



# Baptist Faith Missions

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# WINTER MISSIONS CONFERENCE - JANUARY 16-19, 2005

## Theme - Make Me A Blessing

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### Sunday, January 16th

10:00 A.M. Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Logan Hart, Pastor  
Meadowthorpe Baptist Church  
Lexington, Kentucky  
6:30 P.M. Sentoma Jaggemauth, Pastor  
Cedros Missionary Baptist Church, Trinidad

### Monday, January 17th

5:00 P.M. Supper  
7:00 P.M. Judson Hatcher - Missionary to Brazil  
8:00 P.M. George Sledd, Pastor  
Jordan Baptist Church  
Sanford, FL

### Tuesday, January 18th

10:00 A.M. Dr. Cecil A Fayard, Pastor  
Elliot Baptist Church  
Elliot, MS  
11:00 A.M. Marvin Summers  
New Hope Baptist Church  
Dearborn Heights, MI  
12:00 Noon Lunch  
5:00 P.M. Supper  
7:00 P.M. Andy Doherty, Pastor  
Wilmington Baptist Temple  
Wilmington, OH

8:00 P.M.

Elton Dunbar, Pastor  
Concord Baptist Church  
Lecsville, SC

### Wednesday, January 19th

10:00 A.M. Marc Mashburn, Pastor  
Webster Baptist Church, Lakeland, FL  
11:00 A.M. Doug King, Pastor  
Temple Baptist Church, Arcadia, FL  
12:00 Noon Lunch  
5:00 P.M. Supper  
7:00 P.M. Millard Mitchell, Pastor  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Hurricane, WV

**HOTELS:** Being close to Walt Disney World, we have several hotels in the area. The Best Value Inn at Winter Garden is about 5 miles away, but very nice, and quite a bargain. 407-654-2020; \$38.00 if you ask for the "Park Ridge Baptist Church Special Rate."

**DIRECTIONS TO THE CHURCH - FROM THE TURNPIKE:** Take exit 267B (Ocoee / Hwy 50). Go east on Hwy 50 approximately 1/4 mile to Blackwood Ave. (Health Central is on the corner). Turn right and go 3 blocks (block one is four lanes; blocks two and three are a single lane) to Crystal St. and turn left. The church is just ahead on the left. **FROM THE 408 EXPRESSWAY:** Take exit 1 (last exit before Turnpike) to Hwy 50. Turn left and go one block to Blackwood Ave. (Health Central is on the corner). Turn left and go 3 blocks (block one is four lanes; blocks two and three are a single lane) to Crystal St. and turn left. The church is just ahead on the left. **FROM INTERSTATE 4 (WEST OF ORLANDO):** Exit at US27 and go north to Hwy 50. Go east on Hwy 50 approximately ten miles to Blackwood Ave. (Health Central is on the corner). Turn right and go 3 blocks (block one is four lanes; blocks two and three are a single lane) to Crystal St. and turn left. The church is just ahead on the left. **FROM INTERSTATE 4 (EAST OF ORLANDO):** Exit at the 408 Expressway and go west. Take exit 1 (last exit before Turnpike) to Hwy 50. Turn left and go one block to Blackwood Ave. (Health Central is on the corner). Turn left and go 3 blocks (block one is four lanes; blocks two and three are a single lane) to Crystal St. and turn left. The church is just ahead on the left.



## Much Needed Helpers...

### The Passing Of A Missionary Friend...

### "Bird Dog" Alta...

Dear Friends,  
November 9, 2004  
As I write this letter Alta is giving a piano lesson to Marcio and Carol. Marcio and Carol moved to Urai this past week at our invitation to serve the Lord with us. They have been married about a year. I baptized Carol in Garca when she was nine years old. Her mother, father, grandparents, and other relatives were also saved and baptized in Garca.

Marcio was saved and baptized in Duartina. They are both fruit God has given from the work we began in those places. Their ministry here will make it possible to expand God's work to other places, the Lord willing.

God has reminded us one more time this month that we are fragile, that our life is fleeting and that we need to remember: only what is done in His will is lasting. Our friend, Ken Kunihiro, missionary, went to be with the Lord. We met Ken and his wife at a missionary conference about twenty-five years ago. They did not have a car and they rode back with us to the city of Bauru. They worked with Japanese speaking people. Alta asked Ken: "Were you born here in Brazil or did you come from Japan?"

"You will not believe what I am going to tell you, Alta," he replied, "I am a Texan of Japanese descent, I am an American."

Ken was in Brazil for about 50 years and had begun many works among Japanese speaking people. They had a work here in Urai years before we came. About every six months he would come and visit the old Japanese pastor and the very small church they had here. The eighty-year-old pastor did not speak Portuguese and his wife spoke very little. When Ken came he and the old pastor visited families who lived on farms. Each time he came I loaned him our pickup to make their visits. The last time he came the old man, almost 85, was leaving Urai and the work was closed. It was also the last time we would see Ken. About September 15, Ken went to his eternal home. And it won't be long until we, too, will be joining the glorious cloud of witnesses.

Our bus route continues to bring folk in. Sunday morning there were four or five children who made professions of faith. Praise God. Alta continues to stay as busy as a bird dog on a field day. She plans the Sunday School lessons for the teachers and then orients them in techniques. Pray for us. Pray that God will give me physical strength and wisdom for His work. If the Lord wills, I hope to start some seminary classes in Urai in February.

One of our members, Alice, has gone to Portugal. She found a Baptist Church and is working in one of their missions. They call her the Brazilian missionary. Please pray for her.

Thank you for your prayers, your support and your love.

In Him, John and Alta Hatcher



John Hatcher in a newly built Baptistry

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

I am the Thanksgiving Conference and this year I turned fifty. I was born the child of H. H. Overbey and Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. They dreamed of a conference that would be a place where missionaries, pastors, and friends of BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS could gather each year for fellowship and to promote the mission work. I think that I have been a blessing to multitudes that have come from different parts of the country and even some from foreign countries.

After meeting at Canfield Avenue for several years, in 1963, I moved to the Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan where Brother Eugene Clark was pastor. This move was necessary because of Canfield Avenue selling their property and relocating. In those days there were not as many conferences around the country as there are now, and my crowds were great. Everyone who ever attended Grace Baptist Church on Thanksgiving morning can remember Brother Bingham leading the great crowd in singing "VICTORY IN JESUS." After a year or two, I shared my time between Grace Baptist and Twelve Ryan Baptist. (Which is what Canfield Avenue changed its name to).

An important thing during each of my years of existence has been the receiving of a Thanksgiving offering for the mission work. Brother Overbey and Canfield Avenue started this offering at the first conference and called upon others to follow their example. I am thankful to say that many have. This offering is very important because most months the regular offering is not enough to meet the monthly expenses and the Thanksgiving offering builds up the treasury and gives the mission something to draw from throughout the year. Without this offering, the mission work would greatly suffer. I wish that every church would give a Thanksgiving offering next year.

The year 1960 was special for me as I became a big sister for the first time. The spring conference was born in Lexington, Kentucky, the child of Brother Jim Hamilton and the Thompson Road Baptist Church. Brother Hamilton went to be with the Lord in 1991, but the conference is still held each spring under the leadership of Brother Dave Parks. I also have a baby sister at the Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, Florida, where Brother Danny King is pastor. This conference meets each year in January. Another little sister is the summer conference that moves around from church to church. This gives pastors in different areas an opportunity to get together for fellowship. My newest sibling is the Labor Day Conference that is held at the East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois where Brother Cliff Presley is pastor.

In 1981 the New Hope Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights, Michigan and her pastor, Brother Marvin Summers began to co-host the conference with Twelve Ryan, where Brother Wallace York was then pastor. For the last several years I have settled down in the New Hope Baptist Church.

During my lifetime I have had some great preachers on my program, many of whom have now gone on to be with the Lord: H. H. Overbey, Sidney Fisher, Louis Maple, Wilbur Johnson, T. P. Simmons, V. A. Turner, Clarence Walker, and Jim Hamilton, just to mention a few.

Several pastors have guided me through the last fifty years: Brothers H. H. Overbey, Eugene Clark, Wallace York, Bob Lamb, and Marvin Summers. This year Brother Summers resigned as pastor of New Hope and the church has called Brother Terry Adkins to be the pastor, and so now I have a new Thanksgiving director. I am sure that Brother Adkins will do as good a job of caring for me as my past caretakers have done. Let us all remember to pray for him.

I am now inviting you to come to my fifty-first birthday party that will be at the New Hope Baptist Church, Thanksgiving week, 2005. You all come!

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## Pastor Friend Dies ... Help For Trip To Germany ...

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

December 1, 2004

Greetings once again from Brazil. We just came in from the airport where we took the body of our beloved Pastor Joao Candido da Silva and his family for them to take the body to his hometown in Sao Paulo for final burial. I preached twice today as we stood with the church and family awaiting the departure. He left a wife and three wonderful children. They are all 17 years old and above. Pray for this family as they adjust to life without their father and husband. He was only 46 years old. He had a three year battle with cancer.

We had our anniversary service at the Altos do Coxipo church this past month. We had over 200 present for the special service. I had the

privilege to preach to pastors, and several churches were represented. We baptized three into that church recently and our mission from that church baptized two last Sunday.

All of our works are reporting baptisms these past two months. The Novo Diamantino Church will be baptizing six next week. Two of them will be an old couple in their late 70's. That work is really being blessed under the leadership of the preacher, Edvan.

My family in the States has been having some serious health problems and Ursula has gone there to support them. Her health also isn't the best these past weeks with this intense heat. We are planning to make a quick trip to Germany this coming year if the Lord provides the means. Some have asked if we need help for this. We don't want to take away from the great need for the General Fund and the Missionary projects of each missionary. If anyone feels led to give toward this we would be grateful. The Lord's work must come first. I've learned that through the years. We do ask your prayers about this. It's been 46 years since Ursula saw her family.

May the Lord bless each one of you and may you have a Happy Holiday Season.

Yours in Him, Harold & Ursula Draper



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## Delays And More Delays ... Men's Retreat ... Need For Another Bus ...

Faithful friends,

December 1, 2004

In our last letter I wrote about our construction and the energy. Well I am still waiting for the pole to be set for the energy. Sometimes when you are waiting for great things to happen it just takes a little longer. Hopefully with a little time and some more money we will have this solved soon. This problem is delaying the construction of the wall around the property, and without the wall everything else is

on hold. We can't put the equipment on the property without the wall because of security, we can't begin the work without the equipment, and the supplies cannot be stored on the property without the wall. So you see the urgent need for the wall. The block making machine is on the property (it is very heavy and so it is not at risk), but it is awaiting the motor, but you don't need a motor when you don't have energy. Oh well, here we are learning another culture, sometimes it is a little painful, but all worth it when you see God's plan at work.

With all this on hold the school is, too, in the waiting mode. We are not planning to have any boys until January when the regular school term begins. So maybe we will have some more progress on the energy problem. In this time while we are waiting on God and his will, we are learning several lessons. The first two boys that we had here with us did not work out as they still had their street ways and that did not conform to our plans. We then took another boy, and after 5 months he decided to go home because we had too many rules. It is hard for these boys to get used to rules, especially rules of the family because they have lived without a family and household rules for many years. But we are confident that God is using this time and these young men to teach us how He wants us to run this Vocational School. These lessons, too, are painful but necessary. When you enter into another culture you have to adapt to that culture. We are doing just that every day. Continue to pray for the school and our seeking Gods will in everything that we do.

We are getting real excited about the 4th of December. We are planning the first Mens Retreat here in our Church. The ladies had a retreat three months ago and there was some AWESOME spiritual growth. We saw more dedication to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There were many reconciliations one with another. So we are following their lead. We are praying for about fifteen men. We have a great speaker, Tom Turley, a missionary from West Virginia. His specialty is the family and the Church. Pray for this with us. As in all Churches, the men are a little laid back in Church attendance and work within the Church, and this is even more the rule here in Brazil. So for us to get the men involved it is a little more difficult. But for God nothing is impossible!!!

This month as we were washing the bus with the youth of the Church we discovered that the tires were worn out. Here we use things until the last thread and then use that thread too. Well when I say that we need new tires it is so. I could see the innertube through the wall of the tire. Thanks to a Sunday School Class in the Atlantic Shores Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, we were able to put two new tires on the bus. We got a one year warranty on the tires, so it looks like we will be ready to go for at least one more year. This bus has been a God send in our ministry, but we are growing so much that we need another bus to bring the children in. We are having to make two trips with the bus to get everyone to Church that wants to come. Is that not a wonderful problem to have? The question is this, "How do we solve this problem?" Well, here is where you can help. I looked at busses in the next city this week and found three that were in excellent condition and the price was \$7,000.00 dollars. For us this is an unsurmountable price, but with your contributions we could buy one of these busses. Think about the little children that you would be helping to hear the word and give to the Hensley Bus Fund. Getting a bus is the first step, then comes the maintenance. Our present bus is a 1975 Mercedes and is in pretty good mechanical shape as we have just repaired the transmission and changed the windshield wiper system from air to electric. And as I told you, we have purchased two new tires, but the seats need reupholstering and the floor needs some repair, but that is something that will come with time. This ministry is very important as the people here cannot afford a car and for ONE person to come to Church for the two services on Sunday and to the one on Wednesday night it would cost 10.20 per week. For us that does not seem like much, but remember that the average Brazilian makes \$280 to \$420 per MONTH (this is in Reals, our money here, and that amounts to \$112 to \$168 dollars per month) and you will see the reason that we need the busses. Take time, rent, food, clothing, light, water, gas and any emergency that comes up and you don't have anything left from your salary.

We have had another baptism service this month. The Lord is really AWESOME! One of the men (Daniel) who was baptized is attending our Seminary and has expressed an interest in becoming a minister. This would be a great help in one of our missions. Pray for Daniel in seeking the Lord's will in his life. It is AWESOME to see the Lord at work in our Church as the people grow in the word. We are getting to be a part of this growth, and we are seeing people's lives changed. The Lord is working miracles because you are giving to B.F.M. For this Barbara and I are eternally grateful. Without the Lord working, your financial assistance, and your prayers it could not happen. THANKS!

In His service, (because of you), Aj and Barbara

### 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 Sheet" 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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## Preaching And Visiting ... Married Fifty Years ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Savior:

December 1, 2004

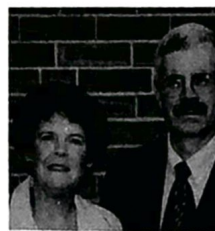
During the month of November, here in Manaus we have had mostly hot and dry days and nights. During this month I preached eight sermons. All of us present at the 24<sup>th</sup> of March Baptist Church on Wednesday night the 3<sup>rd</sup> rejoiced when a man and his wife made a profession of faith. We don't know yet whether they are legally married or not. Pray for Francisco and Socorro and her 10-year-old son. I heard some ten sermons preached during November. The first two were heard by me and a few others at the grave of Joel Harold Bratcher and then at Missionary E.A. Nelson's grave both in the Sao Joao Batista Cemetery on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, "the day of the dead." I have also made visits in a children's hospital and in the homes of the people.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month, Marie and I will celebrate 50 years of married life. We praise God that "through many dangers, toils and snares we have already come. 'Tis Grace that has brought us safe this far and God's grace will enable us to stay together until death doth us part."

I just now read the notice in the October "Mission Sheets" that Brother Marvin Summers has resigned as pastor of New Hope Baptist Church. We thank you, Brother and Sister Summers, for your many years of faithful service in leading New Hope to host the conference. May you both continue to be firm and faithful, fruitful and free of folly until the finish. Our Father, which is in heaven, will help you.

Marie and I wish you and yours "Happy Holidays." May we all continue to contribute to Baptist Faith Missions. Pray for us.

In the Service of the Savior: Harold and Marie Bratcher



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## Enjoy Thanksgiving Conference ... Mayor Of Kitale Killed ... Need For Helicopter Ministry ...

Dear Praying Friends,

December 3, 2004

We are now involved in the busiest time of the year. For a Christian, it should be the best time of the year, as we reflect on the goodness of God to us throughout the year, and the love of God for His people in providing a Savior whose birth we celebrate this month. It is our hope that each of you will have a blessed holiday season, and that none of us will forget the real reason for this special time of year.

We enjoyed the Thanksgiving conference in Michigan so much, and seeing missionaries Paul and Wanda Hatcher, as well as Odali and Kathy Barros. It was a time of thanksgiving for what God had done through the ministry of Pastor Marvin Summers, and the beginning of the ministry of Pastor Terry Adkins. We also deeply appreciated each person involved in the conference, and especially want to thank our faithful directors of Baptist Faith Mission who work tirelessly for the benefits of us as missionaries. Pam and I stayed on in Michigan to visit and report to other of our supporting churches, and we really enjoyed our time there. During Thanksgiving, we were able to see our daughter, Sara, our son-in-law, Graig, and our granddaughter, Melia. Graig and Sara, stateside missionaries at the University of Michigan, and have been greatly used by God there. Melia is twenty months old, is walking and talking well, and a real joy to be around. Thanks to Zion Missionary Baptist for allowing us to use their prophet's chambers to stay on longer in Michigan.

Nathan and Carrie are doing well in Pennsylvania. They are getting adjusted to married life, and are very happy. Nathan is continuing to raise support there in hopes of returning to Kenya next year.

On a sadder note, we have heard from Andrea in Kenya twice this month. The mayor of Kitale, who was a member of Calvary Baptist, was killed in a car accident the first week of November. Nathan was discipling him in the faith before he (Nathan) left to return to the States. All of us are saddened by this turn of events, as he left behind six children and a wife. Please be in prayer for Morris Ngambo's family, and the town of Kitale, as they seek a new mayor.

Also, when we talked by phone to Andrea last week, she reported that the brother of the pastor of our second church was murdered in Georgia last month. The details are not clear, but Harrison had lived in the States for six years, and had graduated from the University of Georgia. Laban, the pastor of Imani Baptist, our second church, has now lost two brothers, as another brother died of AIDS in 2002. So, Harrison's body is being shipped back to Kenya for burial. Please pray for Laban, as this is a very hard time for him. The church is doing well, Andrea says, but we are so sorry for the news of Harrison's death.

Lord willing, we are returning to Kenya on January 12, 2005, so our time here is running out. We have been to many churches, and have been getting needed supplies to send back to the ministries there. Unfortunately, we were not able to get to each supporting church this time, and we really regret this. We took time out in September to go for additional training for the evangelistic medical ministry in the bush, and then, we took out time for Nathan and Carrie's wedding, as well as other family weddings this year. Also, there have been health problems with our parents, and we have felt the need to spend additional time with them. My mother passed away in May of this year, and we have wanted to spend more time with our loved ones, as they are so precious to us and are getting older. So, if we did not get to see you this time, please know that we will really try to see you on our next furlough, and are sorry that we did not make it this time.

We are still short on the money needed for the helicopter ministry in the bush. We have been asked by the helicopter pilots to go into areas where the name of Jesus has never been heard. The people are very primitive, and there are no other missionaries going to reach these heathen tribes. We hope to go by helicopter to stay for 2-3 days twice a month, so that we can reach them with the gospel. Pam and Andrea want to do clinics, teach about basic health issues, do immunizations, and follow-up. Our goal is to start New Testament Baptist churches among these primitive tribes. However, it is very expensive to operate a helicopter, and we need \$1000 of additional support each month in order to do this. We have had some response, and now have \$300 committed each month, but we still need \$700 more per month. Would you ask God how that you or your church could help us to go and reach these very needy tribal people with the gospel?

Thanks to each of you whom we have met that have been so supportive and encouraging to us. It is a team ministry that we are doing, and God has blessed us with many team members to pray for us, and give, so that we can go. We could not be on the front lines without the help of so many who love us, and "hold the ropes" so that we can go. May our Lord richly bless each of you this holiday season, and may we never forget the love of our Lord in coming to earth, so that we could have eternal life with Him. Happy holidays, and please continue to pray for us, and the Lord's work in Kenya. Many Blessings, Mike and Pam



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## Many Professions ... Seeing A Change In People ...

Dear Friends, December 3, 2004

We thank God for you. He has given us the privilege to be where He is saving many souls and transforming lives, and we know that He has used you to make this possible. Thank you for your prayers and generosity. Last month alone we were thrilled to see over 300 persons accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. Our pioneer evangelistic team, Project Life, worked in four cities in two different states. One of these cities has no Baptist church and the people were very open to the gospel presentation. It is our hope and plan to get teams of leaders trained to plant churches in these most needy locations.

(Please see Wacaser Page Four)



# Baptist Faith Missions

## NOVEMBER 2004 OFFERINGS

### GENERAL FUND

Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL	100
Battle Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY	25
Beath, Doris, Summersville, WV	20
Beautiful Garden Baptist Church, Brazil	73
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY	30
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY	378
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenite, NC	300
Berry Baptist Church, Berry, KY	300
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN	275
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	2053
Bible Baptist Church, Portage, IN	70
Bobon Road Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY	175
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV	100
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	650
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	1703.75
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY	175
Careero Baptist Church, Hiddenite, NC	20
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV	200
Central Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, TX	214
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	400
Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, McDermott, OH	25
Covert, Darrell & Willa, Scott Depot, WV (Giving Friends)	100
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV	70
Draper, Charles & Lucy, Arlington, KY	25
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	1256
East Maine Baptist Church, Niles, IL	325
Ella Grove Baptist Church, Glennville, GA	250
Elgin Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL	447.95
Emerald Southern Missionary Baptist Church, East Point, IL	150
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	443.29
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Irvine, KY	500
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY	518
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO	150
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	225
Friend	5000
From Friends	100
From Friends	150
Gayheart, Elisha, Pinellas Park, FL (Giving Friend)	100
Geethemane Baptist Church, Marengo, OH	75
Goldfloss Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	25
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, KY	30
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH	600
Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Springs, MS	100
Hallum, Marguerite, Hammond, LA	100
Harbor View Missionary Baptist Church, Harbor View, OH	74
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV	500
Hardy, Ola, Guntown, MS	50
Harmony Baptist Church, Marengo, OH	25
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	1400
Illinois Friends	100
Ibelle Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculum, AL	123.66
I 20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC	51
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	60
Kalafus, Beulah, Jackson, MI	20
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL	100
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	688.05
Lock, George & Judith, Lakeland, FL	100
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH	50
Matthews Memorial Church, Stevenson, AL	50
Mayfield, Ada, Coffeen, IL	10
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	500
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Liberty Baptist Church)	30
Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Grafton, OH	500
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	825
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, South Shore, KY	100
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	25
New Testament Baptist Church, Brazil	92
Norris, William, Richmond, KY	60
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Perkins, WV	100
Olinda Baptist Mission, Brazil	15
Oliver, Mr. & Mrs. Paul, Tusculum, AL	100
Peters Baptist Church, Viola, AR	100
Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY	20
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	880
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
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	35
Southside Baptist Church, Fulton, MS	125
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL	150
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	1279.98
Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL	25
Texas Friends	900
Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	100
24th Of March Baptist Church, Manaus, Brazil	200
Valley Drive Missionary Baptist Church, Bristol, TN	50
Watkins, Bert & Louise, Richmond, KY	60
Webster Memorial Baptist Church, Lakeland, FL	50
West Virginia Friends	60
Wood Neece, Columbia, SC	100
Yanak, Albert & Ruby, St. Albans, WV	10
York, Wallace & Doris, Princeton, KY	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,875.68</b>

### THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Anonymous Gift	10
A Friend	25
Alexander, Denzel & Woda, Melbourne, FL	1000
Arnold, Violet, Mansfield, OH	25
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY	1000
Beverly, Lyle & June, Belpre, OH	100
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	5000
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV	500
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	2000
East Maine Baptist Church, Niles, IL	650
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY	268
Everman, Arthurs, Patie, Corsicana, TX	100
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	1500
First Baptist Church of Siloam, South Shore, KY	1000
Gibbs, Ronald & Mary, Woodhaven, MI	2000
Grace Baptist Church, Bradenton, FL	500
Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Springs, MS	75
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV	1000
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	2500
Holt, Rebecca, New Boston, OH (Giving Friend)	20
Hutcheson, Chip & Karen, Princeton, KY	25
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	200
(In Memory Of Joan White)	200
Kimbrough, Truman & Wanda, Muscle Shoals, AL	100
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	4000
Lamb, Linda, Brookville, PA	0.5
Lancaster, Richard & Joan, Sarasota, FL	100
Landmark Baptist Church, Winchester, KY	100
Langford, Timothy, Hickman, KY	100
Long, Glenn & Margaret, Richmond, KY	50
Mayfield, Raymond & Carol, Fenton, MO	75
Miller, Del, Coral Springs, FL	20

Moore, Douglas & Louada, London, KY	100
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV	500
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association (Liberty Baptist Church, Normantown, WV)	30
Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Grafton, OH	500
Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL	10
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, South Shore, KY	500
Ohio Friend	1800
Rocking, Warren, Atlanta, GA	100
Richards, William & Becky, Winchester, KY	50
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	1702
Sims, James, Hattiesburg, MS (In Memory Of Elizabeth Sims)	1000
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	500
24th Of March Baptist Church, Manaus, Brazil	300
Wannville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL	100
York, Wallace & Doris, Princeton, KY (In Memory Of H.H. Overbey)	500.00
Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Taylor, MI	4088.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,903.79</b>

### IN MEMORIAM

Bethel Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL	
In Memory Of George Bean	270.59
Armada High School-Armada, MI (From Anna Pearce)	
In Memory Of Joan White	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>320.59</b>

### MISSION ADVENTURES PROJECT FUND

Michael & Courtney Jones, Cincinnati, OH	
(On Behalf Of Randy & Barbara)	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>500.00</b>

### BIBLES FOR INDIA (In Memory Of Louis Maple)

Bethel Baptist Church, Edinburg, TX	10
Duffield, Linda, Pharr, TX	50
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	100
Fellowship Baptist Church, Edinburg, TX	40
First Jerusalem Baptist Church, Edinburg, TX	7
Gibbs, Ronald & Mary, Woodhaven, MI	1000
Gray, Mr. & Mrs. Fred, Edinburg, TX	15
Hammett, Mr. & Mrs. Eric, Edinburg, TX	25
Hammett, Mr. & Mrs. James, Edinburg, TX	8.55
Iglesia Batista De La Esperanza, Edinburg, TX (Teen Group)	20
Jackson, Levi & April, Cincinnati, OH	20
Mayfield, Ed & Ada, Coffeen, IL	50
Prewitt, Phillip & Janice, Williamsburg, KY	3
Roberts, Mrs. Billie, Kingsport, TN	16
Trinity Northbrook Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH	24
Twiddy, Michael & Cheryl, Marengo, O.	15
Weitz, Mike & Linda, Cincinnati, OH, Pastor John Peter	40
Weitz, Mike & Linda, Cincinnati, OH	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,490.55</b>

### CAR FUND

Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>

### H.H. OVERBEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>

### WEST INDIES FUND

Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Sewnash Punallal	62.55
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	75
Emmanuel Jaggernath	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>137.55</b>

### HOME MISSIONS

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, Reinhardt	290
Creekside Baptist Church, Waco, TX, Home Missions	50
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Reinhardt	62.55
Norris, William, Richmond, KY, Reinhardt	40
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH, Reinhardt	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>492.55</b>

### MISCELLANEOUS DESIGNATED FUND

Clark, Boyd & Wilma, Cookeville, TN, Printing Mission Sheets	100
Jones, Bob & Sue, Harrison, TN, Upkeep-Mission House	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>125</b>

### MIKE ANDERSON

Allbritton, Tommy & Barbara, Scott, Depot, WV, Support	30
Anonymous, Medical Missions	100
Anonymous, Nathan Radford	150
Bible Baptist Church, Belva, WV, 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
Brook, Douglas & Sharon, Dayton, OH, Orphans	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
Campbell, Julie, Pelion, SC, As Needed	100
Covert, Willa, Scott Depot, WV, Nathan Radford	50
Daniels, Betty, Titusville, PA, Nathan Radford	20
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV, Support	130
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV, Nathan Radford	100
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV, Support	100
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV, Nathan Radford	75
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY, As, Personal	230
Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH, Support	50
Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH, Personal	230
Fellowship Baptist Church, Vienna, WV, Support	55
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary	25
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Salary	50
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Nathan Radford	50
Geethemane Baptist Church, Marengo, OH, Nathan Radford	20
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentucky, WV, Salary	100
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentucky, WV, Nathan Radford	50
Grace Baptist Church, Lima, OH, Nathan Radford	250
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Surgoinville, TN, Salary	50
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Surgoinville, TN, Nathan Radford	50
Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV, Salary	20
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 St. Baptist), Salary	100
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Nathan Radford	25
House, Shannon, Hillsborough, NC, Nathan Radford	75
1-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC, Ministries	30
Kincaid, John & Jane, Scott Depot, WV, Nathan Radford	50
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Nathan Radford	25
Leavittsburg Baptist Church, Warren, OH, Nathan Radford	60
Lemkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV, Personal	10
Lemkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV, Nathan Radford	10
Lewis, Lowell & Sue, Milton, WV, Nathan Radford	25
Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV, Nathan Radford	100
Lore, 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
Meyne, John & Kelley, Grand Rapids, MI, Nathan Radford	25
Michell, Matthew & Holly, Fort Wayne, IN, Nathan Radford	100
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Love Offering	268.5
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, South Charleston, WV, Nathan Radford	75
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Salary	100
Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Chesapeake, OH, Salary	60
Neidlinger, James & Ann, Nitro, WV, As Needed	25
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, Orphan Fund	30
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, D.W. & A.M., Hurricane, WV, Nathan Radford	30
Stalnakker, Audra, Normantown, WV, As Needed	300
Stalnakker, Ron & Gina, Glenville, WV, Nathan Radford	200
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH, Nathan Radford	75
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH, Christmas For Orphans	102
Taylor, Ann Hanson, Charleston, WV, Support	100
Taylor, Ann Hanson, Charleston, WV, Nathan Radford	50
Taylor, Ann Hanson, Charleston, WV, Street Ministry	50
Tenney Valley Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV, Nathan Radford	100
Tenney, James & Patsy, Ocoee, FL, As Needed	20
Wade, James, Abingdon, VA, Personal	100
Wade, James, Abingdon, VA, Nathan Radford	50
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV, Nathan Radford	100
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV, Support	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,436.50</b>

### ODALI BARROS

Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA, Support	400
Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA, Alpha & Omega	20
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	225
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Alpha & Omega	213
Jy Bole-Sunley School, Lexington, KY (Heritage Baptist), Personal	50
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Alpha & Omega	50
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Stephanie Parker	25
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY, Personal	25
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Assoc., Normantown, WV (Liberty Baptist), Alpha & Omega	30
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI, Stephanie Parker	75
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Alpha & Omega	500
Pine Set Baptist Church, South Pittsburg, TN, Salary	35
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Support	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	20
Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Personal	100
W. K. & W. Richmond, KY, As Needed	25
Warren, John & Vickie, Evansville, IN, Alpha & Omega	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,298.00</b>

### 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, Salary	250
From Friend, Personal	50
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, As Needed	275
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC, Salary	100
Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY, Personal	50
Langford, Timothy & Karen, Hickman, KY, Donation	180
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH, Salary	35
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH, Personal	65
North West Baptist Church, Tampa, FL, Buildings	100
Turley, Marion & Carolyn, Richmond, KY, Salary	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,697.67</b>

### MIKE CREIGLOW

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	200
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, Andrew Creiglow	175
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Andrew Creiglow	100
Central Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, TX, Andrew Creiglow	50
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Food Pantry	232.36
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN, Boat Motor	145.4
Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, New Work	50
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Columbia, TN, Personal	100
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL, Andrew Creiglow	20
King, Frances, Arcadia, FL, Andrew Creiglow	20
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Andrew Creiglow	75
Lock, George & Judith, Lakeland, FL, Andrew Creiglow	20
Spirit Lake Baptist Church, Spirit Lake, ID, Boat Fund	7559.5
Taborland Baptist Church, Mims, FL, Salary	25
W.K. & W. Richmond, KY, As Needed	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,797.26</b>

### HAROLD DRAPER

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	220
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH, Salary	50
Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Nicholasville, K, As Needed	100
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, KY, Support	40
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Salary	50
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MI, Personal	232.36
Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, New Work	50
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV, As Needed	100
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
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Belleville, MI, Christmas Gift	200
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV, Training	100
Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY, Support	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,502.36</b>

### JOHN A HATCHER

Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	200
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN, Support	100
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN, Christmas Gift	50
Brown, Margaret, Lookout, WV, As Needed	35
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN, Personal	30
Friend, Support	25
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary	25
Fujikawa, Ricardo, Davenport, IA, Support	100
Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, New Work	50
Ohio Friend, Personal	140
Ohio Friend, Divide For John's Children	140
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Brazilian Preachers	40
Sims, James, Hattiesburg, MS, New Work	25
Spicer, Hubert & Emogene, South Bend, IN, New Work	10,000.00
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH, Marie	75
Wood, Neece, Columbia, SC, New Work	100
W. K. & W. Richmond, KY, As Needed	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,160.00</b>

### PAUL HATCHER

Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL, Seminary-Manaus	60
Allbritton, Tommy & Barbara, Scott Depot, WV, Seminary-Manaus	30
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	100
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN, Seminary-Manaus	20
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, K, 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





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May God continue to bless each and every one of you in this new year ahead of us with much fruit for your labors in HIS Kingdom.

Here in Huanuco we were very saddened by the news of the passing of Joan White who worked here back in the seventies, helping to get this work started. Joan had a long battle with cancer, and she will be greatly missed by her husband Jack, her children, and many dear Saints of God here in Peru. Though we are saddened by her leaving us, we rejoice to know that she is with the Lord and that we will see her once again in heaven.

I baptized only three this month but God is still working in our midst and the services are packed out each time. I've been preaching each Sunday night on the Christian's purpose in life. We have had great response to the messages.

We are getting geared up for our youth camp in February once again. This is quite an undertaking each year. The whole church gets involved, with everyone doing something to help out. Please pray with us as we prepare for a harvest of young people for God's glory. We still need the funds (\$1,600.00) for the tents I mentioned last month. We know God will provide; HE always does!

Our mission works are doing well. Huariaca just finished a Revival Meeting but I have not received the report yet. The Challana work is doing well. The young pastor there and his wife just had their first child and they are thrilled. Pray for Juan Jose and Pilar as they seek to rear their child for God's glory. The work up in Chasqui has shown a renewed desire to be faithful in their service to the Lord. But they still need lots of prayer.

Anita and I rejoice in the good report from the Thanksgiving Conference in Detroit this year. We heard it was well attended and the preaching was great! Praise the Lord! We also hope that each of you had a wonderful time with family during Thanksgiving. Anita and I wish that each of you have a great holiday season filled with blessings, joy and peace. Until next month.

Serving Jesus in Peru, Sheridan and Anita Stanton

## Twenty-One Years In Peru . . . Passing Of Joan White . . . Need \$1,600 For Tents . . .

Dear Friends,

December 1, 2004

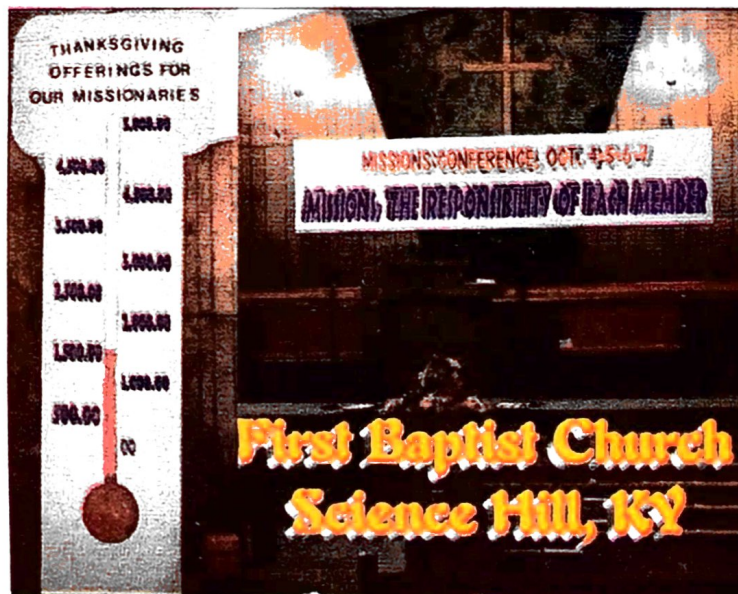
By God's grace I will be fifty years old in ten days, the 11th of December. Anita and I have spent 21.5 of those years here in Peru. God has been so wonderful to us. We have had heartaches and problems, but we have seen thousands changed by God's amazing grace. As we look back over the years, we thank the Lord for all of you our faithful supporters, for your prayers and sacrificial giving.



Pastor Carlos Gonzales of the 5th Baptist Church in Huanuco baptizing high in the Andes Mountains of Peru.

## First Baptist Church of Science Hill, Kentucky Sets Goal For Thanksgiving Offering . . .

Display in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church, Science Hill, Kentucky, showing the goal of \$5,000.00 that they set for their Thanksgiving Offering.



## WACASER

(From Page Two)

While we are rejoicing in what God is doing in the interior towns of our region, we also rejoice in the continual growth going on in the church here in the capital. We have new visitors nearly every service, both in our prayer meetings and in Sunday worship services. Many of our own folks are getting the Word out, and their enthusiasm has become contagious. One aspect about this new growth that especially encourages us is that these visitors are coming because of the difference that they see in the personal lives of the members, not just because of interesting programs at the church building. This isn't always the case, and we have had our fair share of personal conflicts among members, but presently, we are enjoying the benefits of the harmony among them.

As we look forward to and plan for 2005, we ask for your earnest prayers on our behalf. We sense God's leading in various tasks that require steady and strong faith. These tasks will utterly fail if God does not come to our aid and supply our need. It is our understanding that He is honored by ministries and acts that are done by faith, faith in Him, not in ourselves. So we know that we will need the Lord to supply the resources and the guidance to accomplish His will through the ministries here. Please be prayer partners with us for His glory.

In Jesus' love, Bobby, Charlene, Jessie and Brennen Wacaser

## Preach In Germany . . . Thanksgiving-French Style . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

November 30, 2004

This has been a varied and busy month. We spent one week going to Southern Germany to spend a few days with Ursula and her family. She was the first person to come to Bible Study here in Tournefeuille and came very faithfully to Bible studies and services. Last year her husband's job took them back to Germany. While we were there, she asked if she could gather her friends and family so that we could have a service. She wanted them to experience what she had experienced. We, of course, were delighted. She gathered in a good group and we had an excellent service and a class for the children.

Two weekends this month, I went to Montpelier by train to fill in at the small Baptist church there.

Sometimes, having a different viewpoint is valuable as well as enjoyable. So, I thought you might like to read an excerpt from a letter Amanda, our daughter-in-law, wrote to family and friends about our Thanksgiving dinner. All of our guests were unsaved, as far as we know, and this was a chance to be a witness. Philip and Amanda are sent by Emmanuel Baptist Church and support themselves. It is a delight to us having them work with us.

"Judy and I are gearing up to do some serious cooking this week, as I'm sure most of you are as well. We've invited four French families to experience Thanksgiving with us, and I'm really looking forward to it. One friend is bringing their homemade foie gras (pate made from duck liver) - I bet you've never had that for Thanksgiving! Anyway, Judy's doing the turkey and most of the hot dishes and I'm doing the rolls and pies. Cooking an entirely American meal can be a challenge sometimes. Condensed soups? Only available at one store across town. Canned pumpkin? Forget it...chop, cook and blend the pumpkin yourself. Cranberries? Not available here - they're strictly an American fruit - but thankfully, Judy thought ahead and brought some back from the States. Sweet potatoes? Hard to find, the ones we came across this year are a white variety, not orange. So, as you can imagine, I have learned to adapt my cooking, and of course we eat a lot of French cuisine. But for our friends to experience a true Thanksgiving dinner, we're trying to keep it as authentic as possible. At least I know there'll be plenty of pumpkin pie for us...French people usually don't like it. They generally don't like cinnamon, and always eat pumpkin as a savory dish, not sweet. (If you've never had pumpkin soup, try it sometime...it's delicious!) Last year I made a pumpkin pie for Philip to take to work because his colleagues had never tried it. Only two people liked it, and one guy said he didn't think it made a very good dessert, but would be better eaten as an appetizer with sardines!"

May the Lord bless each of you as the new year begins.

In Christ, John and Judy



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## Thoughts On Thanksgiving . . . Lives Changed At Alpha & Omega . . . Rescued Children Off To College . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

November 2004

Thanksgiving! What does it really mean to us? Turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and of course we can't forget the pumpkin and pecan pie. That is wonderful food and we are glad God has provided that for our pleasures, but that is only the 1% of Thanksgiving Day. Have you stopped to think how a bunch of bones, meat, and fat can stand, walk, sit and run? How your brain works and controls your body? That is only a little of all God's wonders and marvels. Seeing God work in the smallest things and in the things that are most likely not to work is reason to give thanks to God for His love and mercy. God is so wonderful that words can not express what He really is.

God has been great to us. We have had many difficult moments in our lives and ministry, when we could feel the enemy wanting to destroy the work that God has called us to do. God didn't promise that we would be free of problems, but He did promise to be there for us and takes us through the valleys up to the plains and mountain tops. God did keep His promise. Many people thought we were crazy to raise our children in the middle of those "bad kids". We were blessed with our biological kids. They did well in school and were ready to go to college at 16 years of age. They are all serving God and not rebellious towards God for us working with kids in need. With the kids from the home that is a different story. We have many at the age of 14 and 15 in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. They had no one in their homes to encourage them to study and the public schools really don't care. Therefore they are already convinced that they won't be anything in life. So drugs and prostitution are the options. Our purpose is to show them that those options are from the devil and that there are other options. God's options! First of all He gives salvation. Thank God, 90% of the kids have made professions of faith. Second, even though they come to us without any family values, they can learn and teach their families. That is why it is so important to us to have a family atmosphere with biblical family values. Third, show them they can be somebody. Last year we had the privilege to see one of our boys from the home go to college. He is 21 years old now. He came to live with us when he was 13 years old and in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. We worked hard and got him caught up and on track. If we were excited last year, this year we are really excited and thankful to God that next year we have eight from the home going to college. In the picture there are four of the eight going to college next year. Going from left to right, Luiz Antonio, his father was a drunkard who has been saved in the last few years. Marcia, her mother is a prostitute and her dad a drug addict. Lillian, her father is dead but was a drunkard and her mother lived on the streets and was also a drunkard. Alexandre, his mother was killed by his father who is now in jail. He was 10 years old when his mother was stabbed to death. That is just a little of their lives. Please pray for them.

We are thankful that God called us to do this work and we are inviting you to join us. You can join us through prayer, support and visiting us at the home. We would love to hear from you! You can contact us at the above address and e-mail.

Love, Odali, Kathy, Titus, Jonas and Gabriel



New college students. From left to right: Luiz Antonio, Marcia, Lillian, and Alexandre.