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Suffered A Mild Stroke ... Buy Church Building In Marilia Works Going Well ...

Dear Friends,

August 1, 2007

I am not sure I can say we are enjoying a season of cold weather, but at least I can say the weather is much cooler (cold) for us. You will laugh when I say the temperature is in the fifties and sixties. The problem is there are no heating facilities in the houses and that makes it pretty chilly. In our large room we have a small gas stove and keep the oven lit with the door open and that takes off a little of the chill.

LIFE HAS CHANGED A LITTLE: On the 31st of May, I had a mild stroke. That morning after the final class in the Seminary, I came home and sat down to correct papers and tests. Then it happened: My thoughts and voice became muddled and we knew something was wrong. Thinking that death was close and not having made a Brazilian will, I called a friend. At about eight-thirty that night he brought the lawyer and I made a will which was signed about nine-thirty.

We called Kathy and the next day she drove from Garca and was with us for a week. Words cannot express what her presence and help meant. Paul called from Manaus and said he would be coming for a week to help. I had not gone to a doctor.

A friend measured my blood pressure and gave me some medicine that he used for high blood pressure. While Paul was here he drove us to Marilia where I had an appointment with a heart doctor who is a Christian. Michele, daughter of Paul and Wanda, and who is finishing medical school, was with us to help in all our comings and goings. After the prescribed heart and blood exams the results were great. My heart was perfect and my blood exams showed all normal. Praise the Lord! He prescribed the same medicine for blood pressure that I was using and told me to return in a month. My pressure has normalized and I continue taking the medicine.

David came from Manaus on July 26th, and on the 27th he helped me to drive to Marilia for the doctors appointment. After the check up, Dr. Fabio told me to come back in January. Kathy was able to meet us in Marilia, (David had not seen her in about four years), and we had lunch together with she and Michele.

WORK IS BEING BLESSED: The church in Marilia that began a new mission in the rented building of a Methodist Church was blessed and we were able to buy the building. Praise the Lord. The work in Cornelio Procopio and Urai and their congregations are doing well. Each church has three permanent missions with buildings.

Assai is our newest and smallest work. Pray for us and for the work.

Alta stays busy in preparing lessons and handwork for Sunday School teachers.

In His love, for His glory, John and Alta Hatcher



On a cold morning these were the five in service plus David, the preacher, for a total of six.



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Special Prayer Request ... Need Funds For Oxapampa Property ... Literacy Training A Reality ...

Dear Friends,

August 4, 2007

Anita and I send greetings to everyone in the name of Jesus. We hope that July was a prosperous month for each of you and that you will be aware of God's blessings in your lives each and every day during the month of August. I just returned from Oxapampa last night, where Brother Carlos Gonzales is the missionary of the new Faith Baptist Mission Church there. It was a blessing to see the good attendance of this new work. The house was packed every evening for the preaching services. One young man came for baptism, several rededicated their lives to serve the Lord, and one young man, Dante, manifested his calling to the Gospel Ministry. We praise the Lord for touching so many lives through the power of His Word!

I drove my car (an eight-year-old Nissan sedan) to Oxapampa and after the eight hour trip, I decided to take the bus next time! Sections of the road were very bad and my poor car took a beating! Parts of the protective panels from the undercarriage are now missing. I never even heard or felt them come loose. But aside from that it was a great trip. I plan to make more trips to Oxapampa from time to time so I hope to be able to sell my car and purchase a used four-wheel-drive next time. Something else to pray about!

While in Oxapampa I also got to spend some time with Carlos' wife, Maria, who is in the last stage of stomach cancer. She was hardly recognizable she had lost so much weight. She cannot get out of bed and her sight is now gone. Many of their family members arrived to be with Carlos and the kids during these last days. Please remember Carlos and his family during this emotional time in their lives. Maria has served the Lord as a faithful wife and mother for many years.

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Visit Mission Points ... Pray For Son & Daughter-In-Law ... Opening New Mission Point ... Working On Vocational School ...

Dear friends,

August 3, 2007

This week A. J., Walimir, and Pastor Epitacio are at a conference on missions so I get to write the monthly letter. We have had a good month of July. Pastor Epitacio Dona Fatima, A. J., and I, started the month by visiting the mission point at Salesopolis. The work there is holding its own in numbers and seems to be growing spiritually. The Pastor, Luiz, and his wife, Danella, are hard at work there. This couple has been married for eight years and are in the process of adopting their first child and guess what? She is pregnant. Please pray for her as she is in her seventh month and the doctor has put her on complete bed rest. Continue to remember this work in your prayers.

Speaking of pregnancies and prayer, I would like to ask for your prayers for our daughter-in-law Jill and our son Bryan. Jill is pregnant and it is an at risk pregnancy. So the future grandpa and grandma ask you to hold our children in prayer as they trust in God throughout this pregnancy.

The next part of July the man who drove the bus for the group in June called A. J. and told him about a minibus in his town. A. J. went and looked at the minibus and it was just what he wants. He told the owner that we did not have all the money to purchase the bus and the owner said that he would hold it for him. We have the bigger part of the money thanks to various churches, private individuals and Bible School groups that have donated to the bus fund. And since the time that A. J. looked at the minibus, we have had several calls from friends and family members telling us that they have sent money designated to the fund also. So God is working and we just need \$4,000 now to buy the minibus. Isn't our God great??? He says that we have not because we ask not. We have been asking and He has been providing.

Speaking of receiving, we received some money several months ago for the foundation of the dormitory, but we have not started that project yet because we need a little more to do the foundation. So we are holding that money waiting for enough to start and complete the foundation.

A. J. has preached in the mission point at Barranco Alto and has visited in this neighborhood with his son-in-law. On these visits one man, the husband of one of the women that frequents the mission point there, accepted Christ. This mission point is in the carport of our member Gloria. She lost her husband this year and is left with six kids to raise by herself. But this does not impede her zeal for the Lord. Pray for Gloria. I mention these people by name because I feel like when we pray by name it becomes more personal.

We finally got to work on the office at the Vocational School last week. We cut the door and window in one of the containers and we found dry wall in the next town. So the window is set with half of the glass cut and in and the door is in, and the dry wall hung and the electricity run. We are at a standstill again because of that pesky thing called money, but we are well on the way to becoming efficient.

We have two young men living with us and several more waiting to come when we have a permanent place for them to stay. These two are being trained in the carpentry shop, the key shop, and in the picture framing shop. We are planning to start working the block making machine again in the near future. So that will make four professions for them with various others waiting to be taught. Mary is waiting for the office to be finished to begin to teach computer, basic finances, and basic English. So as you can see we are moving forward in all areas here in Caraguatatuba.

We are cleaning the building and preparing to open another mission point. Pray for Walimir, Mary's husband, as he leads this work also. Our work in Morro do Algodao is continuing in homes as the remodeling of the church building continues a little at a time. We have shored the building up and have poured a new floor and built a new bathroom. We are just waiting for the front door and the tile on the floor and the painting of the walls.

The congregation there are so anxious to get back into their building that they say, "Just get us a door and we will go in without the tile and the paint, that can come later." The work at Olaria is booming with four young adults pushing Walimir. They have Bible studies every day with the new Christians and have a children's Bible study on Saturday afternoon. Walimir preaches there on Thursday and Saturday nights. George and Alda, in Natividade de Sarra, are doing well with the work there. And in Pereque we continue having services in the homes of the believers. When I tell you about all these works, I don't want you to think that A. J. and I do all of this. We believe in getting things started and training the native Brazilians to take the lead. God is blessing here in Caraguatatuba.

Thanks for your faithful support in offerings and prayers. Without the offerings we could not finance the works, but without the prayers we could not work. So keep up the good work there as we keep up the good work here. And as always, the sheets are turned down and the light is on, so come on down and see your offerings and prayers at work.

In His service, A. J. and Barbara

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Jairo and Rosane A Witness For Others ... Project Life In The Public School System ...

Dear Friends,

August 7, 2007

To see how quickly and how much God transforms the life of someone who surrenders himself or herself to Him often amazes me. Jairo and Rosane are just two recent examples of that transforming work of the Lord.

Not long ago, Jairo and Rosane were not legally married, they were swamped in debt due to foolish and unbiblical financial decisions, and they had very little influence for good on or among their family or neighbors. Since their conversion all that has turned around dramatically. They got legally married and through a Biblical course on finances they

learned how to administer their small income much more efficiently. They have since paid off all their debts, they offer to the Lord generously and have even been able to purchase a used vehicle which they use to transport fifteen people to church. Jairo and Rosane also host a fellowship and Bible study group in their home each week where fifteen to twenty neighbors and family members attend. Jairo and Rosane's transformed lives and excitement over God's working in their lives has caused their relatives and neighbors to realize that something real and wonderful has happened to this couple. Several of these individuals have also accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and show many of the same signs of His transforming power in their own lives now. We praise God for His work of love and grace.

In my last letter I mentioned that we had petitioned the department for urban development for a plot of land that sits adjacent to our church property. We have heard that our petition is "on the desk" of the mayor and the department president. We are praying for a favorable decision from them to obtain property needed for the expansion of our church growth and evangelistic outreach. We haven't heard back from either office. I believe that we must persevere in prayer and faith, not losing hope that our request will be met. But as I ponder our immediate needs and opportunities, I realize that even a speedy answer from them will entail a relatively lengthy period before we could actually be using the new facilities for growth and ministry. We would have to raise funds for and execute the construction of the new facilities. We already need larger facilities and that period of waiting would be counter-productive to our purpose. We are strongly considering the rental of a building located not far from our present base of operations which also has all the needed space and facilities we are seeking. It will require faith and sacrifice for our church to meet the financial demands involved, but we know that "without faith it is impossible to please God." Pray with us, please, about this important decision.

Project Life had a very busy and blessed month of ministry. We were able to have eight volunteer trainees participating together with our permanent twenty-four workers. It was a little bit tight to accommodate everyone, but the cool weather made the "closeness" more comfortable. We had two people sleeping in each single bunk bed, but with the hard work done during the days and evenings, most everyone was tired enough to just drop off to sleep quickly, ignoring the lack of space to spread out.

The two Project Life teams, Alpha and Logos, gave thirteen public school presentations of evangelistic skits, testimonies, and preaching of the gospel. A total of well over three hundred people publicly professed that they had trusted Jesus Christ as their Savior. The towns where Project Life was working have so little gospel presence that their efforts there were met with great openness. May God bless you who have given generously to our ministries.

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

STANTON

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During my trip to Oxapampa I took some pictures of several pieces of property for sale that could be used for building a permanent meeting house for this work. The saints there are currently renting the front room of a house for a meeting place. I am convinced this mission church will continue to flourish. It has already grown a lot and shows surprising maturity since its inception last year. The Lord has used Carlos and his family in a great way. The price of the properties I saw range from nine to twelve thousand dollars. If any church would like to take this on as a project be sure to designate your checks for, "Stanton - Oxapampa property fund."

The literacy training is finally a reality here in Huanuco. Twelve people from our Baptist churches here in the region, (including Anita and myself), received special training from an International Christian Organization called ALFALIT, dedicated to teaching illiterate adults worldwide how to read and write. Anita already has five women students and the other teachers have several of their own. We believe this ministry will really grow as the word spreads. Please keep Anita and the other teachers in your prayers as they dedicate their time to helping others in this much needed ministry.

The Mission Church up higher in the mountains at the town of Huariaca is doing very well. Pastor Jonel has led the saints there to begin the final stage of their meeting house. The Baptist Faith Missions Adventures Team, lead by Dr. Randy Jones, helped with the second phase of this project a few years ago. Now the work is trying to finish up on its own. This shows growth and maturity on their part. Praise the Lord! The other works around Peru have reported good attendance during the past few months. Our gracious God continues to bless His Word, His works, and His servants here in this beautiful country of South America.

Anita and I are both in our mid-fifties now, but the Lord continues to give us the strength to keep up our regular pace. I continue to teach two Bible classes on Monday nights, preach to the university students on Saturday nights, and help out the Calvary Mission Church here in Huanuco by preaching on Sunday nights. A lot of time is spent preparing courses and materials for the Institute of Biblical Studies that I direct. Besides my regular schedule here in Huanuco, I usually travel at least once a month to another one of our mission works somewhere here in Peru in order to teach and encourage them.

My beautiful bride of thirty-four years, Anita, stays busy writing Sunday School material for all of our Peruvian missions and churches. She has already produced about eight different books of lessons for several age groups. Every Tuesday afternoon she teaches the women of our Baptist churches in the Huanuco Region a Bible lesson and now has taken on the literacy ministry as well. She does all of this while still being a wonderful wife, homemaker, and the best cook in the world!

This letter is getting too long (when BFM agreed to help us twenty-four years ago we were asked to follow the guidelines as to the length of our monthly mission report). So I will finish by saying how much we love all of you and how much we appreciate your faithful prayers and monthly financial support. Until next month.

Serving Jesus in Peru, Sheridan and Anita Stanton

PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES...

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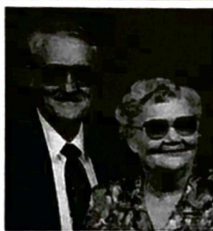
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Attend Dedication of New Building ... Manaus Is A Violent City ... Continue To Pray For Us ...

Dear Brothers & Sisters of the Blessed Savior Jesus Christ: Aug. 9, 2007

This Mission Sheets month began July 3rd and finished today, August 3rd, 2007. Once again we greet you from our house and home located at number 2 Francisco Jose Furtado Street, Sao Francisco, 69079, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. During this Mission Sheets month I preached eleven sermons - seven at the 24th of March Baptist Church where I am the pastor, three were at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church in the interior of the Amazonas, where Ediberto Ribeiro is the pastor. The other sermon was Sunday night the 22nd at the Esperanca Baptist Church here in Manaus. The church is without a pastor. Brother Arlindo Cantanhede de Almeida was the pastor for twenty-nine years.

During these days I heard a total of seven sermons preached. Three of those were heard at the Tabernacle Baptist Church during a three-day Missions Conference, "Proclama!" Friday night the 13th, I attended and participated in the ordination service of Sales Maciel Goes, a young Bible School student who was recently called as pastor of the Fountain of Life Baptist Church here in Manaus. On the 19th, Marie and I attended a dedication service of the new church building of the Manacial Baptist Church where Paulo Moises C. de Melo is the pastor. This building was built in less than a week by twenty-two Americans from four southern states of, "Missions Unlimited." Brother Chuck Connors organized this mission some thirty years ago and during these years has built 265 buildings. They do not finish the buildings and the churches have to do that. But what they do, (labor and materials), is a great help to the churches. Chuck Connors who has been our friend for many years brought a message for both saints and sinners. The saints were blessed, but no sinners were saved. Sunday night, the 29th, Francisco Freitas Barbosa, pastor of the 25th of December Baptist Church, preached at the 24th of March Baptist Church. He is recovering well from recent heart surgery.

A dear member of the church, eighty-three-year-old Anita Gentil da Silva, fell and broke her leg on the 14th of July. I visited her three Thursdays. She had to have surgery this week and hopes to go home today. Manaus has become a violent city. Almost every day people are robbed, wounded and killed. Last Monday morning, Luiz Carlos da Silva, who is both pastor of the Zion Baptist Church and an office policeman was robbed of his month's wages that he had just withdrawn from the bank by two thieves who also shot him in the leg. Pray for him and his church which is the first one we were members of in 1959. It was early in the morning of July 15, 1959, that we (Marie, Asa Mark, three-years-old, and myself), arrived with the John Hatcher family here in Manaus. We are thankful to the Lord that he has enabled us to complete forty-eight years here in Brazil as missionaries of BFM.

Pray for us as our youthful days are gone. We thank all of you who contribute to the regular fund and offerings designated to us, thus making it possible for us to serve the Lord these many years in this "land of eternal summer." May the Lord bless us all and be with you until we meet again.

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



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Brother Creiglow's Report ...

Dear Brethren,

August 1, 2007

There isn't much news to report this month, other than I have been privileged to preach several times while our pastor has either been away or has been a little under the weather physically. The adult Sunday School class teacher has been gone at times and I have been given the duty to fill in for him.

I may have written that I committed myself to send our two adopted daughters and two grandchildren to Brazil during two weeks in August, but they were not able to get through all the paper work of getting passports and visas to go at this time. If they can get all of that taken care of by next Spring, they will go, perhaps about the time school is out.

Betty and I have not tried to travel out of town since last November due to her physical problems, so I thought we might just try a short trip to Ohio to visit relatives that for the most part are advanced in age as we are. It was a trip of only four and a half hours, and Betty did very well, but did not know any of those we visited. While there we stayed with my sister Sally, and Betty did call her by name once while we were there. We also attended my high school graduation class reunion while there.

In His Name, Bobby D. Creiglow



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Very Busy Summer ... Couples Retreat A Success ... Two Studio Apartments Finished ...

Dear Brethren,

August 8, 2007

This month I made only one trip out of town. I visited Bible Baptist Church on the Pentecoste River. Now that it is the dry season I am able to get there by road. In the rainy season this would be an all day trip, one way. This time I went on my motorcycle and it took less than two hours. They asked me to help in a series of lessons about the Holy Spirit. They are in a nice new brick building and it was packed every night, (over 250).

Things have been very busy at First Baptist. Even though it is summer time and attendance is usually lower, this year we have held our own. We were down just a little in June. We continue to hover around 400 in Sunday School and 300 for the afternoon service. At night time we continue to be standing room only. Much of my time has been taken over the past month remodeling our building and working on the new Sunday School annex. This latter is going to be a long process since it is very big; three stories tall. We are now working on part of the middle section so that we can put our baptistry, dressing rooms and new restrooms back there. This will free up room in our auditorium for about 200 more seats. Anyway, we continue to grow slowly. We had five professions of faith three weeks ago, one more two weeks back, and three more last week.

One weekend we held a two-day bake sale and games for the kids to raise some extra money for the remodel. This brought in over \$2,000.00. We had over 1,500 people for services that Sunday night. Then on the last Sunday in July we had a special offering, which ended up being an all time record for our church: just under \$20,000.00! Unfortunately it won't go far with a bag of cement costing \$17.00. Still we are proud of our folks and the way the Lord has blessed them.

We have also had a couples retreat. Eleven couples from our daughter church in Rio Branco came in to be with us. The church we organized there in the capital is Memorial Baptist Church and her Pastor, Marcos, was our teacher.

Our school had a two-day fair about five weeks ago. We used this to help out on the construction there. That is one of the three projects I told you I have been working on. I have pretty much done all I can there for now.

I concluded the third building project I had been working on. We built two studio apartments for Pastor Dauro, (my son-in-law), Crissy and Caleb to live in. In the future, after they build their own house, these apartments will be for our missionaries and other visitors to stay in. They moved in a few weeks ago. They are also expecting their second child. Dauro gave up his accounting business to go full-time in the ministry in January. The church pays him about \$750.00 a month. I admire his courage and great faith in God to take care of his young family.

Well, even though I have been working an average of fifteen hours a day, I didn't have much to report to you this month. Hopefully I'll do better next month. Keep praying for us. Thanks for being so faithful in your support.

In Christ, Mike Creiglow

Baptist Faith Missions JULY 2007 OFFERINGS

GENERAL FUND

Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL	100
Aldridge, Randy & Melody, Morton, IL (Giving Friends)	75
Beautiful Garden Baptist Church, Manaus, Brazil	150
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY	60
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY	253.61
Berea Baptist Church, Hidenite, NC	300
Berry Baptist Church, Berry, KY	400
Bethel Baptist Church, Williams, IN	55
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Bristol, TN	60
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN	475
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	1094
Bible Baptist Church, Portage, IN	150
Bohon Road Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY	175
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV	100
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	650
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	903.71
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY	200
Careiro Baptist Mission, Manaus, Brazil	71
Casada, Mark and Sheryl, Manhattan, KS	60
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV	200
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	640
Cornerstone Miss. Bap. Church, McDermott, OH	96
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV	489.45
East Maine Baptist Church, Niles, IL	200
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Minnora, WV	30
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook, OH	203
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	533.1
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Irvine, KY	100
Emmanuel Miss. Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY	554
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO	432
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY	450
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Leighton, AL	50
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	1000
First Baptist Church, Science Hill, KY	180
First Bap. Church of Siloam, South Shore, KY	533.11
Global Baptist Church, Golf, IL	200
Goldfloss Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	25
Goodsprings Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL	584.2
Grace Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY	100
Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Springs, MS	250
Grimes, Melvin and Margaret, Evans, WV	40
Harbor View Miss. Bap. Church, Harbor View, OH	79
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV	500
Hardy, Ola, Guntown, MS	50
Hatcher, John & Alta, Urai, Brazil	30
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	1300
Hunter, L.E. & Ada, Coffeen, IL	20
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI	500
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculum, AL	76
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC	25
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	60
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	406.11
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH	50
Matthews Memorial Church, Stevenson, AL	50
Mayfield, Raymond and Carol, Charleston, WV	20
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	500
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Beech Grove Baptist Church)	50
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Liberty Miss Baptist Church)	100
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Dawson Baptist Church)	150
Mt. Pisgah Miss. Baptist Church, Grafton, OH	500
New Hope Miss. Bap. Ch., Dearborn Heights, MI	605
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	25
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Normantown, WV	100
Outreach Baptist Church, Danville, KY	30
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, FL	649.97
Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY	10
Redding, Warren & Barbara, Atlanta, GA	100
Riverview Baptist Church, Point Pleasant, WV	200
Rocky Springs Miss. Bap. Ch., Piney Flats, TN	200
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV	600
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	900
Rye Patch Baptist Church, Ludowici, GA	200
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC	225
Southside Baptist Church, Fulton, MS	125
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL	200
SP, VA Giving Friend	50
Storms Creek Miss. Bap. Ch., Ironton, OH	2717.3
Templeman, Carl, Valparaiso, IN	25
Texas Friends	700
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	370
24th of March Baptist Church, Manaus, Brazil	250
Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	10
Venture Business Systems, Goldsboro, NC	150
Virginia Friend	410
Wannaville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL	50
Watkins, Bert & Louise, Richmond, KY	60
West Virginia Friends	240
Total	25,890.56

IN MEMORIAM

Aldridge, David & Terry, Nicholasville, KY In Memory Of Grant Fox	25
Atkinson, Mary, Lexington, KY In Memory Of Grant Fox	50
Becker, Joachim & Marjorie, Carmel, IN In Memory Of Grant Fox	45
Cole, James & Yvonne, Lexington, KY In Memory Of Grant Fox	50
Denton, Gary, Nicholasville, KY In Memory Of Grant Fox	100
Foster, Glen & Carrie, Lexington, KY In Memory Of Grant Fox	50
Hackleman, Ronald & Kathleen, Brownsburg, IN In Memory Of Grant Fox	100
Lawson, Virginia, Lexington, KY In Memory Of Grant Fox	50
Mathis, Vernon & Lois, Lexington, KY In Memory Of Grant Fox	50
Morgan, Maryajella, Nicholasville, KY In Memory Of Grant Fox	25
Morgan, Stephen & Donna, Harrisburg, NC In Memory Of Grant Fox	50
National Christian Foundation, Alpharetta, GA In Memory Of Grant Fox	250
Palmer, Donald & Carolyn, Carmel, IN In Memory Of Grant Fox	50
Palomar Baptist Church, Lexington, KY In Memory Of Grant Fox	25
Royse, Jack & Barbara, Lexington, KY In Memory Of Grant Fox	50

Scheer, Bernie, Lexington, KY In Memory Of Grant Fox	50
Stanton, Sheridan & Anita, Huanaco, Peru In Memory Of Grant Fox	20
Wilkinson, Dale & Mary, Pewee Valley, KY In Memory Of Grant Fox	200
York, Wallace & Doris, Princeton, KY In Memory Of Fred Heam	100
Total	1,340.00

BIBLES FOR INDIA (In Memory Of Louis Maple)

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	20
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	291.02
Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY	25
Daughtery, Warren & Terri, Waco, KY	20
Faith	101
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	102
Grace Baptist Church, Wyandotte, MI	413
Ham, Edna, Hickory, KY	10
Hamilton, Emily, Airway Heights, WA	50
Isaacs, Rick & Ashley, Paris, KY	40
Kreger, Mike & Kathy, Pleasant View, TN, Save India	25
Lakewood Baptist Church, Harrison, TN	36
Moore, Alma, Vanceburg, KY	6
Ransom Baptist Mission, Richmond, KY	50
Reese, Patty Lou, Mt. Vernon, KY	50
Reeves, John & Delene, Wichita Falls, TX	20
Roberts, Savannah, Westerville, OH	6
Rogers, Edward, Sevierville, TN	20
Smith, Bob, Miamiesburg, OH (In Memory of Mary Smith)	25
Temple Baptist Church, Craigsville, WV	48
Thompson William & Carolyn, Mt. Vernon, KY	50
Trinity Missionary Bap. Church, Richmond, KY	226
Weitz, Mike & Linda, Cincinnati, OH, India Missions	30
Yalamanchili, Chowdary, Houston, TX	500
Total	2,064.02

II.II. OVERBEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

WEST INDIES MISSIONS FUND

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI, Emmanuel Jaggermath	55
Total	55

HOME MISSIONS

Harmony Baptist Church, Marengo, OH	40
Total	40

NATHAN RADFORD

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support	100
Bakker, Jason & Julie, Abingdon, VA, Support	100
Balmer, Thomas and Judith, Pedro, OH Prison Ministry Supplies	2000
Bible Baptist Church, Belva, WV, Support	50
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	29
Black, Gary and Sandra, Scott Depot, WV, Salary	120
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV, Salary	30
Bush, Dale & Pamela, Culloden, WV, As Needed	75
Calvary Bap. Ch., Hurricane, WV, Spec. Offering	150
Danielson, Betty, Titusville, PA, Salary	70
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV, Support	100
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook, OH, Salary	150
Emmanuel Bap. Ch., Bellbrook, OH, As Needed	125
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV, Salary	100
Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH, Support	50
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Salary	75
God's Lighthouse Ch., Cross Lanes, WV, Support	25
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentucky, WV, Salary	25
Grace Baptist Church, Lima, OH, Salary	250
Grace Baptist Church, Minford, OH, Support	165
Grace Baptist Church, Surgoinsville, TN, Salary	50
Harper, David, Concord, NC, Support	25
Harris, Ruby, Chareleston, WV, Support	20
Hernandez, Paul and Anne, Youngstown, PA, Support	50
Kincaid, John & Jane, Scott Depot, WV, Support	50
Lauffenburger, Frederick and Mary, Youngsville, PA Work Fund	50
Lemkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV, Personal	10
Lewis, Lowell & Sue, Milton, WV, Salary	25
Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV, Support	100
Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV, Hosp. Ministry	100
Loosenot, Kurt & Virginia, Grand Rapids, MI, Salary	100
Matheny, Charles & Betty, Newport Richey, FL, Expenses	20
May, Brian & Janet, New Haven, WV, Salary	50
Meyne, John and Kelley, Grand Rapids, MI, Support	50
Mintum, Timothy, Nitro, WV, Prison Ministry	150
Mitchell, Matthew & Holly, Fort Wayne, IN, Salary	100
Mitchell, Matthew & Holly, Fort Wayne, IN, Hosp. Min.	50
Nizio, James, Dearborn Heights, MI, Salary	10
Nizio, Victoria, Dearborn Heights, MI, Salary	10
Ortebein United Meth. Ch., Pittsfield, PA, Salary	330.8
Parker, Steven, Burlington, IA, Salary	10
Phalen, Larry & Naomi, Concord, NC, Salary	15
Ransom, Joseph and Vinila, Culloden, WV, As Needed	20
Rollins, David & Patricia, Liberty, WV, Salary	50
Rosemont Bap. Ch., Winston-Salem, NC Orphan Babies-Children	200
Seventh St. Bap. Ch., Cannelton, OH, As Needed	146
Smith, Doug & Anna, Hurricane, WV, Salary	30
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV, As Needed	100
Stalnaker, Ron & Gina, Glenville, WV, Salary	200
Stalnaker, Ron & Gina, Glenville, WV, Hosp. Min.	100
Standale Bap. Ch., Grand Rapids, MI, Support	400
Teays Valley Bap. Ch., Hurricane, WV, Support	100
Wade, James, Abingdon, VA, Salary	50
Wells, James & Jill, Nitro, WV, Where Needed	25
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV, Support	125
Wright, Randy & Teresa, Hurricane, WV, Support	100
Total	6,810.80

MIKE ANDERSON

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support	100
Allbritton, Tommy and Barbara, Scott Depot, WV, Salary	30
Bible Baptist Church, Creedmore, NC, Support	95
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	200
Bush, Dale & Pamela, Culloden, WV, As Needed	75
Calvary Bap. Ch., Hurricane, WV, Spec. Offering	150
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV, Support	116
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook, OH, Salary	150
Emmanuel Bap. Ch., Bellbrook, OH, As Needed	125
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY Helicopter Fund	100
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV, Salary	100
Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH, Support	100
Fellowship Baptist Church, Vienna, WV, Support	100
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary	25
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Salary	75
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentucky, WV, Salary	50
Grace Miss. Bap. Ch., Surgoinsville, TN, Salary	50
Harris, Ruby, Charleston, WV, Support	20
Harvesters Bible Class, Point Pleasant, WV (Main St. Baptist), Salary	100

Hodge, Joseph, Rockledge, FL, As Needed	100
Keeling, Pamela, Eleanor, WV, Miss. Ministries	30
Lemkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV, Personal	10
Matheny, Charles & Betty, Newport Richey, FL, Expenses	40
Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Chesapeake, OH, Salary	60
Mintum, Timothy, Nitro, WV, Medical Missions	100
Mt. Calvary Bap. Church, Charleston, WV, Salary	100
N.S. Community Outreach Ministries, Houston, TX Bush Ministry	120
Neidlinger, James and Ann, Nitro, WV, Where Needed	50
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary	100
Pack, Joe, South Charleston, WV, Salary	10
Ransom, Joseph and Vinila, Culloden, WV, As Needed	30
Rawley, Philip and Sarah, Rockwall, TX, Salary	350
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Salary	70
Riverside Baptist Church, Stanville, KY, Salary	25
Rocky Springs Miss. Bap. Ch., Piney Flats, TN, Support	50
Rosemont Bap. Ch., Winston-Salem, NC, Air Fund	200
Seventh Street Bap. Ch., Cannelton, IN, As Needed	130
Smith, Richard & Marcelyn, Ripley, WV, Salary	25
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV, As Needed	100
Sugar Creek Miss. Bap. Ch., Charleston, WV, Salary	150
Tyler, Ken & Kay, Greer, SC, Gift	25
Wade, James, Abingdon, VA, Personal	100
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV, Support	125
Total	3,861.00

ODALY BARROS

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support	100
Atlantic Shores Bap. Ch., Virginia Beach, VA, Support	200
Battlecreek Ind. Bap. Ch., South Pittsburg, TN, Salary	100
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	394
Calvary Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Alpha & Omega	140
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Salary	69.9
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Support	25
Hodge, Joseph, Rockledge, FL, As Needed	100
Joy Belles SS Class, Lexington, KY (Heritage Baptist Church), Personal	50
Lake Road Bap. Ch., Clio, MI, Stephanie Parker	35
Logan, Ronald & Judith, Lex., KY, Alpha & Omega	500
Lumpkin, Mary, Palmyra, TN, Support	25
Midkiff, Geneva, Booneville, IN, Alpha & Omega	100
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Assoc., Normantown, WV (Liberty Miss. Bapt. Church), Alpha & Omega	25
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI, Stephanie Parker	55
New Life Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Alpha & Omega	313
Patrick, Stephen & Marianne, Madison, FL, Alph. & Om.	140
Richland Bap. Ch., Livermore, KY, Alpha & Omega	140
Seventh Street Bap. Ch., Cannelton, IN, Alpha & Omega	100
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, Support	25
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH Stephanie Parker	75
Wannaville Bap. Ch., Stevenson, AL, Support	50
Warren, John & Vickie, Evansville, IN, Alpha & Omega	50
W.K.&W, Richmond, KY, As Needed	25
Wood, Nerece, Columbia, SC, Alpha & Omega	50
Total	2,846.90

HAROLD BRATCHER

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support	70
Ashland Ave. Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Support	82.67
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	100
Bratcher, Debra, Mesquite, TX, Personal	50
Brooksbury Bap. Church, Madison, IN, Personal	317
Calvary Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Poverty Relief	100
Clarksville Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Poverty Relief (Ladies Prayer Group), Personal	50
Edwards, Wilgus & Maria, Booneville, KY, Salary	10
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Salary	69.61
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, KY, Support	30
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed	50
Grace Baptist Church, Roseville, MI, Support	50
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Support	200
Hillcrest Bap. Church, Winston-Salem, NC, Salary	100
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH, Salary	35
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH, Personal	65
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Salary	70
Total	1,549.58

MIKE CREIGLOW

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, New Work	70
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN, Boat Gas	80
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	200
Bible Bap. Ch., Harrisburg, IL, Andrew Creiglow	129
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN, Salary	25
Calvary Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Andrew Creiglow	100
Creiglow, M & H, Chandler, TX, Andrew Creiglow	50
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Food Pantry	209.72
Emmanuel Bap. Ch., Bellbrook, OH, Salary	150
Faith Miss. Bap. Ch., Leighton, AL, As Needed	200
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed	50
Grace Baptist Church, Roseville, MI, Support	50
Grace Miss. Baptist Church, Columbia, TN, Personal	50
Lake Road Bap. Church, Clio, MI, Andrew Creiglow	35
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY, Motor Gas	25
Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL, Salary	5
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI, Support	175
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary	60
Pleasant Ridge Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Personal	200
Proctor, Evelyn, Clermont, FL, Support	50
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Salary	70
Total	1,983.72

HAROLD DRAPER

Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, New Work	70
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	220
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH, Salary	50
Chapel Hill Bap. Ch., Nicholasville, KY, As Needed	73
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, KY, Support	40
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Support	50
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Personal	209.72
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed	50
Grace Baptist Church, Roseville, MI, Support	50
Hardman Fork Bap. Ch., Normantown, WV, As Needed	1100
Hillcrest Bap. Church, Winston-Salem, NC, Salary	100
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, New Work	60
Mt. Calvary Bap. Church, Belleville, MI, Support	100
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Salary	70
Rosedale Bap. Church, Rosedale, WV, As Needed	200
Seventh Street Bap. Ch., Cannelton, IN, As Needed	150
Southside Bap. Ch., Winter Haven, FL, Support	150
Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY, Support	100
W. K. & W, Richmond, KY, As Needed	25
Total	2,867.72

JOHN A. HATCHER

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Building	70
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	200
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN, Support	125
Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY, Alta's B'Day	200
Brown, Margaret, Lookout, WV, Personal	40
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary	25
Fujikawa, Ricardo, Novo Hamburgo, RS, Support	100
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed	50
Grace Baptist Church, Roseville, MI, Support	100

Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL, Salary	10
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, Support	25
Spicer, Huberts Emogene, South Bend, IN, New Work	300
Storms Creek Miss. Bap. Church, Ironton, OH, Marie	75
W. K. & W, Richmond, KY, As Needed	25
Wood, Nerece, Columbia, SC, Personal	200
Total	1,495.00

PAUL HATCHER

Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, Sem-Manaus	100
Ahava Bap. Ch., Plant City, FL, Seminary-Manaus	60
Allbritton, Tommy & Barbara, Scott Depot, WV, Seminary-Manaus	30
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	100
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN, Salary	25
Emmanuel Bap. Ch., Bellbrook, OH, Salary	150
Emmanuel Bap. Ch., Evansville, IN, Sem-Manaus	20
Grace Baptist Church, Roseville, MI, Support	50
Guthrie, Dr. Larry & Rachel, Athens, GA Michael Samples	100
Lake Road Bap. Ch., Clio, MI, Seminary-Manaus	30
Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL, Salary	5
Park Ridge Bap. Ch., Gotha, FL, Michael Samples	5
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, Support	25
W. K. & W, Richmond, KY, As Needed	25
Total	725.00

JOHN M. HATCHER

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support	70
Emmanuel Bap. Church, Evansville, IN, Personal	510
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary	25
Gerg, Galen & Tamara, Columbus, OH, Salary	



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Attendance in Services High ... Awaiting Birth of Fifth Grandchild ... God Is Blessing ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

August 6, 2007

It is time to write more news and I was reviewing the month to try to remember what all has happened. Judy is off to grocery shopping including going to the "Asian Market" to get corn on the cob. That happens to be one of my favorite things to eat and something that French people do not consume. So, when we can get it I eat what Judy sets before me and give thanks. This beginning probably makes you think we are human - and we are! In my personal reading this morning I read about "us bearing the treasure of the Gospel of Jesus in jars of clay." How true this is and how I seem to be reminded of it this month.

One of the highlights of this month has been Joachim Illenberger starting to lead the adults teaching time once per month. He was saved about two-and-a-half years ago and has really been growing in the Lord. I will attach a picture of his baptism. Philip and Amanda have been very instrumental in discipling this family.

Though, as usual, people are out of town a lot at this time of the year, our attendance has been higher than most summers. In my last letter I mentioned that we had a record attendance the last Sunday of June. I forgot to mention that it was thirty-four. We have had nearly that many in the past, in the early days of the work here, but those coming now are in for the long haul. It appears. Most of the people who attended at first were not French and were only living in the area for a short time. They have since moved away. We are grateful for the opportunity that we had to share the gospel with them and still have contact with some of them, living in other countries. God is at work in their lives. Displaced people are often much more likely to open up to the Gospel. We, however, are glad that now we have a nucleus of people that we believe God is putting together to build a lively church in this community.

This would be a good time to remind you that there is no other Baptist, or Presbyterian, or Pentecostal, or any kind of assembly in this city of about 27,000. There is only one Catholic church and one small synagogue that meets in a house. There are only about 5,000 people professing to be "Baptist" in the entire country with a population of 60,000,000. There are only about 100 - 150 Baptist churches of all stripes for 37,000 cities and towns in France. The silver lining in this cloud is that we don't have many church hoppers. Over half of the country's population claims to be atheist. We thank God for the privilege of proclaiming the gospel here. It is our desire to see many churches meeting in the homes of believers just like in New Testament times. This may seem very unusual to you, but we believe that this is what God wants us to do. The entire annual budget of Baptist Faith Missions would not be enough to build one church building here for fifty people. It would take years to do the paper work and get it built.

Philip and Amanda, who owned a house in the United States that they bought while Philip was still in college, cannot afford to buy even a modest house here though he has been an engineer for several years and though they are very frugal with their income. Our rent is nearly the same as our monthly salary. My mom worries about how we eat. But, we do eat and we thank Emmanuel Baptist of Evansville for supplementing our income. You can see the personal amount in the Mission Sheets. We thank each of you who support us faithfully. We don't talk about costs much because I have an aversion to doing that and because we have a God who blesses us immensely.

All of our meetings are in our home or someone else's house. We now have meetings in three homes regularly and occasionally elsewhere. We use our humble abode, (1,200 sq. feet), to live in, worship in, have Sunday School in, Vacation Bible School, etc. Part of our work each week is setting up for "services" and then putting the house back in "living mode." We do not plan to ever build a building here. It would take us a lot of fund raising and the rest of our lives to do so. We would rather see God start several churches in homes that the owners or renters make available to the Lord. Please, don't think that I am against church buildings in the U.S.A. or anywhere else in the world. I have done a lot of construction work on church buildings myself. It is just that God has a plan that fits each place so that the unchanging Gospel of Jesus can be proclaimed. Only one church in history met in "Solomon's Porch." Please, keep praying for us and give thanks for what God is doing.

We are not complaining or trying to impress you. We are just explaining why we believe God wants us to work the way we do. We are thrilled that God has placed us here. One time when I was visiting a church in the U.S.A., a member asked me, "Isn't life over there about as easy as it is here?" I wanted to ask him, "What in the world is the point of that question?" I refrained and gave him a civil answer (I hope), "Yes." We are glad that not everyone is blinded to what God has called His children to be and do. Most of us have an easier life than our grandparents. Does this mean that the world needs the Gospel less today than during their lifetime? "You are the light of the world" where you are. "You are the salt of the earth." Sometimes I just have to preach a little!

We are thrilled to be awaiting the birth of our fifth grandchild. It will be the first for David and Dulce Hatcher who are missionaries in Kyrgyzstan. We are delighted that God is using our four children as missionaries where they are. It doesn't get much better than that.

Gratefully in France to share the unbelievably good news, John and Judy Hatcher
PS - Judy did not find fresh corn, but she did bring home some rhubarb!



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Faithful Member Passes Away ... All Works Going Well ...

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

August 7, 2007

I'm so glad to be a part of the family of God! As we get older and see so many of our friends and family go out into eternity, we are made to face the reality of death and the blessing of eternal life in our Lord Jesus Christ. This past week we were involved full-time with a family who was losing their mother and wife. Her name is Vera (and will forever be Vera). You will meet her one glad day. She was eighty-three-years-old and was very frail, but very faithful in one of our churches. She loved to sing praise to her Lord. Last Friday I went to the intensive care unit to see her knowing that her time was near. As I approached the door to go in her doctor came out and told me that she had just died. I thought she is not dead, she just has flown away to be in the presence of her Lord. Even death becomes a friend to the children of God!

We have been invited to her home several times to eat fried fish. She delighted in serving the Lord and his servants. What a testimony she left. How easy it was for me to speak at her funeral.

We made a trip to the Novo Diamantino work this month. A young man has started coming to that church from another denomination and seems to want to know the truth. He was a pastor for six years, but knows hardly anything about the Word of God. His name is Leonardo. Our preacher there is working with him to try and help him. The old car we have been using there has played out. The motor has been overhauled three times and is shot. It is twenty-one-years-old and not worth investing anything into. We are trying to sell the pastoral house there so we can have some funds to purchase a better car and build onto the building. Pray with us about this. We will go there next week again to work on this project.

Pray for us as we go into the hot dry and dusty season. Each year at this time I have to be careful not to get a bad case of bronchial congestion or pneumonia. Ursula went to the doctor here yesterday and got a refill on her medicine. She is starting to swell bad again as the weather gets hotter.

All in all our works are going pretty well. We have many doors open to preach the gospel and also have many adversaries. Most of them are false preachers, churches and religions. May the Lord bless all of you.

Yours in Him, Harold & Ursula Draper



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In States For Furlough ... Looking Forward To Visits ... All Works Are Growing ...

Dear Praying Friends,

July 26, 2007

Our summer has flown by and we are in the final stages of preparing to return to the U.S. Please note our new address. So far, we don't know what our phone number will be, but you can reach us through the address listed.

We hosted the Baptist Faith Missions Adventures Team last month and they were such a blessing to us. Some of our dear friends were on this team; Hollis and Mary Jo Walter, as well as Pastor Brian May. We also met some new friends and they each one blessed us so much and our people here in Kenya. Pam's sister and brother-in-law, Barb and Randy Jones, headed the team and did an excellent job as always. The team was able to do a medical ministry in the bush, teach in our Bible Institute, paint the women's building in the prison, preach in the morning service at Bethel, teach Sunday School, and do many other things in the short time that they were with us. We can truthfully say that we hated to see them leave. Their encouragement meant so much to us.

Our churches are growing. Our newest church, Wananchi Baptist, outside of Kitale, is doing well. This past Sunday, there were people standing up for the service as there weren't enough seats. The building that the church rents is small, but it is an encouragement that we need to build more benches now for people to sit on. The pastor has started a youth Bible club and is discipling youth to reach out to others. This is the church that the former prisoners are involved in and God is blessing the evangelism and visitation efforts of the pastor, the youth, and the former prisoners, who have laid a good foundation in the community.

Imani, our second church, is slowly growing. The pastor there has a neighborhood Bible club in the area with between twenty-five to forty youths attending each week. Now there is also a Bible club at the church on Saturdays and some of these youth are attending church and becoming involved. The pastor and another faithful member are visiting and God is blessing their efforts. We just need more good male leadership in this church.

Bethel Baptist is also slowly growing with more visitors attending. We have sent a young man from this church to Nairobi for training in children's ministry. He will be in school for the next four months. When he finishes, we want him to help each church in their Bible clubs and in ministering to children and youth. Also, we hope to get regular Bible clubs started in public schools around our churches later on.

The hospital ministry and community ministries are going well, too. We will really miss the people here, as these are our flock, and we will miss them so much. Please do pray for the works while we are gone. It will be great having Roger and Julie Tate and their family with us next year. They will be a tremendous help to us as we strengthen the churches, Bible Institute, and expand the outreach ministries and evangelism. Thanks so much for all of your financial support, e-mails and letters to encourage us, and your prayers on our behalf. We look forward to seeing many of you while we are on furlough to thank you in person for all that you have meant to us. May our Lord richly bless each of you and your labors for Him.

Your grateful missionaries, Mike and Pam



The BFMA team in front of the building in the bush that was used for a medical clinic to treat patients



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Letter From Our Newest Missionary Roger Tate ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

August 9, 2007

Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Julie and I are so excited! We are now only about six months away from leaving the United States and heading to Africa to begin language school and our new missionary ministry. Oh, how we long for lasting fruit from this ministry in the form of converted hearts and planted churches. If we didn't know how big our God was and how much He loved us, this would be daunting. Thank God for His daily grace in our lives.

We have been out in the churches raising support for five months now. What a joy it has been meeting so many new brothers and sisters and seeing so many churches standing for the truth of God's word. How could we not praise our Lord for so many mission minded, mission supporting churches and saints? With your love and support you all have made this whole deputation process much less cumbersome than I anticipated. God has broadened the sphere of our ministry from our home church in Dayton, Ohio, to include dozens of churches and hundreds of God's people in Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. Currently scheduled trips see us traveling in our own region and also going as far as Missouri in September and Florida in October. Special thanks to those churches who we visited in the last couple of weeks: New Life Baptist, Pastor Steven Wainright; Emmanuel Baptist, Pastor Mark Campbell; Dearborn Baptist, Pastor Darrell Sparks; Kings Chapel, Pastors Tom Wells and Newton Bush; Seventh Street Baptist, Pastor Rill Van Nunen; and Pleasant View Baptist, Pastor Chuck Hunt. Extra special thanks goes to the two churches that voted in July to take us on for support: Cornerstone Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, Pastor Jonathon Gordon; and Addyston Baptist Church in Addyston, Ohio, Pastor David Pitman. Beloved, we couldn't do the Lord's work without your support. May the Lord richly bless you and your churches.

To all our praying friends here are some things to keep before the Lord on our behalf. First, pray for Julie and the kids as they began their homeschooling year on August 6th. We started this early in order to complete two full terms of school before leaving the U.S. in January. Pray for God's strength and wisdom to get our schooling in even in the midst of all our traveling to the various churches. Second, we will be putting our house up for sale probably early in September. Please pray that God would send us the right buyer at the right time and that He would prepare our hearts to part with our Dayton home.

If any of you churches or pastors are interested in having us visit you and present our burden and work to Kenya to you and your church, we would be more than thrilled to come and visit you. The best way to reach me is to call my home phone: 937-293-9987. We hope to hear from some of you soon.

May God's peace and joy be with you, Roger, Julie, Emily, Amy and Josiah Tate