



Baptist Faith Missions

MISSION SHEETS

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FIFTIETH THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE

November 22-24, 2004

The fiftieth annual Thanksgiving Conference in the interest of BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS will be November 22-24 at the New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, Michigan, where Brother Marvin Summers is the pastor. The church is located at 24105 Hass Road. Hass Road is just North of Ford Road and one block West of Telegraph Road. This will also be Brother and Sister Summers' 31st anniversary at the church and his last official duty at the church as he is resigning as pastor. We hope that many will be able to attend this year's special conference. Those who cannot attend are encouraged to send cards to Brother and Sister Summers expressing appreciation to them for their many years of faithful service in leading New Hope to host the conference. Services will begin with dinner in the church fellowship hall at 5:00 P.M. and will end with lunch on Wednesday. This will give everyone time to get home for Thanksgiving with their families. We encourage all who can to attend. Churches are encouraged to pay their pastor's expenses to the conference. For more information call Pastor Marvin Summers, (313)562-5579.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM:

Monday, Nov. 22

5:00 Dinner

6:30 Music

6:45 Singing

7:45 Message, George Lock, Lakeland, FL

8:00 Singing

8:25 Message, Terry Adkins, Lincoln Park, MI

Tuesday, Nov. 23

9:15 Music

9:30 Singing

9:45

10:25

10:30

11:10

11:20

12:00

1:30

5:00

6:30

Message, Mike Anderson, Kenya, East Africa

Singing

Message, Gary Harrah, Wyandotte, MI

Break

Message, Bobby Green, Richmond, KY

Lunch

Advisory Meeting:

All are invited to attend and offer advice or ask questions

about the work of B.F.M.

Dinner

Music

6:45

7:15

8:00

8:25

Wednesday, Nov. 24

9:45

10:00

10:15

11:00

11:15

Singing

Message, Douglas Armstrong, Clio, MI

Singing

Message, Cecil Fayard, Elliott, MS

Music

Singing

Message, David Pitman, Addyston, OH

Singing

Message, George Sledd, Sanford, FL



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Note New Address . . . Help For A National Church . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Savior: October 1, 2004
Once again Marie and I greet you from the land of eternal summer. During this Mission Sheets month, September 1st to the 30th, I heard six sermons and preached ten sermons. Marie heard me preach all but one. Eight of the ten were preached at the 24th of March Baptist Church where I am the pastor.

On Sunday night the 12th of September, I preached at the Jardim Celeste (Celestial Garden) Baptist Mission to the forty-three of us present. Amauri Santos da Silva is the lay leader of the mission. He will be ordained, the Lord willing, on the 16th of October, and the new church will be organized the same day. We hope to give an offering from our New Works-Building Fund to help the new church finish their small church building. Pray for this church and pastor. Brother Amauri has a wife and three children. On the night of the 23rd, I preached to twenty-four of us present in the home of a poor couple in a new suburb of Manaus. We were celebrating the 5th birthday of Mauricelia M. de Souza. Her mother, Maria Aldeciria Miranda, 36, is the mother of six more children. The little girl's father's name is Mauro Peres de Souza, 28 years old. This couple has asked for baptism. Pray that in a few more months they will be able to be baptized.

We rejoiced to read in the August Mission Sheets about the letter that Dave Parks did not have to write to us missionaries. Thus with Bro. Parks we rejoice, and let us all remember that God loves a cheerful giver that believes that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Thank you Cheerful Givers. We pray that never again will the general fund be "dry." We appreciate the personal gifts and designated offerings for us. The Lord bless all of you!

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



On the "Day of the Dead" this national pastor preaches the gospel to those who are dead in sin

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:

Shelden and Anita Stanton

IN KENYA:

Mike and Pam Anderson

IN FRANCE:

John M. and Judy Hatcher

2004 THANKSGIVING OFFERING GOAL: \$75,000

By Dave Parks

We have set a goal of \$75,000 for our 2004 Thanksgiving Offering, and we need every Friend of BFM to do your part to help us reach that goal.

Last Thanksgiving, we began challenging every Giving Friend to help us increase our monthly offerings to the General Fund by at least \$5,000, and to increase our average annual Thanksgiving Offering by another \$25,000.

The \$75,000 goal is not quite \$25,000 more than our average Thanksgiving Offering. We have averaged \$60,000 per year for the past 7 years. But, we are aiming at \$75,000 this year to make it more immediately "do-able." When we meet this goal, it will encourage us to continue aiming higher to meet our on-going needs. Of course, it will be just like our God to exceed our asking and expectations! 2 Corinthians 9:8.

We have been working toward this goal for the past year. We have one more month to complete our offerings. Paul reminded the Corinthian church that they had announced their intentions to give to their special offering a year before, and that it was time to get it all together. 2 Corinthians 9:1-5.

If your church has not customarily given to the Thanksgiving Offering, would you begin this year...right now? All you have to do is to announce the offering and why we need it, and allow the members of your church to give toward it.

If your church does not receive a special offering for the Thanksgiving Offering, you may give a personal offering by sending it to our Treasurer, Brother George Sledd, P.O. Box 471280, Lake Monroe, FL 32747-1280. Be sure to designate it: "Thanksgiving Offering."

Even though our monthly needs for 2004 have been supplied (from last year's Thanksgiving Offering and your increased monthly giving), we still need \$24,000 to meet three 4-Year Auto Allowances we have committed to our missionaries for 2004. We have four more coming due in 2005. That is \$56,000 for that one commitment alone!

THANK YOU, GIVING FRIENDS - AND THANK GOD! Your response to our appeals for increased monthly offerings to meet our monthly General Fund expenditures has been overwhelming and gratifying. You have not only met the needs of the saints, but your grace in giving has resulted in many thanksgivings to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-15. I am looking at the reports of your offerings given in September (listed in this issue of the Mission Sheets). You have not only met our missionaries' needs for another month, but you have provided the necessary funds to meet some additional financial commitments we make to our missionaries (e.g., furlough travel expenses). We didn't have it last month, but you gave it, and your giving has supplied the promises we have made to our missionaries. Look for your portion in the total missions offerings, and rest assured your offering contributed to the whole.

EVERY ONE HAS A PART! "Let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper..." (1 Corinthians 16:2). Each Friend of BFM should personally participate in giving offerings for our missionaries. If your church gives a set monthly contribution to BFM, give an additional personal offering and ask your church treasurer to add it to the regular monthly offering.

NO PART IS TOO SMALL! All great accomplishments begin with smaller beginnings. A lot of smaller gifts make a great larger collection. And every offering you place in God's hand is blessed and multiplied to feed the nations with the Word of Life. Sow as generously as you can, and we will rejoice together in the bountiful missions harvest! 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; John 4:34-38.

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MISSION ADVENTURES TO AFRICA

By Jim Orrick

Wednesday June 30th: As usual, we were up early and after devotions and prayer we were off to the Anderson's for another great breakfast. Then we split into two different groups as Pam was going into the bush country by helicopter on a medical mission and she was taking three of the girls with her: her sister Barbara who is a registered nurse, Mandy and Amy. This was to be a once in a lifetime experience for them, a step back into time. Some of the pictures they brought back looked like those we often see in the National Geographic Magazine or on the history channel.

The rest of us headed for the work site to continue work on the building for the Faith Baptist Church. Randy assigned me to go with Brother Mike to do some things that he needed to get done. Randy said that he wanted to keep me (the old man of the group) out of the hot African sun. However, I suspect that he recognized from what I had done the day before that I do not possess any building skills and that I could probably serve a better purpose by being out of the way. Among the things that Mike and I would do was to go to the prison where Nathan ministers and arrange for a service for the following afternoon.

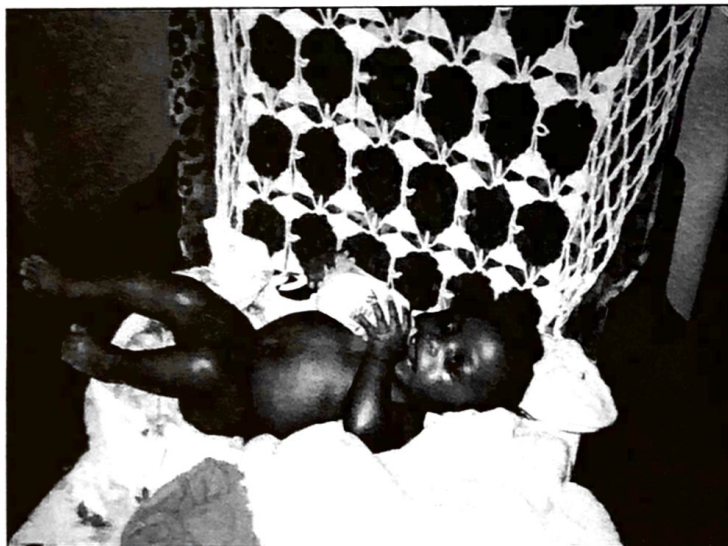
In the afternoon, the entire group went to the Calvary Baptist Church to help with the weekly service that they have for the street children. When we arrived there were about 60 - 70 children present for the service. Some were not over three or four years old and were being cared for by older siblings. There was a little boy, about 10 or 12 years old, who was crying and arguing with one of the workers. I asked Mike what the problem was, and he informed me that the boy was angry because the worker had taken his glue away from him. These street children often sniff glue in order to satisfy their hunger pains.

We had taken gifts for the children, bubbles, balloons, and candy. The girls were also going to do face painting. While the group was getting set up in the church yard, I slipped in the church to listen to the lesson that was being taught by Daniel, the man that I wrote about in last month's report. Daniel had a picture of a bride and groom set up before the class and was teaching a lesson on the importance of marriage and how they should not have sex outside of marriage. Since most people in Kenya can speak some English, as well as Swahili, he began to speak in English. I am sure for my benefit. Many of these children are already sexually active, selling themselves in order to get a little money for food. One of the things Daniel said to them was: "Children, remember if you get aids, you are dead." A German girl, Andrea, also works with the Andersons in this ministry to the street children.

After the lesson the children came outside and we gave them the small gifts we had for them. This was a very emotional time for me, to see children so happy over such small gifts. At one time I had to go around the side of the building and weep. Children in the U. S. would feel insulted by such gifts, but to these children it was like Christmas morning. Each week the ministry also provides these children with a meal. This day it was a bowl of soup, probably the only good meal some of them would have until the next week. After the service they had nowhere to go except back to the streets. Very sad!

That night we went to the home of Brother Laban, one of the nationals, for a traditional Kenyan meal. Before he was married, the church placed three orphan boys, Dennis, Kevin, and Edwin in his home. These boys are brothers and they had lost both of the parents to Aids. Before Laban married, his wife-to-be agreed that they would continue to provide a home for the boys. Since then they have had a child of their own. A few weeks before we were there, Daniel and Andrea found a baby abandoned beside a road and Laban and his wife also took her. They gave her a Swahili name that means "Blessing." Mike and Pam have placed nine orphans in different homes of the church members. This is much like the foster children's program in the States. Mike and Pam help these families each month with money that is sent to them designated for "The Orphans Fund."

Daniel and his wife were also present for the meal. Before we started to eat, he explained to us what the things were that had been prepared for us. We were grateful for the hospitality and love that was extended to us by our Kenyan friends and the sacrifice made by them to have such a meal for us. To be continued . . .



Little Blessing - found abandoned beside a road.

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

Moving or Getting A New Address?

You can help keep our cost down and assure that you do not miss any issue of the Mission Sheets if you will notify us of any change of address. When writing please include your old and new address.

AVOID CAPITAL GAINS TAXES

If you would like to help BFM through donations of appreciated real estate, stocks, bonds, mutual funds and avoid capital gains taxes, please call BFM for detailed information.



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Brother Creiglow's Report . . .

Dear Brethren:

September 29, 2004

Betty and I have enjoyed pretty good health this past month: she did go for some tests in Central Baptist Hospital, and the report on those was very good.

We have been active in our home church helping on work days as well as teaching Sunday School a few times. My pastor, Brother Ed Massey, has proclaimed before the church that I am Missions Director of our church and asked me to attend the annual association meeting of the Cumberland River Association of Independent Baptists. At this meeting I heard two very good messages on the doctrine, "The Church." I was given the opportunity to give a report of the work of Baptist Faith Mission, which I was happy to do. I also received the names and addresses of twenty-three pastors, so I took the liberty of sending a video to each of these along with a letter inviting them to cooperate with us in this work. I am now waiting on the Lord to work on these pastors and churches.

As Missions Director, I have set up our second annual missions conference that will start on October fourth running through the seventh.

The Lord is blessing us very well and we trust He is blessing you also.

In His Name, Bobby D. Creiglow



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Fighting A Spiritual War . . . Experiencing Blessings . . .

Dear Friends,

September 30, 2004

These days we are all constantly reminded of the great sacrifices made in war time. We see Soldiers that are willing to sacrifice time, family and lives for their country. How much more should Christian soldiers be willing to sacrifice their all for the advancement of God's kingdom. A good soldier should take advantage of the training and equipment that is given him to be better able to fight the enemy. Our heavenly father has given us all the equipment we need to defeat our enemy, but we must always be willing to train and train hard to be able to win in spiritual warfare. Here in Peru, Anita and I are doing what we can to help train God's people to be overcomers and win the spiritual battles of life.

Monday night Bible class continues to go well. Friday night classes on marital relationships are well attended. Church services are a "full house" each week. We may soon have to go to multiple services. A few of the men of our church here have started a new mission work in a small community not far from Huanuco. Our other missions are going well. I had the joy of baptizing seven this past Sunday and we've seen four trust the Lord in the past few weeks. Construction is advancing (slowly) but it IS advancing. All in all, September has been a joyous month and we count our blessings and praise the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness to us. Anita and I thank each one of you that remembers us in your prayers. We are also grateful for our faithful supporters. God uses all of His children in one way or the other to advance His kingdom. Thank you for listening to His voice and obeying. We enjoy receiving correspondence from you. Write and let us know what is going on in your lives! Or better yet, come and visit us here in Peru; you will be a blessing to the saints here and you will go away with a blessing for having come. Keep looking up!

Serving Jesus in Peru, Sheridan and Anita Stanton

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Then Visit Our Website Located at:

www.baptistfaithmissions.org

Here you will find information on Doctrinal Beliefs, Missionaries' and Fields of Service, Directors, Contacts and Current Activities. Check it out.

Nathan's Report . . .

Dear praying friends,

October 2, 2004

Another month has quickly passed, and now it is time to give you an update on what is going on in my life. There are many exciting things happening this month, so I will do my best to update you on all these items.

This is the month when I will marry Carrie Derr, my fiancée of nearly two years. Many exciting things are happening, as we have gone through pre-marital counseling and are preparing for our marriage. Many have asked how Carrie is doing. She is doing well, but has much stress on her with planning the wedding and all the other details. Please be in prayer for her, as well as us, as we start our lives together later this month and plan to serve the Lord overseas in Kenya.

Carrie and I have had and continue to have a great relationship. The thing that drew me to her was her sincere walk with the Lord. She is a real prayer warrior and is diligent with her quiet time, and has a real heart to serve the Lord overseas, which were all qualities that I was looking for. I was involved in previous friendships with other young ladies, but never had the peace of God to marry until I met Carrie.

She truly is a jewel, a gift from God, and a real encouragement to me. When I read Proverbs 31, I see her qualities. I will be very fortunate to have her as my wife later this month.

Carrie and I have many challenges now, with adjusting to marriage, raising support, trusting God, and many other things. Our faith is being tried, but we want to both stand firm in the Lord and trust Him. Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to read part of the autobiography of George Mueller, the great missionary who ran the many orphanages. What really impressed me about his life was how devoted he was to prayer. It has been said that he saw around 50,000 direct answers to prayer during his life. What a testimony! Some of his words were very applicable to Carrie and me as we start our lives together. He said "Stand firm in the hour of trial, and you will see the help of God, if you trust in Him. When we forsake the ways of the Lord in the hour of trial, the food for faith is lost. The believer should not shrink from situations, positions, or circumstances in which his faith may be tried, but he should cheerfully embrace them as opportunities to see the hand of God stretched out in help and deliverance. Thus his faith will be strengthened."

Carrie and I must stand firm in our hour of trial, in trusting God, and waiting on Him. Support raising is very difficult, but we are to stand firm. We are not to doubt, get discouraged, or fear, but we are to see these times as opportunities for God to strengthen our faith. Many times my faith is weak, yet I need the Lord to lift me and hold me up. I have been challenged more than ever to devote my life to prayer and watch the Lord work in response to prayer.

God bless you and thanks so much for your interest in the work in Kenya. Please continue to faithfully send your support to the address listed below, as we cannot do this work without your help. If God would burden you to become a new supporter, please either email me or begin sending funds to the address below. I have a new address and phone number now, as I have relocated to Pennsylvania. Please note them below. God bless you and have a wonderful month.

Trusting through trials, Nathan Psalms 27:14

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Baptist Faith Missions

SEPTEMBER 2004 OFFERINGS

Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL.....	100
Alibritton, Tommy & Barbara, Scott Depot, WV.....	30
Amazing Grace Baptist Church, Palmyra, TN.....	30
Battle Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY.....	30
Baxter, Thomas, Downing, MO.....	10
Beath, Doris, Summersville, WV.....	25
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY.....	30
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, K.....	393
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenite, NC.....	300
Berry Baptist Church, Berry, KY.....	250
Bethel Baptist Church, Williams, IN.....	131
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN.....	275
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL.....	2356
Bible Baptist Church, Portage, IN.....	70
Bohon Road Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY.....	175
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV.....	100
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV.....	650
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY.....	1225.47
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY.....	50
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY.....	5000
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY.....	175
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV.....	200
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC.....	400
Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, McDermott, OH.....	25
Creekside Baptist Church, Waco, KY.....	50
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV.....	70
Darling, Russell, Rolla, MO.....	200
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL.....	983
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL (Labor Day Conference).....	555
East Maine Baptist Church, Miles, IL.....	325
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA.....	250
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS.....	233.25
Elmridge Southern Missionary Baptist Church, E. Peoria, IL.....	50
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN.....	624.8
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY.....	435
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO.....	100
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY.....	400
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Leighton, AL.....	100
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY.....	1000
First Baptist Church, Grayson, KY.....	100
First Baptist Church Of Science Hill, Science Hill, KY.....	75
A Friend.....	5000
Friends.....	100
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, OH.....	75
Golfloss Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC.....	25
Goodsprings Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL.....	200
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, KY.....	30
Grace Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY.....	50
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH.....	600
Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Springs, MS.....	100
Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV.....	10
Hallum, Marguerite, Hammond, LA.....	200
Harbor View Missionary Baptist Church, Harbor View, OH.....	74.5
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV.....	500
Hardy, Ola, Guntown, MS.....	50
Harmony Baptist Church, Marengo, OH.....	25
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....	1550
Giving Friend.....	10
Illinois Friends.....	130
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI.....	330
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculumbia, AL.....	106.33
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC.....	102
Kalafus, Beulah, Jackson, MI.....	20
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL.....	100
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI.....	783.21
Lock, George & Judith, Lakeland, FL.....	100
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH.....	50
Matthews Memorial Church, Stevenson, AL.....	50
Mayfield, Ada, Coffeen, IL.....	10
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV.....	500
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV.....	3000
Mt. Pisgah Bap. Assoc., Normantown, WV (Liberty Miss Baptist Church).....	100
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Dawson Baptist Church).....	150
Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Grafton, OH.....	500
Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL.....	20
Newland, John & Annette, Henderson, KY.....	50
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI.....	891
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, South Shore, KY.....	100
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....	25
Norris, William, Richmond, KY.....	60
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesborough, TN.....	100
Potters Baptist Church, Viola, AR.....	100
Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY.....	510
Redding, Warren & Barbara, Atlanta, GA.....	1000
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY.....	880
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY.....	715
Riverview Baptist Church, Point Pleasant, WV.....	100
Rocky Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN.....	200
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV.....	600
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC.....	1100
Sims, James, Hattiesburg, MS.....	125
Southside Baptist Church, Fulton, MS.....	125
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL.....	150
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH.....	1308.59
Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL.....	10
Texas Friends.....	600
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....	401
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY (September).....	390
Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY.....	100
24th Of March Baptist Church, Manaus Brazil, SA.....	200
Valley Drive Missionary Baptist Church, Bristol, TN.....	50
Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, KY.....	100
Virginia Friend.....	820
Wannaville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL.....	50
Watkins, Bert & Louise, Richmond, KY.....	60
Webster Memorial Baptist Church, Lakeland, FL.....	50
West Virginia Friends.....	60
W.K.&W, Richmond, KY.....	25
Total.....	43,198.15

IN MEMORIAM

East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL In Memory Of Lorene Easley.....	50
Overbey, Calvin & Doris, Van Buren, AR In Memory Of Kenneth Overbey.....	125
Total.....	175.00

BIBLES FOR INDIA (In Memory of Louis Maple)

Calvary Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH.....	108
Campbell, Amanda, Covington, KY.....	10
Edwards, Bonnie, Cincinnati, OH.....	15
Heil, Isaac, Cincinnati, OH.....	11
Jones, Roberts Sue, Harrison, TN.....	200
Mast, William, Brookville, OH, Pastor John Peter.....	150
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....	20
20th Street Baptist Church, Corbin, KY.....	7
Trinity-Northbrook Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH.....	1.5
Weitz, Mike & Linda, Cincinnati, OH, Pastor John Peter.....	10
Total.....	532.5

CAR FUND

Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH.....	200
Total.....	200

I.H. OVERBEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH.....	50
Total.....	50

WEST INDIES FUND

Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Sewnauth Punallah.....	65.74
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI, Emmanuel Jaggermuth.....	81
Total.....	146.74

HOME MISSIONS

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, Reinhardt.....	282
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI, Reinhardt.....	50
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Reinhardt.....	65.74
Martin, Gaylord & Hazel, Charleston, WV, Home Missions.....	500
Norris, William, Richmond, KY, Reinhardt.....	40
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH, Reinhardt.....	50
Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL.....	10
Total.....	997.74

MISCELLANEOUS DESIGNATED FUND

Jones, Robert & Sue, Harrison, TN, Mission House Upkeep.....	25
Total.....	25

MIKE ANDERSON

Anonymous, Salary.....	200
Anonymous, Nathan Radford.....	300
Bakker, Jason & Julie, Dallas, TX, Nathan Radford.....	50
Bible Baptist Church, Durham, NC, Salary.....	95
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	100
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, Helicopter Ministry.....	100
Brooks, Joshua & Jillian, SW Wyoming, MI, Nathan Radford.....	80
Brook, Douglas & Sharon, Dayton, OH, Orphans Fund.....	25
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV, Nathan Radford.....	30
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV, Special Offering.....	150
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV, Nathan Radford.....	150
Dawson, Joyce & Audrey, Cross Lanes, WV, Nathan Radford.....	25
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV, Support.....	135
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV, Nathan Radford.....	100
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV, Salary.....	100
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV, Nathan Radford.....	75
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY, As Needed.....	628.85
Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH, Support.....	50
Fellowship Baptist Church, Vienna, WV, Support.....	55
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary.....	25
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Salary.....	150
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Nathan Radford.....	150
Geary, Randy & Kristi, Grand Rapids, MI, Nathan Radford.....	25
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, OH, Nathan Radford.....	20
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentuck, WV, Salary.....	50
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentuck, WV, Nathan Radford.....	25
Grace Baptist Church, Lima, OH, Nathan Radford.....	150
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Sargonsville, TN, Nathan Radford.....	50
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Sargonsville, TN, Salary.....	50
Harper, David, Charlotte, NC, Nathan Radford.....	25
Harris, Ruby, Cross Lanes, WV, Nathan Radford.....	10
Harrison, David & Barbara, Red House, WV, Nathan Radford.....	10
Harvesters Bible Class, Point Pleasant, WV (Main & Baptist Church), Salary.....	100
House, Shannon, Hillsborough, NC, Nathan Radford.....	50
Humphries, Cindy, Kirksville, MO, Orphans.....	25
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC, Support.....	90
Keeling, Pamela, Eleanor, WV, Special Ministries.....	30
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Nathan Radford.....	25
Leavittsburg Baptist Church, Warren, OH, Nathan Radford.....	60
Lewis, Lowell & Sue, Milton, WV, Nathan Radford.....	25
Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV, Nathan Radford.....	100
Loe, Victoria, Dearborn Heights, MI, Nathan Radford.....	10
Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL, Expenses.....	40
Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL, Nathan Radford.....	10
Michell, Matthew & Holly, Fort Wayne, IN, Nathan Radford.....	100
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Salary.....	100
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, South Charleston, WV, Nathan Radford.....	75
Neidlinger, James & Ann, Nitro, WV, As Needed.....	25
Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Chesapeake, OH, Salary.....	60
Nizio, James, Dearborn Heights, MI, Nathan Radford.....	10
Pack, Joe, South Charleston, WV, Salary.....	10
Parker, Steven, Burlington, IA, Nathan Radford.....	10
Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY, Orphans Fund.....	30
Rawley, Philip & Sarah, Rockwall, TX, Salary.....	250
Rawley, Philip & Sarah, Rockwall, TX, Nathan Radford.....	100
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Nathan Radford.....	40
Riverside Baptist Church, Stanville, KY, Salary.....	25
Rocky Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN, Support.....	50
Rollins, David & Patricia, Liberty, WV, Nathan Radford.....	25
Smith, Douglas & Anna, Hurricane, WV, Nathan Radford.....	25
Stalnakier, Audra, Normantown, WV, As Needed.....	200
Stalnakier, Audra, Normantown, WV, Nathan Radford.....	100
Stalnakier, Ron & Gina, Glennville, WV, Nathan Radford.....	200
Standalone Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, MI, Nathan Radford.....	40
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH, Nathan Radford.....	75
Treys Valley Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV, Nathan Radford.....	100
Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL, As Needed.....	40
Wade, James, Abingdon, VA, Personal.....	100
Wade, James, Abingdon, VA, Nathan Radford.....	50
Welborn, David & Kristine, Rockwall, TX, As Needed.....	1000
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV, Support.....	100
Wright, Randy & Teresa, Hurricane, WV, Nathan Radford.....	100
Total.....	7,153.85

ODALI BARROS

Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA, Support.....	200
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	217
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV, Alpha & Omega.....	228.4
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Alpha & Omega.....	186
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY, As Needed.....	50
Jay, Kelly SS Class, Heritage Baptist Ch. Lexington, KY, Personal.....	50
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Alpha & Omega.....	75
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Stephanie Parker.....	25
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY, Personal.....	25
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Assoc., Normantown, WV (Liberty Miss Baptist), Alpha & Omega.....	25
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI, Stephanie Parker.....	81
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Alpha & Omega.....	425
Pine Set Baptist Church, S. Pittsburg, TN, Salary.....	35
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Alpha & Omega.....	80
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Stephanie Parker.....	40
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Peggy Foster.....	40
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH, Support.....	50
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH, Stephanie Parker.....	75
Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL, As Needed.....	40
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Alpha & Omega.....	110
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY (September), Alpha & Omega.....	47.2
Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Personal.....	50
Wahler, Richard, Georgetown, KY, Alpha & Omega.....	300
W.K. & W. Richmond, KY, As Needed.....	25
Total.....	2,479.60

HAROLD BRATCHER

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary.....	82.67
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	100
Bratcher, Debra, Mesquite, TX, Personal.....	50
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Poverty Relief.....	100
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY, Personal.....	75
Clarksville Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Poverty Relief.....	100
Edwards, Wilgus & Maria, Booneville, KY, Salary.....	10
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA, Support.....	250
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....	200
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC, Salary.....	100
Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY, Personal.....	50
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH, Salary.....	35
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH, Personal.....	65
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary.....	315
North West Baptist Church, Tampa, FL, Support.....	100
Total.....	1,632.67

MIKE CREIGLOW

Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN, Boat Motor Fund.....	420
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	200
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, Andrew Creiglow.....	167
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Andrew Creiglow.....	100
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC, Boat Motor Fund.....	56
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Food Pantry.....	233.25
Elmridge Southern Missionary Baptist Church, E. Peoria, IL, Personal.....	50
Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, New Work.....	50
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Columbia, TN, Personal.....	100
King, Frances, Arcadia, FL, Andrew Creiglow.....	20
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL, Andrew Creiglow.....	20
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Andrew Creiglow.....	75
Lock, George & Judith, Lakeland, FL, Andrew Creiglow.....	20
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Support.....	50
Total.....	1,561.25

HAROLD DRAPER

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	220
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH, Salary.....	50
Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Nicholasville, KY, As Needed.....	100
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, KY, Salary.....	40
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Salary.....	50
Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, New Work.....	50
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV, As Needed.....	2100
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC, Salary.....	100
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, New Work.....	60
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Belleville, MI, As Needed.....	100
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV, Training.....	100
Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY, Support.....	100
Total.....	3,070.00

JOHN A. HATCHER

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	200
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN, Support.....	100
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary.....	25
Fujikawa, Ricardo, Davenport, IA, Support.....	100
Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, New Work.....	50
Sims, James, Hattiesburg, MS, New Work.....	25
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Brazilian Preachers.....	50
Spicer, Hubert & Emogene, South Bend, IN, New Work.....	300
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH, Marie.....	75
Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL, As Needed.....	20
Total.....	945

PAUL HATCHER

Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL, Seminary-Manaus.....	60
Allibritton, Tommy & Barbara, Scott Depot, WV, Seminary-Manaus.....	30
Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA, Personal.....	200
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	100
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN, Seminary-Manaus.....	20
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY, Judson Hatcher.....	50
Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, Seminary-Manaus.....	50
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Judson Hatcher.....	25
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Seminary-Manaus.....	30
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI, Judson Hatcher.....	81
Smith, Darwin & Cathy, Lexington, KY, Judson Hatcher.....	25
Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL, As Needed.....	20
W.K.&W. Richmond, KY, As Needed.....	25
Total.....	716

JOHN M. HATCHER

East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL, Salary.....	25
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN, Personal.....	605
First Baptist Church, Grayson, KY, Personal.....	25
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary.....	25
Geng, Galen & Tamara, Columbus, OH, Salary.....	30
Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, New Work.....	50

King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL, Personal.....	20
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Salary.....	100
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Personal.....	80
Sims, James, Hattiesburg, MS, As Needed.....	25
Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL, As Needed.....	20
Total.....	1,005

A. J. HENSLEY

Alexander, John & Sharon, Cedar Creek, TX, Salary.....	25
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary.....	155
Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA, Support.....	100
Baker, David & Leota, Simpsonville, SC, Support.....	35
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	50
Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA, Support.....	133.34
Edwards, Wilgus & Maria, Booneville, KY, Salary.....	10
Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Personal-New Property.....	2000
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Personal.....	225
Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY, Personal.....	100
Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, KY, School.....	25
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY, Personal.....	25
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary.....	100
Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY, Personal.....	40
Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL, As Needed.....	20
Total.....	3,043.34

SHERIDAN STANTON

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary.....	103.33
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....	50
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenite, NC, Finish Building.....	3500
Bethel Baptist Church, Lumberton, NC, Building Fund.....	1000
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	200
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH, Salary.....	50
Damm, Anthony & Linda, Winter Springs, FL, As Needed.....	300
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA, As Needed.....	250
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Personal.....	233.25
Grace Baptist Church, Bradenton, FL, Building Fund.....	200
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Sargonsville, TN, Salary.....	50
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Wyandotte, MI, Support.....	115
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....	250
Kentucky Friend, Personal.....	50
Lenz, Wendy, Bluford, IL, Support.....	48
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Belleville, MI, Salary.....	100
Old Mount Zion Church, Wayne City, IL, Support.....	195
Restoration Church, Dickson, TN, As Needed.....	200
Rocky Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN, Support.....	50
Rye Patch Baptist Church, Ludowici, FL, As Needed.....	200
Shawnee Baptist Church, Louisville, KY, Support.....	100
Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Personal.....	50
Victory Baptist Church, New Salisbury, IN, Support.....	75
W.K. & W. Richmond, KY, As Needed.....	25
Total.....	7,394.58



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Busy With Construction . . . Discipleship Programs . . .

Dearest friends,

October 1, 2004

For us here in Caraguatuba, Brazil it has been a busy month with construction going on at the lots and working in the Church and at home. At Church we are beginning to build a sound booth and remodel the old one so as to use the space more effectively. This will help in the music ministry and in the Church services. We are praying to this end.

Discipleship is going good at this time and is having a wonderful impact on the participants. I am personally doing one discipleship training in an underprivileged area. The house where I am doing this

discipleship has three rooms: a bath 3x5, a kitchen 8x8, and a bedroom, this is maybe 12x12. This is where six people live, four adult girls and the parents. It is with the parents that I am doing the discipleship. Until now the father has not been baptized. He still has some of his images from the Catholic religion up on the refrigerator. Here is where he and I need your prayers. Me for the right words after our classes and him to be able to lay his past aside. We are both enjoying these classes and the fellowship that follows (c&c, coffee and conversation). I am becoming more and more comfortable with the language -not proficient- but comfortable.

Our construction on the lot where we will begin the school is progressing. We are building the walls around the property. Here, that is the first thing that you do when you are getting ready to build.



A. J. and Pastor Epetacio presenting the gospel in a public school.

This week we will be putting the motors in place, and I am getting excited about seeing the block-making machine in operation. It will be a real savings in the rest of the construction.

We have been really blessed this week with a friend of ours being here with us, Lonnie Stedman, from the Atlantic Shores Baptist Church in Virginia Beach. It has been he that did the painting in the house. Painting is not my strong point and he has kept my nose to the grind stone. We have also been working on the property and getting several things done. We have just about enough money to finish the fence around the property if we get the block machine going. Pray with us that God lay on someone's heart to contribute to this new work so that we can go forward and get this school started.

This month I and our pastor attended a week long seminar with around fifty other preachers. It was extremely good for me as I had to pay close attention to understand what was being said. I learned lots of Portuguese and lots of things to apply to the ministry.

As always, we are extending the invitation to "come on down." When is a good time you might ask? Well just about anytime is a good time to see God's work in progress.

Thank you for your endless prayers. Continue to pray for us here and to support our sender, Baptist Faith Missions. Without all of you we would be in the States warming a pew, not here on the mission field winning souls for Christ.

In His service, Aj and Barbara



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Starting New Mission . . . 132 Children . . . Two Month Furlough . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

October 4, 2004

Hope all is well with each of you. It seems impossible that Fall is here. For us in Brasil that means our Summer is here.

Things are doing great and we are really excited. For a long time the Lord has laid it on my heart to start a new work in the city of Iguacu Falls. Last month we were able to send Pastor Edson and his family to visit the city for ten days. They were really excited with their visit, and are looking forward to going there to work. They already spotted out a place to rent. The central Baptist church in Garca has already voted to send them out under the authority of that church. We are making plans for them to move there on January 2, 2005. Please pray for this new work and how God would have you be a part of it. Two other countries can be reached from this city in Brasil, Argentina and Paraguay. It is a wonderful mission field of opportunities to reach people.

We now have 132 kids in the home. Every day we receive calls from all over the state of Sao Paulo and other places in Brasil asking for help. The need for helping children is great. But we are low in the number of helpers we have and low in our finances. A few days ago we received a young kid called Juliano. A car pulled up and said they had a court order to leave the kids at the home. He was from a city about one hour away. That is not how it works. Usually the court or social worker calls us and asks us if we can take them. We called the judge in our town and asked if we had to take him since it was a court order. The Judge said he knew the judge from the city and that he would call and see what was going on. Well to make a long story short, Juliano had been taken to court for the judge to see, and while he was there he started breaking everything that was in his reach. He also had beaten his mom. Any time he wanted something and he didn't get it, he would break things up. He was especially good at breaking



Pastor Steve Wainright with some of the children at Alpha and Omega.

windows. The judge said we didn't have to keep him, but needless to say we kept him. We want those that need the most help. His family tried to keep him doped to keep him under control. When we got him we took him off of any kind of controlled medication. That is hard, but you just have to be patient and give time for the mind to get back to itself. With lots of love and some discipline, Juliano has come a long ways in less than a month.

Our three boys, Kathy and I are in the U.S. for a short break. Kathy was really needing a break. We will be attending conferences while we are here and visiting some churches. We will be here for two months. If you would like to contact us, we can be reached at this number (812-453-0694). It is a blessing to have raised our children on the field and see them have the same passion for the kids as we do. We are able to be here for this amount of time because our son and his wife, Carrie, were willing to stay at the home. Also Amelia and Her husband who just got married two months ago moved back from Manaus to work with us. God also gave us our nephew David Hatcher and his wife, to help while we were here. David's wife had worked with us for four years and loves the children and the work. Also, Becca Atkins, a young lady from St. Charles, Mo. took a semester out of college to help while we are gone. Pray for them as they do this great task, that God will guide them each step of the way. All of these are there with no pay. They have given up everything to be our right hand to serve the best they can.

Love Odali and Kathy

Forty-eight people attended this conference, and eight were physicians. Many of these who came want to go on the mission field as missionaries themselves. We were taught how to choose a suitable community in the area where we want to minister and select and train national leaders. These leaders will then inspire the community with a vision, and do survey work to see what the needs of the community are. A committee from the community is selected from inside of the community to decide on a project that is feasible. This committee would pick model people from the community who would be the work force for the project, and would be trained by the trainers to go into the homes of the community to build relationships. The trainers will teach them how to reach these goals by way of teaching, and presenting the gospel, evangelizing, and discipleship. These people on the work force will also be taught how to do agriculture, fish, have a small business, etc., depending on the needs of the community. The national trainers are the ones who teach those on the work force, and they supervise the home visits, and are instrumental in getting the people in the community to depend on God, and to handle the problems in the community themselves. We missionaries would train the trainers, and supervise them as they train the work force. In a period of time, this work will be indigenous, and the missionaries will be able to leave and start in other areas. So, as you can see, this training will greatly assist us, and we are excited about starting this project. Our ultimate goal is to start and establish Baptist churches in these remote areas, and to assist the people to handle their needs by depending on God, and helping themselves. We want to use this ministry in the prison, our two existing churches, and with the street children and orphans.

Andrea has remained in Kenya and is supervising the works there. She stays very busy, as she is handling the street kid's ministry and orphans that she is in charge of, as well as the prison ministry for Nathan. She is attending our two churches, and gives us a report each month about the activities there. She has reported that we have lost more of our members from our Calvary church. We find that this is always a problem with the Calvary church when we are on furlough. However, our second church, Imani Baptist, is doing well and continuing on, as it is indigenous, and has always been dependent on God, and not us. Laban, our national pastor, is continuing to do a good job there.

Thanks again for all of your support to the Lord's work in Kenya and all of your prayers. We really need your prayers, as we are excited about the possibilities of more opportunities when we return, and we know that Satan will be there to discourage and disrupt the ministries. Please do pray for Andrea, as she is there alone now, and she is a new missionary. Satan is active there, and she needs God's wisdom, too. So, pray for us as we travel, and Andrea as she stays at the task in Kenya. Please pray for Nathan, as he will be getting married in two weeks. He and Carrie are praying about returning to Kenya next April, Lord willing. Nathan has been working hard to increase his support so that he and Carrie can return.

Keep in touch with us as you have time. Thanks for your friendship, and for bringing us before the Throne of Grace in prayer. Each of you is very special to us, and we would like to know how that we can pray for you, too. May our Lord bless you in your area of your harvest field. Let's really pray for the election in November and ask God to grant us the leader who will glorify Him and allow freedom to continue.

Many Blessings, Mike and Pam

American Culture Shock . . . Helpful Conference . . . Reports From Andrea . . .

Hello Everyone,

September 30, 2004

We have been back in the States for two months now and the time has gone by so quickly. To say that we have been busy is an understatement. We have visited fifteen churches so far, and have had presentations in homes as well. Our nephew got married shortly after our return, and it has been so good to see our family, and some of our friends, since we have been here. Everyone has been so supportive, and it means so much to us to be with those that we love and to renew acquaintances.

We are still getting used to culture shock here in the States with the smooth roads, abundance of food and other things in the stores, speaking in our own language, being able to understand without much effort, the friendliness and support of each person that we meet, the ease of working with the government to get our road license for the car that we purchased, etc. Just being in America makes us appreciate our special country, as there is no other country with the freedoms and love for Christians as America. Even though America is sinful, and we are shocked at what is allowed on TV, she still is great, in that she is filled with those who love God, and worship Him in spirit and truth. Also, Americans love God's people, the Jews, and for this, she has been blessed. Let us not take these freedoms for granted, and let us make sure and cast our vote and pray for God's man to get into office in November. You do not have to go far past America's borders until you realize that we have been abundantly blessed, so let us pray for her, and for the leaders who will lead this country in the way of our Lord. Please do not take these freedoms for granted, because to live in a third world country as we do, is to see genuine poverty, corruption, and the bondage that is brought on by other religions that do not know or worship our Lord.



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We just returned recently from Colorado where we attended a conference that we feel will really help us in our ministry in Kenya, especially the bush ministry. The conference was on how to do community health evangelism in a third world country. This will help us so much as we return to Kenya in January, as we start this program. Pam and I have been burdened about the Lord's ministries there, especially the bush ministry. We are asking God for ten churches to give \$100 per month, or twenty churches or individuals to give \$50 per month, so that we can have our own ministry in a remote area of the bush where no white person has ever gone, or the name of Jesus has never been heard. As many of you know, Pam has been going by helicopter into the remote areas of the bush for over a year now, and many times, I am able to go with her to present the Gospel. She is working with another ministry out there helping them in their ministry, in order to get experience. However, we desire to have our own ministry, so that we can start Baptist churches out there. To this end, we wanted to get additional training in knowing how to accomplish this, so this is the reason that we attended this conference in Colorado.