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New Granddaughter ... Sobering Statistics ...

January 1, 2006

It hardly seems possible that 2005 is history. The beginning of a year reminds us of our finiteness. It also reminds us of the approaching return of our Lord. During the past month we have enjoyed the visits of our oldest daughter, Laura, and Judy's sister, Peggy. We are also thrilled with the arrival of Emily Christiane Hatcher, our youngest granddaughter. She was born the morning after we arrived back from the USA.

During our recent trip to the US for the funeral of my father-inlaw, a number of people mentioned that they pray regularly for us and

the work of the Lord here in France. Many expressed concern for us because of the riots in France near the end of 2005. Thank you for praying for us. In a way, things like riots can be a blessing to the spread of the Gospel. Events such as these can be used by God to shake people out of their false sense of security. Many American Christians are unaware of the desperate needs of the people of France. To help you better understand the spiritual poverty of the people of France, allow me to share some statistics that I hope will grip your heart. Please, see that these numbers represent eternal souls, people who will spend an eternity in Heaven or Hell, people who could have been you if your ancestors had not moved to the "New World."

In America......one out of every 9 people claims to be Baptist. In Uganda (Africa), one out of every 673 people claims to be Baptist. In India.....one out of every 533 people claims to be Baptist. In France... ..only one out of every 7564 claims to be Baptist.

Over half of the people of France do not believe in life after physical death. They believe that

you die like a dog

This is why I was so excited when one of our neighbors stopped by a couple of months ago and asked if he must become a member before studying the Bible with us. This is why I was even more thrilled when he asked for something to read that would introduce him to what we believe. He has not yet come to a Bible study, but this week he again mentioned his need.

When we mention Bible studies, we are not talking about in depth discussions of esoteric points

of doctrines. We are talking about reading the Gospel and answering simple questions. We have a passion to see the people around us saved. Only God's Spirit using His Word can conceive life in the soul of one who is spiritually dead. God has called us to be witnesses, and we are delighted to be here.

Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for giving to enable us to be here. Don't stop!

May God richly bless you during the coming year.

In France for Christ,

John and Judy Hatche



ne of the children show crafts they made in Judy Hatcher's Bible class.



Sheridan and Anita Stant Huanuco, Peru Phone: 011-5162-51-4570

Organize Church In Midst Of Drug Producing Area... Passing Of Julia Ann Leffler . . .

Anita and I arrived back in Peru on the 9th of December after

having gone to the States to mainly see our Granddaughter, Caroline, for the first time. She is a beautiful six month old baby and we had a great time reading storybooks to her. After leaving Arizona, we visited other family members from the West Coast to the East and had a wonderful time. In twenty-three years in Peru we have never had a time to see all of our family during our regular furlough trips, so we took some vacation time.

Within one week of arriving back in Peru I traveled to Flores de Belen, a small village outside of Tingo Maria, in the jungle, to help out in the organizational service of the mission work there into a New Testament Baptist Church. I have helped this work for the past few years with their building and materials. They asked me to preach the organizational message, defining the new church's responsibilities. This church really needs your prayers because it is situated right in the middle of one of the worst cocaine producing areas of Peru. Drug trafficking and terrorism are increasing in alarming numbers once again in this area. The day after I left, nine police officers were murdered just forty minutes away from the church. We have several faithful Pastors and many faithful Christians in the region but they live under a lot of pressure and really need your prayers

We traveled to the southern Peruvian city of Arequipa to spend Christmas with the twins and their new parents, Jason and Rebecca Reinhardt. Kathy has been walking for several weeks but Carol waited until we came to start her steps. One morning she lost her fear and just started walking across the room; not just a few steps, literally across the room! Surprised us all.

While in Arequipa on December the 25th, we received notice of the passing of our niece Julia Ann Leffler at around 10:30 AM on Christmas morning. So many of you have been praying for her



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Appreciate Correspondence . . . New Bus Ready To Go Out . . .

The cards we received from you have truly encouraged us. It is such a comfort to hear firsthand that you are thinking and praying for us. This is especially so since we are just halfway to our scheduled return to the US in 2008. Please know that we are grateful and always appreciate correspondence from you.

God worked in and through us in very evident ways during the year of 2005. We had dozens of folks baptized into our fellowship at the church where I pastor. Also, our evangelistic team, Project Life, presented the gospel to over 75,000 persons with over 2,000 professing faith in Jesus. I want to emphasize how marvelous a privilege we have in taking the Word of God to folks who would otherwise not hear a true biblical presentation of the gospel. Our team, in the motorhome (AKA- "Gospel Tank") was able to go to over 30 different cities during the year, most of which have no evangelical church. They presented the gospel in 123 public and private schools. There were many difficulties and spiritual battles, but God blessed and the team is now ready to begin a new year of outreach.

Our newest motorhome will begin to go out this year. We are preparing another team to carry out the work. Thank you for your contributions toward the purchase of this valuable tool in

We know that God will do great things through us this year. We ask you to pray earnestly for us to be faithful to Him every step of the way. May He bless you richly for your love and concern for us.

In His love, Bobby, Charlene, Jessie and Brennen Wacaser



The Wacaser's from left to right: Bobbie, Brennen, Jessie an

for fifteen or more years. Julie had been struggling all her life with Battens disease, a terminal illness with no cure. She lived to be almost twenty-three years of age when the average life expectancy of a Battens child is only eighteen years. She lived as long as she did by the grace of God and the wonderful care of her loving parents, Chalie and Wanda Leffler and her sister Katie. After being blind and in a wheelchair most of her life, the Lord in his mercy called her home to grace His presence. She can now see and is probably dancing with joy before our gracious Lord. Julie touched so many lives and will be missed by all. Please continue to remember the Leffler family in you prayers as they adjust to living with only the memory of Julie. Until next month.

Serving Jesus in Peru, Sheridan and Anita Stanton



Brother Stanton baptizing in Lima, Peru.

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Celebrate 51st Wedding Anniversary . . . "Watch Night" Service . . .

Dear Brothers of the Beloved Lord Jesus and Sisters of the Savior:

Once again we (Harold and Marie) greet you by letter from the "land of eternal summer." If we were with you in the USA we would be singing: "It is summer time in my heart, it is summer time in my heart. Since Jesus saved me: new life he gave me. Even in winter time it's summer in my heart." We hope all of you were blessed as much as we were during the holiday season. Marie and I thank you for your prayers and your Christmas cards you sent us. "May the Lord of

hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost" (See Romans 15:13).

During this "Mission Sheets Month" which began December 3, 2005 and ends today, January 3, 2006, 1 preached six sermons. All were preached at the 24th of March Baptist Church where I serve as pastor and Marie and I are members. I heard at least four sermons preached. On December 17th, I attended Rosa de Sharon Baptist Church's anniversary services. At noon Marie and I attended a dinner given by the Brazilian Baptist Faith Missions. Many Brazilian pastors were present. On December 13th at night, we both attended a special program and supper at the home of Brother Wanderley Mello Rodrigues and his wife. On the 24th at 9pm we celebrated the birthday of our driver's wife at their home with a supper. Then on the 27th of December we celebrated our 51st wedding anniversary with Asa Mark. Lucia and Marcia. These special occasions were very enjoyable.

On January 1st, friends invited us to their home for a churrascada (cook out) for the noon meal. The night before we were at the church from 7:45 until 10pm, which we called our "watch night" service. We had a special speaker. Brother Miguel F. da Silva. We wanted to get home before midnight as this is the time that all the fireworks noise, drinking, and violence start. So we are thankful for all the blessings of the year 2005 and we wish for all of you readers a blessed year of 2006 with God's many blessing

Let us all continue faithfully praying and giving and thus we will all be blessed. Give to BFM and you will be happy. Pray for us

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

45TH SPRING MISSIONARY BIBLE CONFERENCE

Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington KY April 10,11,12, 2006

Conference Theme: "YOU! FOLLOW ME!" (John 21.22)

The Lord Jesus calls each one of us to follow Him. MISSIONS is an exercise of personal obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ. Each one of us must follow the Lord Jesus in our daily service and witnessing for Him. And, in our cooperative missions partnerships, each one of us also has a specific and personal role to fulfill. Our missionaries have followed the Lord Jesus to GO to the countries where they serve. WE will follow the same commission when we pray for them, encourage them, recommend them to others, and finance their ministries with our offerings. We hope you will mark these dates and set aside the time to come and encourage ourselves together in the work of

THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS: We bless God and thank each one of you, our GIVING FRIENDS, who have contributed to our 2005 Thanksgiving Offering. During November, you gave \$18,680.50. December's offerings were \$47,374.63. That makes our total-to-date: \$66,055.13. Ordinarily, the bulk of the offerings is given during these two months. We are praying for additional offerings to still come in.

THIS OFFERING IS STILL APPROXIMATELY \$11,000.00 LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S THANKSGIVING OFFERING and considerably short of the \$85,000.00 goal for which we are praying

HAVE YOU GIVEN YOUR PART? We are asking and encouraging EVERY FRIEND OF BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS to be a GIVING FRIEND to our Thanksgiving Offering. Over the past two months, 65 offerings have been given. 31 of those offerings were given by GIVING FRIENDS through their churches; 34 offerings were given directly by individual contributors. WAS YOUR PERSONAL OFFERING REPRESENTED IN ONE OF THOSE TWO GROUPS? If you have given your part, again we thank you. If you have not yet given, the offering is still open, and your designated Thanksgiving offerings will continue to count toward the total as long as they come in.

PROJECTED 2006 GENERAL FUND BUDGET: I also presented to the BFM Directors the 2006 PROJECTED GENERAL FUND BUDGET at our Thanksgiving Business Meeting last November. The projected deficit over 2006 exceeded even the \$85,000.00 Thanksgiving Offering we are praying for. So, we continue to appeal to you TO SUSTAIN AND INCREASE YOUR COMMITTED PERSONAL MONTHLY OFFERINGS TO OUR GENERAL FUND. The General Fund provides all the basic services and benefits we have committed to our missionaries "AS THE LORD PROVIDES." That's what the "FAITH" part of our name means. We have committed those services AS THE LORD PROVIDES THROUGH THE GRACE, GENEROSITY, AND LIBERALITY OF OUR GIVING FRIENDS.

I will keep you updated on the status of our funds and the specific needs which need to be met as the year progresses. May God give His best and richest grace to each one of you.

Dave Parks, Executive Secretary

- PLEASE NOTE -

All correspondence concerning BFM or any of the missionaries should be sent to: Dave Parks, Executive Secretary, 3985 Boston Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40514.

All offerings should be sent to: BFM, c/o George Sledd, P. O. Box 471280, Lake Monroe, Florida 32747-1280

If it is for a specific missionary or project, it should be so marked. The greatest need each month is for the General Fund.

All correspondence concerning the Mission Sheets should be sent to: Jim Orrick, 1727 Phillip Street,

All requests for videos should be sent to: Bobby Creiglow, P. O. Box 3, Science Hill, Kentucky 42533. Videos are free for the asking. Brother Creiglow is also available to visit churches to present the work of BFM.

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



A. J. and Barbara Hensley Caixa Postal 1511

Busy With Construction . . . Plans For The New Year . . .

Here in Caraguatatuba we have had a very busy month and have been very blessed. Barbara and I would like to take this time to THANK each and every one of you who have prayed for us and also who have supported us financially throughout the year. We would also like to wish each and every one a blessed and happy new year.

We had a wonderful New Years service. We began with praising the Lord in song and continued with the word. Then we had a baptism

email: ajjacarei@aol.com scrvice and baptised eleven new members into our body. When the old year came to an end we were on our knees praying it out and the new one in. It is AWESOME to be with God's people praising Him and starting a new year with Him.

As we look back on the old year we can see the need to work more intently because of the condition of the world. We have many plans to enter into this new year, working harder to see the Gospel spread here in Brazil.

We have been very busy in construction this month. We started the Church building in Olariea and as this letter is being written we have three walls completed. This is an all masonary construction and the weather has been affecting our work. Even though it has rained almost every evening or night during this construction, the Lord has greatly blessed the progress. We have been using five young men (boys), myself and two brick layers in this construction until now. This weekend we are planning a WORKING—with the people of the church participating. With their help we are planning to move a lot of dirt into the floor and maybe, maybe start putting on the roof. We hope to have lots of volunteers in the following two weeks and this will help speed the progress. Pray for us in this effort. I am having a good time working as I am meeting many people there in the neighborhood and making many friends. It seems that every day someone stops and starts up a conversation. I get to tell them that we are building a church and talk to them about Christ.

We try to start our day around 8 o'clock on the job site. Here our first order of business is to gather in and pray. The timing is great as many mothers and children are passing on their way to school. The school is just about five lots below ours or about a football field away. Here again the Lord took care of location for us as when we tell people where our church is we can use the school as a reference point.

I am trying to keep a day by day photo record of this construction. I will try and send some pictures for the next month's mission sheet

We are enjoying our daughter Mary being here with us for the holidays. It will be a tearful trip to the airport next week, but we don't have to think about that until next week.

This new year has begun well here in Caraguatratuba, with the wonderfur baptism at church and the construction on the new church building. What we need for this year from you is more of the ..Prayer, Prayer, Prayer. And don't forget that our doors are always open for YOU to come visit and see what God is doing with your mission dollars.

In His service,



Bobby and Betty Creiglow P. O. Box 3 Science Hill, KY 42553 (606) 423-1073

Brother Creiglow's Report

January 3, 2006

Brother Orrick and I have had an understanding for a long time, that whenever there was not enough space in the Mission Sheets for all the letters from the missionaries, that mine would be left out. I did write a letter last month, and that is the reason it did not appear. In that letter I mentioned that our church had raised about

three thousand dollars for a van for the Children's Home in Manaus, and we would continue to try to raise more, but the van is needed now, so perhaps some other churches would help raise another four or five thousand. If you would like to have a part in this, you may send your offering through Baptist Faith Missions to Paul Hatcher designated for this purpose.

Last year First Baptist Church of Science Hill, Kentucky, through Faith Promise giving did not reach our goal of \$15,000,00 for missions, but did raise a little over \$10,000.00, and that was double from the year before. I believe this could be done in other churches as well. As the Lord gives us more new missionaries, more funds are going to be needed for their financial support, so why don't you try it in your church. You might just be surprised at what the Lord might do.

We have had many opportunities to serve the Lord during 2005 and are looking forward to more of the same this year. Our next big event will be with the Winter Conference in Gotha, Florida in the Park Ridge Baptist Church, Starting January 15.

Betty and I are doing very well for old folks, and we thank the Lord for all His blessings.

In His Name,

Bobby D. Creiglow

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

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IN KENYA:

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DEC. 2005 OFFERINGS GENERAL FUND Cornerstone Miss. Bap. Ch., McDermott, OH....50 Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV.....70 Emmanuel Baptist Church, Irvine, KY... Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO..... Oak Grove Baptist Church, Normantown, WV...100 Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, FL ... Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, F.L...
Potters Baptist Church, Viola, A.R...
Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, K.Y...
Redding, Warren & Barbara, Atlanta, G.A...
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, K.Y...
Riverview Baptist Church, Point Pleasant, W.V. West Virginia Friends 126 W.K&W, Richmond, KY...
Total..... . 26,850.69 THANKSGIVING OFFERING Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI......5000 Total.

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Adams, Richard & Vicky, Beattyville, KY, Save India. 100
Creel, Mr. & Mrs. Bill, Cartersville, GA...............20

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NATHAN RADFORD
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support...100
Anderson, Derek, Debree, KY, Carrie Radford......25
Anonymous, Prison Ministry.......150 Anonymous, Christmas Gift. Beverly, Lyle & June, Belpre, OH, Christmas Prison Project ...

MIKE ANDERSON

ODALI BARROS

HAROLD BRATCHER

Total. . 2,939.17

MIKE CREIGLOW
Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, New Work...70
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed...200
Bible Bap. Ch., Harrisburg, IL, Andrew Creiglow...151
Bible Bap. Church, Hendersonville, TN, Support...25

HAROLD DRAPER

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Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, New Work...70
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL., As Needed...220
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH, Support...50
Chapel Hill Bap. Ch., Nicholasville, KY, As Needed..70
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, KY, Support...40
Concord Baptist Church, Cleaton, KY, Support...40
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC
(Thanksgiving Off.), Medical Expenses....881.5
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Salary......150
Florida, Connie, Ellensburg, WA, As Needed...200
Grace Miss. Bap. Ch., Roseville, MI, Support...100
Hardman Fork Bap. Ch., Normantown, WV, As Needed.....100
Hardman Fork Bap. Ch., Winston-Salem, NC, Salary.....100
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, New Work..60
Mt. Cal. Bap. Ch., Belleville, MI, As Needed...100
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Belleville, MI,
Christmas Gift..................200

Christmas Gift.

Christmas Gift. 200
Rosedale Bap. Church, Rosedale, WV, Training...100
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL,
Thanksgiving Offering. 500
Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY, Support...100
Total. 4,291.50

JOHN A HATCHER

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Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, Building...70
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed...200
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN, Support...150
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC
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Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary.....25
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JOHN M. HATCHER

A.J. HENSLEY

4,485.50

SHERIDAN STANTON

4,244.83 Total.

Grand Total. . 126,688.90



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Starting A New Year In Kenya ... **Burden For New Prison** Outreach . . .

January 5, 2006

Another month has come and gone, and there are several exciting things to report about that God has been doing in His work in Kitale. Kenya. This update will share current news, prayer requests, and also bring you current on all the happenings in God's harvest field here in Kenya, I want to thank those who donated items from America to be

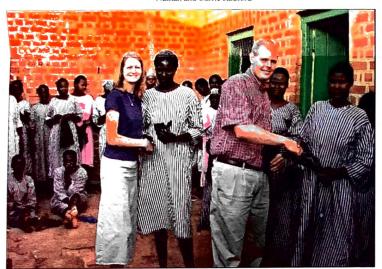
given to the prisoners during this past Christmas. I was able to go to the prison and give out all the items that were donated by those that gave in America. Each prisoner that received the items was truly touched and you made a significant difference in their lives this past Christmas.

This past month was so busy, as we prepared for a major project this past Christmas and also moved into our new home in Kitale. On December 23, each prisoner, both men and women, were given soap, the gospel of John and Romans in Swahili, a gospel tract, and bread, which they rarely get during the year. It was a significant total number who received the packets, and we were able to go house by house in the prison and distribute to each individual area. The prisoners were all so happy and excited, as no one gets them anything during the year. We truly were able to plant the seed and get every single prisoner the "good news" through this huge project. We know that the Word of God will not return void, and I am sure that we will see much fruit in the coming days as a result of what God did this special day. Thank you so much for praying and for sharing in this special project with my wife and I. We want to preach the gospel to every creature, (Mark 16:15) and this includes these needy prisoners of Kitale.

Because of this past project, I developed a new burden for a special section of the prison (annex) that has not been reached. It is connected to Kitale Main Prison, but is completely unreached. As 1 visited these men, God began to speak to me, as 1 saw that there is presently no work going on to reach them, as they are forgotten. Lord willing, 1 plan to start a section of the ministry in this area of the prison in the near future. I am not completely sure of all the details, but if it would be the Lord's will, I would be very excited to begin a work in this needy area. David Livingstone, the famous missionary to Africa, prayed "Send me anywhere Lord, only go with me. Lay any burden upon me, only sustain me." This is my prayer, as I have spent much time with the Lord in asking Him for future expansions/plans. A work of God must start with a burden from Him and prayer, and this is the place that I have reached with this new project. Please pray that this door would open soon, if it would be the will of God. God has promised to lead and guide us in His will, and we trust Him. (Psalm 32:8).

That is all the current news from here. We continue to pray that the Lord will provide the rest of our needed funds soon, as He has promised to be faithful to supply all our needs. (Phil. 4:19) We are trusting God and praying for the rest of our funds for the orphanage, and also our general needs, as our living expenses have significantly increased. We are presently around 75-80% of our funds, as we have lost previous support, and we are trusting God to provide the remainder of our funds soon. If you would like more information about our ministry, our contact information is below. God bless you and have a wonderful New Year serving our Lord in America as we serve Him in Kenya.

Until next month, Nathan and Carrie Radford



out spiritual bread of booklets of the Gospel of John and Romans in Swahili



DON'T FORGET THE WORKHORSE FUND

This is the General Fund. Out of it comes the missionaries' salaries, expenses, travel medical, ears, 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



and Pam Ander P. O. Box 4150 Kitale, Kenya East Africa ne: 011-254-325-31765 e-mail:

Fruits From Orphan Ministry . . . 1.300 Loaves Of Bread ... Prison Conditions . . .

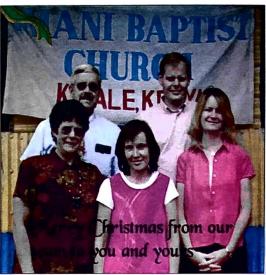
Dear Special Friends,

Happy New Year! It seems odd to us that 2006 has arrived since last year went by so quickly. Also, our weather here has gotten hotter, and is usually up to 100 degrees everyday, so it doesn't seem like January. We are so thankful for the New Year and the new opportunities for serving our Lord here in the land where He has called us. Pam and I are praying about expanding the Lord's work more in 2006, so this new start gives us added incentive to

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Our computer was being repaired last month, so were not able to give you a report. This month, we are holding a conference on Community Health Evangelism. Pam and I attended classes on this when we were on furlough, and now, it will be taught to our church nembers on a Kenyan level. We want our members to learn how that they can help themselves, and help others by reaching out to their communities. This is a holistic approach, whereby the Scriptures are implemented, and the physical, emotional, and spiritual problems of the people here are addressed. They are taught how that they can help themselves, and others, while sharing what the Bible says about the problems that they face. We have as a goal this year to implement this program, and Lord willing, start more churches as the Lord provides. This concept can be used with the street children's ministry, the prison ministry, and medical ministry, as well as the church, so we are excited.

God has blessed us with people who desire to be used by Him. Dennis, our oldest orphan, graduated from high school last year, and Pam and I sent him to Nairobi from August to November to be trained in children's ministry through Child Evangelism Fellowship. They have a four month training program each year to train nationals in children's ministry. Since his return, he has taught our Sunday School teachers how to a better job of teaching, and has started a neighborhood Bible club each Saturday in the home of one of our members. He started a few weeks ago, and has



Mike, Pam. Nathan, Carrie, and Andric

over 35 who come regularly. He wants to branch out in other neighborhoods and in schools to reach more children, and then by doing this, we will start churches in these areas where he ministers. He taught an introductory class in our Bible Institute last month on children's ministry, and will be teaching more classes later on, so that our young men in the school will know how to work with children as well as adults. Dennis has a passion for souls and is in charge of our evangelism team who goes out each Sunday after church. What a blessing it is for us to see this 19 year old love the Lord and want to serve Him.

The highlight of the month of December was going to the prison right before Christmas with Nathan and Carrie to give our gifts that they had bought for the prisoners. The Welfare Officer that Nathan works with suggested bread and soap for gifts, so there was enough bread and soap bought for each of the 1,300 prisoners, plus guards. Each one received a Gospel of John and Romans in Swahili, and they were thrilled with these meager gifts. The men in the Bible classes that Nathan teaches received certificates for their work, and toothbrushes and tooth paste from people who had given these to us when we were on furlough. The guards received toiletries which were given to us by our church members in W.Va. while on furlough. Before the gifts were given out, there were two choirs who sang, and a play about the difference that had been made in the lives of these in prison who had been saved during Nathan's ministry there. I was asked to deliver a message to these men, and I spoke from II Corinthians 9:15 on God's greatest gift to us, His Son Jesus Christ.

We were asked to go to the cells to give out the bread, soap, and booklets of John and Romans. This was the first time to see the conditions that these men live in. They sleep 12-20 per cell with no mattresses, blankets or pillows, and an open sewer runs through the prison. We also went to the Women's Prison, and to another part called the Annex, where prisoners who have only done petty crimes were held. The Welfare Officer told us that 70% of the prisoners in the prison are not guilty of the crimes that they are accused of, but due to being poor, and without access to a good lawyer, they are in prison for crimes that someone else did. So, it was a very sobering time, but also a time for us to thank God for the opportunity of bringing everlasting hope to these that society has forgotten. It was humbling for us to think of how much that we have and take for granted, and these men are so thankful for small things, and the fact that someone cares for them. What an opportunity we have to impact these prisoners and their families for Christ.

We are finishing the Baptist catechism this month, so plan to restart our first church on our property soon. We have visitors from Pastor Darrell Messer's church in Ohio coming to see us here next month, so we are postponing the move until after they leave. We are praying about money to build a church on the property that would be permanent, as well as developing the rest of the property for ministry. We feel that we have a good foundation now to start again, and we are excited about the young man who will be the pastor of this church. He has been in our Bible Institute for some time, and has shown responsibility and commitment to our Lord. Please help us to pray that we get the funds to put up a building. Until then, we will meet in homes of members for services.

The government has undergone many changes in the past two months, so we do not know how the tax issue will be settled for missionaries here in Kenya. Please pray for wise decisions to be made by these who are in authority now.

Thanks so much for your interest, and encouraging E-mails and Christmas cards during the holiday season. We are excited about this New Year and the opportunities that it affords us to reach others with the Good News. It is our privilege to be here representing you in this part of the world, and we thank you for your support which enables us to minister here. May our Lord richly bless you in your labors for Him there, and keep in touch with us.

Your servants in Kenya. Mike and Pam

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