior,

May 31, 2004

This month's Mission Sheets letter tells of our happenings from April 30th to May 31st.

During the month of May, I heard 12 sermons preached (Marie heard most of them) and I preached six sermons in 3 different Baptist Churches. Marie heard all six. Sunday, May 9th, I preached at both the a.m. and p.m. services at the Clarksville Baptist Church, Richmond KY, where Bradley Johns is the pastor. Sunday, May 16th, we attended Sunday School and I preached at both services of the Storm's Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, Ohio, where Jim Orrick and Kenney Hurst are co-pastors. Sunday, May 23rd, we attended Pastor Bobby Greene's Sunday School class at Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond KY. I preached at the 11:00 a.m. worship service and again at a special 2:00 p.m. service.

The apostle Peter wrote the following in 1 Peter 1:6: "Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness (distressed) through manifold temptations." Yes,



Brother and Sister Bratcher hoping to return to Brazil soon.

on May 20th, we entered into a season of heaviness or distress. Pray for us that we may still rejoice during these days of uncertainty whether Marie and I will be able to return to Manaus on the 24th of June as we wrote in the April Mission Sheets letter. I also wrote: "Pray for us, especially Marie, that she will enjoy better health."

On the 20th of May, Marie received more heart exams and her heart Doctor, Dr. Bill Harris, recommended that she have a pacemaker implanted. Tomorrow morning, June 1st, she will consult with Dr. Michael Antimisariis who implants pacemakers. He will give us his recommendation. I'll finish this letter tomorrow after hearing what the Dr. has to say. My prayer these days is: "O Lord, heal Hattie's heart!"

June 2 2004: Yesterday, we (Marie, myself, and Dave Parks) spent some 4 hours at the Saint Joseph Heart Clinic. We met with Dr. Antimisariis who after several examinations of Marie's heart informed us that her heart was far from being healed and that she must have a pacemaker installed. He will (the Lord willing) implant the pacemaker next Wednesday, June 9th. She will have to spend that night in the hospital. Now, the good news! The Dr. told us that until unforeseen complications arise, Marie will be able for us to travel on Wednesday, the 23rd of June to arrive in Manaus at the airport Thursday morning at 2:30 am. "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow." Permit me to copy from the May Mission Sheets letter: "Yes, we thank all of you who have made us to rejoice in the Lord during the furlough year. We are both sad and glad to return to Manaus. We will miss the sweet fellowship and kindnesses we have enjoyed here in the USA. We have many brothers and sisters in the Lord awaiting our return. We are not looking forward to the rats and roaches that invade our house in Manaus." (Permit me to add another "r"-robbers!)"

Also, this past Friday morning (May 28th), we were privileged to attend the funeral service of our fellow-missionary, Brother Walter Lauerman, at the Thompson Road Baptist Church. Brother Walter was a faithful missionary, so was his wife, Sister Delores. May God's grace be upon her and the children and grandchildren that he left behind.

The Lord willing, when you read this letter, we (Marie and I) will be back in Brazil to stay for many months and moons. Stephen will return to the U.S. after around two weeks. You may email us in Manaus at: ambratcher56@yahoo.com Phone: 011.55.92.611.2331.

Please continue to give to the General Fund of BFM and designate any offerings to us as the Lord leads. When we left last June and while in the U.S., we received more than one request from our Brazilian brethren to help them buy a boat, build a building, and buy a car. "When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart and hope to meet again."

Yours in the service of the Savior,

Harold and Marie Bratcher



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Brother Draper's Report . . .

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

June 3, 2004

We are now back in Brazil. Many of you know that I came down the last of January and went back the end of March to get Ursula. Due to her cardiologists appointment we had to stay there until after the 18th of May. We are busy trying to get unpacked and things set up. In general the works are going well. We have shortage of preachers and we are praying that the Lord will send us one soon to help out the situation. One of our most faithful is almost gone with cancer. He could depart this world any time. He is still preaching the Word and making plans for the future. He told me yesterday he can't slow down or he will stop for good. Another lay preacher in the same church had colon cancer and seemed to be recovered. Now they have found nodules in a lung and on his liver. He will leave out for Southern Brazil next week to start chemo therapy.

Next month we will be more able to give you a report on the works here. We've only been here six days and are concentrating on getting our house livable.

God bless all of you there. We appreciate so much your faithful support.

Yours in Christ,

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Back In Kenya . . . Getting Ready For Mission Adventure Team . . . Orphan Report . . .

Dear Special Friends,

June 1, 2004

It is good to be back home in Kenya. My mother passed away on May 1st, so we made a quick trip to the States for two weeks for her funeral. She was 85 years old and had been in bad health for several years, but it is still a shock when a parent dies. Her funeral was well attended and it was good to see all of my family again. Our children, Sara and Nathan, came as well as our granddaughter, Melia, and son-in-law, Graig. Many of the members and extended family of Pam's family came, too, and even helped with the preparation of food, etc. It meant so much to us to see so many that we loved at her funeral, and we especially thank our families, friends, and Pastor Jim Orrick for attending the funeral, and Pastor Dave Parks for his help and concern during this time. My father cared for my mother while she was sick for many, many years and he was a testimony to so many of his faithfulness to the marriage vows that he took 62 years ago. We also appreciate Dad's help financially, so that we could make the trip back to the States to be there at such an important time.

Unfortunately, there were some problems during our absence, and we realized that we really need a pastor for our Calvary church. Our former pastor has caused many problems for us. The deacons at Calvary made some hasty decisions and are like sheep without a Shepherd. This is discouraging to us, as I have preached and taught for six years, but they are still immature in the faith. So, we have asked Laban Wayonga, who is the pastor of Imani Baptist and is doing a great job of leading that church, to temporarily take over for us at Calvary Baptist while we are in the States on furlough. Laban has agreed, so we will have two young men from Imani that I have trained, and are doing a great job of teaching the teen and adult Sunday School classes, to take over the leadership at Imani while we are away. Both of these young men are young, but have shown great spiritual maturity in teaching Sunday School, and are both heavily involved in evangelism and discipleship each week at Imani. Dennis is our oldest orphan, and is in charge of evangelism, and Evans is a deacon at Imani, and teaches the adult SS class. So, they have agreed to preach during the services at Imani while we are on furlough.

Speaking of Imani... The Lord answered our prayers, and we are in the process of buying land for that church Lord willing, in just over three weeks. The Mission Adventures Team from BFM will be coming for ten days to Kenya, and they will be putting up a church building for Imani Baptist. Currently, we are renting a mud building, but we have found 1/3 of a acre in a residential area and are buying the land now. We had looked at pieces of property, but each owner wanted too much money. Then, a member of Imani decided to sell his property to us, and it is a reasonable price, and located in a residential area. We are excited about this opportunity and have already had the land surveyed, and contacted a lawyer to do the legal proceedings. So, the MA team will have a project to do and we hope to have the foundation done before they arrive.

Andrea has returned to Kitale, so she is working again with the street children's ministry at Calvary Baptist. Andrea was in Nairobi for six weeks working on the requirements needed to be licensed as a Registered Nurse in Kenya. She still has to complete some more requirements, but will do that at a later date. It is good to have her back, and the ministry with street children is really growing. There were over seventy-five street children for the Bible study today at the church. We have one boy already living with one of our members, and it is our desire to put the children who want to be helped, and are not sniffing glue, into homes of our church families, where they can be in a Christian family situation. Also, we want them to go to school, as most of these kids live on the streets and beg for food during the day, sniff glue to lessen the hunger pains, and cannot read or write. Many are orphans, so we are working with them to teach them to read, teach them about our Lord, and provide food for them. Unfortunately, many of them have sniffed glue for so long that their minds are affected, and they cannot learn properly. So, this along with a ministry to orphans is sorely needed.



Brother Dave Parks with some of our church kids.

Our abandoned baby, Baraka, is doing well, too. Andrea found her two months ago, and she is now living with Laban who also has our three orphan boys. Laban and Norah, his wife, have big hearts for children, and God has used them mightily with Dennis, Kevin, and Edwin, and now, God is going to allow them to have a child of their own later this month when Norah gives birth to their first child. We appreciate Laban's willingness to be used as a pastor, and his availability for our Lord in many other areas.

There is other news to report, but time and space do not permit it now. Pam and I are scheduled to go up into the bush this week by helicopter, and we are busy preparing for the team that is coming, as well as our furlough which will begin later in July. Nathan returned to the States in April and is visiting churches, and we plan to be available in August to visit. First, we want to do a video of the Lord's ministry here, so that we can show those who are interested. If you would like us to come to visit your church after August 20th, please let us know, and we will try to come.

Thanks to many of you who pray for and financially support the work here. We deeply appreciate your interest and prayers. Without you "holding the ropes" there, we could not work here for our Lord. So, please do continue to pray, as Satan is ever active at discouraging and destroying what we are trying to do. God has been, and is faithful, and we know that He will protect what He has raised up, so keep the prayers coming. We look forward to seeing many of you this summer.

Your servants in Kenya, Mike and Pam

SUMMER CONFERENCE

The Summer Conference in the interest of Baptist Faith Missions
will be August 24-26, 2004 at the Richland Baptist Church,
Livermore, Kentucky, Brother Glenn Archer, Pastor.
Plan now to attend this year's conference.