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53rd ANNUAL BFM THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE

November 19-21 • New Hope Missionary Baptist Church • Dearborn Heights, MI

Following is the schedule for the 53rd Annual Thanksgiving Conference in the interest of Baptist Faith Missions at the New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, Michigan. This year we will have a children's class provided for children ages five through ten during the conference. This class will be taught by Sister Sue Jones. For directions or information regarding hotel accommodations please call Terry Adkins at (313) 562-5579. Please pray for the speakers and the Missions Conference.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Monday, November 10, 2007

5:00 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Music
7:15 p.m. Pastor George Sledd
8:25 p.m. Missionary Nathan Radford

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

9:15 a.m. Music
9:45 a.m. Missionary Mike Anderson
10:30 a.m. Pastor Dave Parks
11:15 a.m. Missionary Roger Tate
12:00 Noon Lunch
1:30 p.m. BFM Advisory Meeting & Open Forum (All Invited to Attend)

5:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

8:25 p.m.

Wednesday, November 21, 2007

9:45 a.m. Music
10:15 a.m. Pastor John Lybrook
11:00 a.m. Music
11:15 a.m. Pastor Steve Wainright
12:00 Noon Thanksgiving Lunch



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Visiting Supporting Churches ... Attend Missionary Care Seminar ... Pray For Granddaughter ...

Dear Special Friends,
Greetings from Kentucky. Currently, we are in Science Hill, Kentucky, at a mission conference held at the First Baptist Church where Pastor Ed Massey is pastor. We are staying with Brother Bobby Creiglow, who is a former BFM missionary, who served thirty-three years in Brazil. It was such a blessing to see Roger and Julie Tate at this conference as they will be leaving in January to start language school so that they can join our team later next year in Kenya.

We are visiting our supporting churches now and getting reacquainted with our 'rope holders,' who are a big part of our team. They hold the ropes here in prayer and support for us so that we can minister in Kenya. Each of you is a vital extension of the Lord's work in Kenya and we cannot thank you enough for your prayers, financial support, love, and encouragement to us. We deeply appreciate the e-mails and cards that we receive. It is great to see you all again and thank you for what you have meant to us.

Last month we attended a missionary care seminar in Michigan for three weeks to gain additional training in missions. We had classes on conflict management, depression, loss and grief, forgiveness, stress management, facing adversities, communications, how to deal with various personalities on the field, burnout, and many other topics. Each time that we are on furlough, Pam and I try to go to classes that we feel will help us in doing a better job of ministering for our Lord in Kenya. So, our time there was well spent, and we look forward to using what we have learned when we return to Kenya at the end of January, 2008.

We receive e-mails from time to time from our pastors in Kenya and the works are going on well. The pastors of our two churches have joined with the pastor of our third church to try to help him, as this work is new and he needs help in establishing leadership and discipling. Also, the de-worming clinics are continuing on as well as the Bible clubs. We really miss our people and are thrilled to hear from them.

Our little granddaughter, Kailyn Rose Austin, who was born on August 30th at seven months, is progressing. She weighed 2 pounds and 2 ounces at birth, but is now weighing 2 pounds and 10 ounces. She has had fluid in her lungs and was very puffy, as well as had a general body infection. She is still losing the fluid in her lungs, but has healed from the infection. Kailyn is now five weeks old and remains in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at the University of Michigan Hospital. She will probably be there until about Thanksgiving, as this was her due date and she still has a long way to go before she can be discharged. The doctors are hoping to take her off of the ventilator next week as she is beginning to breathe much more on her own now, so she will be weaned off. Please continue to pray for Kailyn that God would completely heal her. Also, pray for her parents, Graig and Sara Austin, as this is a trial for them, too. Sara is our daughter, and her husband, Graig, is a missionary stateside at the University of Michigan on the campus there.

If you would like for us to visit your church, please contact us soon as we are actively visiting churches now and have an eleven minute DVD to show of the work in Kenya. Lord willing, we will be here in the States until the end of January, when we will return to Kenya and those that we love there. Our information is at the top of this page and we would love to hear from you and look forward to seeing many of you. May our Lord richly bless each of you and your labors for Him here in the States while we still have opportunity. We appreciate you and thank you for your interest and prayers for us.

Many Blessings, Mike and Pam (Philippians 1:3)



Our newest granddaughter, Kailyn Rose Austin. She was born at 28 weeks and is in the newborn intensive care at the University of Michigan. Our daughter, Sara, is holding her.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE 2007 THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE

It is not too late for you to make plans to attend our Thanksgiving Conference if you haven't already done so. We encourage every supporting church to attend by way of your pastor and/or other interested members. We also hope you will provide traveling expenses for your pastor to make it convenient for him to come. It will be an encouraging and uplifting experience, and he will come back to you inspired and recharged - and there is no better way to stay informed and updated on the ministries of our missionaries. Our purpose and goal for each of our Conferences is to promote increased INTEREST...INVOLVEMENT...and INVESTMENT in the missionaries financed through Baptist Faith Missions. Call Pastor Adkins if you need help with directions or motel recommendations.

2007 THANKSGIVING OFFERING GOAL: \$100,000.00

Please read the enclosed appeal letter and give as God gives you Grace.



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Very Busy Month ... Uncle Passes Away ... Celebrate 65th Birthday ...

Dear Fellow-saints, October 9, 2007

We have had another busy month. We made the trip to Primavera do Leste that we mentioned in our last letter. I preached for four nights and taught Sunday School. Many came to hear the word preached. Brother Osmar and family are doing a great work. The Lord is opening doors for them to find a way to help out in their financial needs. He is a carpenter and welder and is getting a little work. They have only been there for five months and the work has grown. We enjoyed the cooler weather there for a few days.

Our work in Jardim Fortaleza is slowly growing and hopefully we will be able to organize it next year. They will have a baptism on December 29th. We will try and get pictures of it. Pastor Wagner and family are doing a good work there. He has finished his course in education and is doing substitute teaching there now. Pray with us that they will be able to find permanent employment as they labor in this difficult area.

Our church at Altos do Coxipo is going through a trial. A neighbor is causing confusion. He complains that we are bothering him and makes threats against our young pastor and family. Pray with us that the Lord will take care of them and touch the heart of this poor man. We had to go to the police station the other night because of his unruly conduct. We only do this when there is no other way out.

My uncle James Draper passed away this past week. He lived eighty-four years and served his Master for most of his life. He was a Baptist preacher and teacher of the word. He was a good example to his children, family and friends. He will be missed. We wouldn't want him to come back, but will miss him very much. He was my father's brother.

We thank the Lord that he has allowed me to have my 65th birthday. I just signed up for Medicare. I marvel at His grace, mercy and love to me. I ask that you continue to pray for Ursula and I as we continue on. We have some health problems and are slowing down some. We run just as hard as we ever did. It just takes us longer to get there! We thank you all for your faithful support. Please pray for Sister Tereza Santos who has advanced lung cancer. Her husband Miqueas Santos pastors the Chacara dos Pireiros Baptist Church in Cuiaba. God bless until next month.

Yours in HIM, Harold & Ursula Draper

Continue To Pray For Us And Give To The General Fund ...



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October 5, 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Blessed Savior:

This Mission Sheets month began September 10th and ended today, October 5th. During these days I preached five sermons, all five at the 24th of March Baptist Church, where I am pastor. One of the five was different and difficult due to the fact that I was recuperating from a sick spell - dysentery, with many aches and pains especially stomach pains, weakness, loss of appetite, and many hours spent sleeping. I preached in weakness Sunday morning the 23rd of September. I was able to attend the Sunday night service with Marie and heard a visiting layman preach. Wednesday night, the 26th, we attended Prayer

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Baptize Twenty-three . . . Please Pray For Our Missionary Rivaldo . . .

Dear Brethren,

October 1, 2007

The trip up the Moa River started out as normal as rain. On Saturday, I already had my motor on the boat and ready to go. Sunday I taught and preached all day at First Baptist. Monday was office work and buying supplies and gasoline for the trip. Tuesday I taught four seminary classes and had a training class for church leaders that night. On Wednesday, my son-in-law, Dauro, took me as far as Mancio Lima to start my trip up river. The river is so low that we had to carry the boat and all the gear about fifty yards from the bank to the little stream. A few minutes after getting on my way I had to stop and make some adjustments to the boat and motor. From there it was just a few hours up stream to Sao Salvador. I went by myself, so what else is new?

I held just one service with the folks at Sao Salvador and went on up river the next morning. By noon I was already at the Nukini Indian reservation at Republica. We had two services and the building was full and people standing both nights.

On Saturday morning I took our missionary Rivaldo and one of his sons with me on up to the work at Serra do Moa (mountains on the Moa River). Two other canoes went ahead of us with twelve people. Once again the building was packed, with people standing and others outside for the Saturday night service. One young man was saved.

On Sunday morning we had a class about baptism. We then went down river to baptize some of those from Republica and others from Serra. I baptized twenty-three in all; eight from Republica and fifteen from Serra. Everyone was rejoicing at the growth and blessings that God has been bringing through the faithful work of missionary Rivaldo. He manages to take care of both congregations and still has a couple of preaching points in between.

Then events took a turn to the very ugly. After the baptism, three of our most faithful members from Republica asked to talk to me immediately about a major problem that had just surfaced. Over the last few months they had suspected that Rivaldo's wife was having an affair. They confronted her on Friday night and she confessed and said that she was going to run away on Saturday while we were up river. What a blow!

Since I am very cautious about committing myself on things that I have heard from others, I decided not to mention anything to Rivaldo until we got back to Republica the same day. One other reason that I chose our arrival back at his home village was that on Friday we had agreed that his wife would be there to meet us with some seeds that we had picked and left to dry on Thursday. Their house is a ten-minute walk inland. If she was there then I would try to find out what was going on. If she wasn't there, then I would know that things had gone even worse. Now try to imagine this: Rivaldo is sitting in the bow of my boat happy and proud about all the good things that had just happened. I'm sitting in the back of the boat piloting through all the stumps and shallows, heartbroken for my brother and praying constantly that the Lord would give me grace to break the news to him.

When we finally pulled in his daughter was there, but no wife. Rivaldo was waving, glad to see his daughter, but totally in the dark about what is about to hit him. As soon as he got a closer look at his girl he knows something is wrong and asks. She started to sob and says, "Our mother has gone away." Rivaldo just says, "What do you mean?" She repeats the same thing and nothing registers with Rivaldo. Then she blurts out, "My mother ran away with Pretinho." His world came crashing down. He stood there holding his daughter, twisting from side to side, and staring into nothing.

Well, I can't tell you all that we went through over the next several hours and days, for lack of space, but here is where we are right now. I postponed my return to Cruzeiro do Sul to stay with him and his children. We had services that night so that I could calm down the congregation and give them instructions. Just before services Rivaldo and his boy sat down on the front pew with their guitars and began to play. He sat there and sang all four verses of "Nearer My God to Thee." Only God's grace could make that happen. *Knowing me the way I know me, I would not even been at church. I would have been out trying to find somebody to kill!*

Please pray for Rivaldo and the children. There are six of them. The oldest is sixteen and the youngest is three. When the twelve-year-old boy got ready to go to school and it was time for him to tell me good-bye, he threw his arms around me and had a good cry. I have cried plenty myself. It has been a tough week.

My wife, family and church had no idea why I did not come back to town. It was hard on them, but Rivaldo needed me there.

One of the blessings that has already come out of the sorrow is that I was able to sit down with the Indian chief and other village leaders and talk to them for hours about Christ and also how to better take care and respect Rivaldo and the church in their midst. There are many who would like to run the church out of the village, but they now know that that is not likely to happen.

Today I will be taking Rivaldo to talk to the police and a lawyer. The man who took his wife is an escaped convict and wanted for murder and drug trafficking. He stole Rivaldo's gasoline to be able to steal his wife! I had to send gasoline up river so that Rivaldo could get to town to start work on the legal part of the problem. Please pray. What a mess!

There you have it. Another one of my bizarre experiences in His service.

In Christ, Mike Creiglow



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Begin 53rd Year In Brazil . . . Urai Baptist Church Established . . .

Dear Friends,

September 24, 2007

This month begins our 53rd year in Brazil as missionaries with the churches of BFM. We thank God for this blessing and for the privilege of having your fellowship in prayers and financial support for these many years.

Since no baggage could be sent unaccompanied, I had to fly to New York and sail with our baggage on September 6, 1955. Alta flew one month later with our four small children and we met in Belem.

Brother Paul Galley met me in Manaus and we flew back to Belem to meet Alta and the children.

We worked in the north of Brazil for twenty years, then in the State of Sao Paulo for thirteen years, and the rest of the time we have been in the State of Parana.

SEPTEMBER 2007 WAS A GOOD MONTH - On the seventh of September the Urai Baptist Church was formally established with about twenty-five members. Nine pastors were present and about 300 persons from sister churches that have been started from BFM work. The new church called Marcio Moraes as pastor who was saved in the work at Duartina. His wife was saved and baptized in Garca. The church here has three mission points, one being Assai, where Alta and I work. On September 16th, two young men were baptized into the new church.

ONE DAY BIBLE CONFERENCE - On the seventh of September, the Urai church sponsored a one day Bible Conference whose theme was obeying the Great Commission. The formal organization of the Urai church was during the afternoon session. It was the first time the ladies and young people had a conference experience to prepare for and they did a marvelous job. Carol's parents came from Garca to help. They prepared breakfast for those coming from other places, noon meal for all, and lunch in the evening for those traveling home.

Praise the Lord for this new body of Christ and their work, their pastor and family and their members. There are about five or six young men who are preparing for the ministry and are active in the work.

ASSAI - There are about ten or twelve children and adults who attend irregularly the service in Assai. Since my stroke Alta and I only go on Sunday morning for one service. Edson, the son of Maria, a widow, who attends, was operated on for colon cancer that had spread to other organs. Edson made a profession of faith and is recuperating from surgery. He is married and has two small children. Pray he will be faithful and for the salvation of his wife.

Your servants for Jesus' sake, John and Alta Hatcher



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Thankful For Your Support . . . Veronique Baptized . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October 1, 2007

We don't say it enough: Thanks for your faithfulness in supporting the work of the Lord. We are thankful that the Lord has placed us here giving us the privilege of sharing the gospel with those who have never heard and helping those who trust Christ to grow up in Him. We thank the Lord for your partnership in this ministry. So, it is a joy to report some of the events of the past month.

On the 23rd of September, Veronique followed the Lord in baptism. This is the lady who trusted the Lord on the day that she

had planned her suicide. She invited several friends to whom she has been witnessing. There were visitors brought by others in the congregation, as well. It was a great opportunity to preach the gospel. The Lord provided a borrowed pool where there was "much water" so that we could baptize. The neighbor across the street saw me out and said, "I missed your service today." So, I explained that we had the service elsewhere for baptism. She then asked how old the child was who was baptized. This gave me the opportunity to explain how we only baptize those who have personally placed their faith in Christ. I also reminded her that we baptize by immersion and what that represents. This was just one more opportunity to present the gospel to her. She apologized for having forgotten what I had explained to her before. I was glad that she missed our service. They can hear the worship from their home.

A couple of weeks ago, I went to see Aude and her parents who live in the center of France. This is about a four hour drive. Aude trusted the Lord a little over three years ago while in the U.S.A. as a student. We had been in briefly in their home a couple of times previously. The parents are not believers and have some difficulty understanding what is happening in their daughter's life. I had the opportunity to talk at some length with her mother. We had a good cordial visit with Aude's father, as well. He even took us mushroom hunting. There is a great need for a gospel witness in Limousine, the area where they live. It is about 300 miles from us and is presently beyond our range of operation. It is heartbreaking to see most of France with no gospel witness.

We were delighted to hear that Faith Baptist Church in Kirksville, Missouri, has enjoyed the visit of some French students. We don't know the spiritual status of these young ladies. Sometimes, God uses the time away from family and home culture to touch the lives of those who come from countries where there is a scarcity of Gospel proclamation. May God bless the interest that Pastor Glenn Archer and the church have shown to college students and may we encourage you to do likewise. Many foreign students study in the U.S., many of them from countries that are closed to missionaries.

One of the necessities when working in another country is paperwork! The first step is to apply for the right to enter the country to do religious work. We have to apply yearly for a one-year permit to live here. After doing this for several years one can apply for a ten-year permit. We did this at the end of 2005. In July we were informed that this had been derailed and that our legal status was irregular. Unfortunately, this caused me more anxiety than it should have. I must confess my weakness as I did to the Lord. After several trips to the mayor's office where this process has to be filed, one of the agents said, "We don't know what to do, take your file and make an appointment to see the people in the national office." I will not go into detail, but God worked it out in a way that made it evident that He had intervened and we are now back on track. We do not have the long term permit yet, but the agent with whom we spoke was very kind and indicated that we should receive it. And, our status is no longer "irregular!"

The Lord willing we are going to Manaus, Brazil, to celebrate my parents 60th wedding anniversary. We will be there during the last week of December and the first part of January. It has been fifteen years since we have been to Manaus. I am grateful for the parents that God gave me and for the health that He has given them. We are looking forward to our visit with our friends and the churches there. We plan to be in the U.S. at the end of January to help Dulce and David following the birth of their first child, our 5th grandchild.

During the month of February I would be delighted to visit your church. You can contact us by email, mail or phone. The contact information is in the header of this letter.

Until next month, John and Judy Hatcher



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Still Preparing To Go To Kenya . . . Spending Time With The Anderson's . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October 1, 2007

Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. It is less than four months now before we will leave for language school in Tanzania. We have until the end of October to get out of our house. We will be moving into an apartment about one-half-mile from the house we just sold and be staying in it for the last three months we will be in the United States. When we have been at home, which hasn't been much lately, I am working hard to get all of our stuff packed. I have a large spreadsheet I put together with all of our household items and their final destinations. It has been a challenge trying to decide what goes to Kenya, what gets stored at Julie's parents house in Michigan, what goes temporarily to the apartment, what gets sold, and what gets thrown away.

This past week we traveled a thousand miles with our dear friends and future teammates Mike and Pam Anderson. It has been so good to spend time with them, asking them hundreds of questions about Kenya related subjects and talking about our future ministry together. As I talked with them my heart began to burn within me to quickly get to Kenya and begin ministering there. We so look forward to being with them in Kenya and pray for many years of fruitful ministry together. We said good-bye to them just this afternoon as we both go our separate ways for now presenting the work to the churches.

September was a busy travel month for us. We visited eight churches in six states presenting our work and burden for the glory of God in Kenya. The Archer's did indeed survive the week that we spent with them at the beginning of the month when we visited First Baptist Church in Kirksville, Missouri. One of the highlights of the week for me was handing out tracks at the local Truman State University. We talked with many college students that day and even had three young ladies from the University come to our Sunday morning services as a result of our efforts. Our other travels took us to Harmony Baptist Church, Godfrey, Illinois, (Pastor Ralph Blake); Calvary Baptist, Piqua, Ohio, (Pastor Wayne Bricker); Lake Road Baptist, Clio, Michigan, (Pastor Doug Armstrong); Immanuel Baptist, Riverview, Michigan, (Pastor Denny Herndon); Emmanuel Baptist, Evansville, Indiana, (Pastor John Newland and Pastor Tom Falwell); Bible Baptist, Harrisburg, Illinois, (Pastor Art Donnelly); and Mt. Carmel Baptist in Normantown, West Virginia, where I spoke to the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association and stayed with Pastor Darrell Hashman. My five year old son, Josiah, and I made this trip alone so this made the trip more adventurous. Josiah and I had a great time traipsing through the hills of West Virginia and meeting the great, kind, and generous folks of the Association. Thank you again to all the churches and saints that have helped us along the way. Anyone interested in having us come present the work to your church (or adopt a cat!) may contact me at 937-293-9987 or via email at rojuta@sbcglobal.net.

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

BRATCHER

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Meeting and I, (Thank you, Lord), was almost completely cured. I heard five sermons, two by Ediberto and one by Gean Lomas Alves, a lay preacher from the Zion Baptist Church. Last night Alexandre Braz brought the message. He is only fifteen years old, but brought a good message about the potter and the clay. The other message I heard was delivered at the regular monthly meeting of the Brazilian Baptist Faith Missions.

Thursday afternoon the 27th, four members of the "Amar" (To Love) Baptist Church visited us, and for more than an hour interviewed us as to our ministry of sixty years: twelve years in the States

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Baptist Faith Missions SEPT. 2007 OFFERINGS

GENERAL FUND

Abava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL	100
Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY (Giving Friends)	70
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY	60
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY	340.88
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenite, NC	300
Berry Baptist Church, Berry, KY	400
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Bristol, TN	60
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN	475
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	449
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	1057.32
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY	100
Careiro Baptist Mission, Manaus, Brazil	20
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV	200
Charity Baptist Church, Frametown, WV	300
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	640
Cornerstone Miss. Bap. Church, McDermott, OH	95
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	775
East Maine Baptist Church, Niles, IL	200
Elgin Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL	404
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	348.1
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Irvine, KY	100
Emmanuel Miss. Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY	488
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO	432
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY	450
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Leighton, AL	100
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY	1000
First Baptist Church, Science Hill, KY	125
First Baptist Church Of Niles, Niles, IL	172
Global Baptist Church, Golf, IL	200
Goldfloss Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	25
Grace Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY	100
Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Springs, MS	260
Harbor View Miss. Bap. Ch., Harbor View, OH	69
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV	500
Hardy, Ola, Guntown, MS	50
Hatcher, John & Alta, Manaus, Brazil	30
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	1300
Hunter, L.E. & Ada, Coffeen, IL (Giving Friends)	28
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI	500
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculum, AL	79.98
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC	25
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	60
King, Douglas & Ramona, Arcadia, FL	200
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	497.31
Leavittsburg Baptist Church, Warren, OH	150
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH	50
Matthews Memorial Church, Stevenson, AL	50
Mayfield, Raymond, & Carol, Fenton, MO (Giving Friends)	20
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	500
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Liberty Miss Baptist Church)	100
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Beech Grove Baptist Church)	50
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	682
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	437.44
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
Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	10
Virginia Friend	410
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL	200
SP, VA Giving Friend	50
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadieville, KY	50
Storms Creek Miss. Bap. Ch., Ironton, OH	2888.36
Templeman, Carl, Valparaiso, IN	25
Texas Friends	700
Trinity-Northbrook Bap. Church, Cincinnati, OH	60
Watkins, Bert & Louise, Richmond, KY (Giving Friends)	60
West Virginia Friends	240
York, Wallace & Doris, Princeton, KY	100
Total	24,458.39

BIBLES FOR INDIA (In Memory Of Louis Maple)

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	86
Anonymous	6.65
Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY	25
Bryan, Nina, Hoover, OH	5
Central Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, KY	10
Duffield, Linda, Pharr, TX	50
East Keys Baptist Church, East Keys, IL	15
Emmanuel Bap. Ch. Of Centerville, Centerville, OH	573
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Wyandotte, MI	160
High, Jack & Karen, Union, MS	100
Jones, Robert & Sue, Harrison, TN	50
Kreger, Mike & Kathy, Pleasant View, TN	25
Liberty Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN	165
New Hope Miss. Bap. Ch., Dearborn Heights, MI	20

and forty-eight here in Brazil, beginning in 1959. After that group left we were visited by four members of the Beautiful Garden Baptist Church. This church and their pastor desperately need our prayers as there are serious divisions in that church. Saturday morning the 29th, Ediberto and I attended a special business meeting of the Brazilian Baptist Faith Missions to discuss the problems of the Careiro Baptist Mission of the Beautiful Garden Baptist Church.

Continue to pray for us because we need the prayers of those we love. Also, continue to contribute to the Regular Fund as we need the designated offerings (personal and as needed) for us as the dollar rate is so low. It is now only 1 real and 72 centavos, the lowest since the year 2000, but prices continue to rise. Our thanks and appreciation (Muito Obrigado) to each contributor and prayer partner. May the Lord bless each one of you is our prayer.

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

Ramey, Tony & Sandra, Corbin, KY	50
Reese, Patty, Mt. Vernon, KY	70
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Marion, KY	273.01
Settle, Chris, Gary, IN	20
Short, Cynthia, Hot Springs, AR	35
Temple Baptist Church, Craigsville, WV	40
Vannetter, Mr. & Mrs. Todd, Trenton, OH	20
Weitz, Mike & Linda, Cincinnati, OH	15
Wilkinson, Shelia, Marion, KY	35
Wilson, Fred & Madeline, Xenia, OH	5
Total	1,853.66

H.H. 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 Jaggernauth	62
Total	62

HOME MISSIONS

Harmony Baptist Church, Marengo, OH	40
Total	40

NATHAN RADFORD

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support	100
Bakker, Jason & Julie, Chambersburg, PA, Support	50
Bethel Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Support	250
Bible Baptist Church, Belva, WV, Support	50
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	35
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV, Support	30
Bush, Dale & Pamela, Richmond, KY, Salary	100
Calvary Bap. Ch., Hurricane, WV, Spec. Offering	150
Danielson, Betty, Titusville, PA, Salary	20
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV, Support	100
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV, Salary	100
Fairview Bible Church, New Haven, WV, Salary	50
Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH, Support	50
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Salary	100
God's Lighthouse Church, Cross Lanes, WV, Salary	25
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentucky, WV, Salary	25
Grace Baptist Church, Lima, OH, Salary	250
Grace Miss. Bap. Ch., Surgoinville, TN, Salary	50
Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV, Salary	15
Harper, David, Concord, NC, Support	25
Harris, Ruby, Charleston, WV, Salary	10
Hernandez, Paul & Anne, Youngsville, PA, Salary	50
Kincaid, John & Jane, Scott Depot, WV, Support	100
Ladies For Missions, Minford, OH (Grace Baptist Church), Support	30
Lemkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV, Personal	10
Lewis, Lowell & Sue, Milton, WV, Salary	25
Lewis, Nathan & Abigail, North Ridgeville, OH, Pers. Min	300
Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV, Salary	100
Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV, Hos. Ministry	100
Loosenort, Kurt & Virginia, Grand Rapids, MI, Salary	100
Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL, Exp.	20
Minturn, Timothy, Nitro, WV, Prison Ministry	150
Mitchell, Matthew & Holly, Fort Wayne, IN, Salary	100
Mitchell, Matthew & Holly, Fort Wayne, IN, Hos. Min.	50
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary	105
Nizio, James, Dearborn Heights, MI, Salary	20
Parker, Steven, Burlington, IA, Salary	10
Rollins, David & Patricia, Liberty, WV, Salary	50
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. Church, Grand Rapids, MI, Support	400
Victory Baptist Church, Cross Lanes, WV, Salary	75
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	4,110.00

MIKE ANDERSON

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support	100
Bethel Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Support	250
Bible Baptist Church, Creedmore, NC, Support	190
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	200
Bush, Dale & Pamela, Richmond, KY, Salary	100
Calvary Bap. Ch., Hurricane, WV, Spec. Offering	150
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV, Support	117
Emmanuel Miss. Bap. Ch., Oldtown, KY, Helio Fund	100
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV, Salary	100
Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH, Support	100
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary	25
Friendship Baptist Church, Vienna, WV, Support	100
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Salary	100
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentucky, WV, Salary	50
Grace Miss. Baptist Church, Surgoinville, TN, Salary	50
Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV, Salary	15
Harris, Ruby, Charleston, WV, Salary	10
Harvesters Bible Class, Point Pleasant, WV (Main street Baptist), Salary	100
Hodge, Joseph & Frances, Rockledge, FL, As Needed	100
Keeling, Pamela, Eleanor, WV, Misc Ministries	30
Lemkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV, Personal	10
Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL, Exp.	40
Minturn, Timothy, Nitro, WV, Medical Missions	100
Mount Calvary Bap. Ch., Charleston, WV, Salary	100
Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Chesapeake, OH, Salary	60
Neidlinger, James & Ann, Nitro, WV, As Needed	25
N.S. Comm. Outreach Ministries, Houston, TX, Bush Min	120
Open Door Bible Church, Culloden, WV, Support	100
Pack, Joe, South Charleston, WV, Salary	10
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 Min.	200
Seventh Street Bap. Ch., Cannelton, IN, As Needed	130
Smith, Richard & Marcelyn, Ripley, WV, Salary	25

Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV, As Needed	100
Tyler, Ken & Kay, Greer, SC, Support	50
Wade, James, Abingdon, VA, Personal	100
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV, Support	125
Total	3,427.00

ODALI BARROS

Adams, W.H. & Arbia, Lexington, KY, As Needed	25
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support	100
Atlantic Shores Bap. Ch., Virginia Beach, VA, Support	200
Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY, As Needed	70
Battlecreek Ind. Bap. Ch., S. Pittsburg, TN, Support	100
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	400
Blake, S. David, Spartanburg, SC, Alpha & Omega	300
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV, Support	200
Calvary Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Alpha & Omega	120
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Salary	57.74
Hodge, Joseph & Frances, 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
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Assoc., Normantown, WV (Liberty MBC), Alpha & Omega	25
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI, Stephanie Parker	62
New Life Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Alpha & Omega	453.5
Northwoods Ch., Evansville, IN, Alpha & Omega	29.28
Richland Bap. Ch., Livermore, KY, Alpha & Omega	140
Seventh St. Bap. Ch., Cannelton, IN, Alpha & Omega	100
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, Support	25
Storms Cr. Miss. Bap. Ch., Ironton, OH, Stephanie Parker	75
W. K&W, Richmond, KY, As Needed	25
Total	2,692.52

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	100
Calvary Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Poverty Relief	100
Calvary Bap. Church, Uniontown, KY, As Needed	100
Clarksville Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Poverty Relief	100
Clarksville Baptist Church, Richmond, KY (Women's Prayer Group), Personal	50
Edwards, Wilgus & Maria, Booneville, KY, Salary	10
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Salary	57.74
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed	50
Grace Miss. Baptist Church, Roseville, MI, Support	50
Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV, Salary	15
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary	200
Hillcrest Bap. Ch., Winston-Salem, NC, Salary	100
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH, Salary	100
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Salary	70
Total	1,355.41

MIKE CREIGLOW

Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, New Work	70
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN, Boat Gas	55
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	200
Bible Bap. Ch., Harrisburg, IL, Andrew Creiglow	135
Calvary Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Andrew Creiglow	100
Creiglow, Mr. & Mrs. Harold, Chandler, TX, Andrew Creiglow	50
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL, Gas	25
Elliott Bap. Church, Elliott, MS, Food Pantry	173.22
Faith Miss. Baptist Church, Leighton, AL, Personal	200
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed	50
Grace Miss. Baptist Church, Roseville, MI, Support	50
King, Douglas & Ramona, Arcadia, FL, Andrew Creiglow	40
Lake Road Bap. Ch., Clio, MI, Andrew Creiglow	35
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY, Motor Gas	25
New Hope Miss. Bap. Ch., Dearborn Heights, MI, Support	125
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary	150
Pleasant Ridge Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Personal	200
Proctor, Evelyn, Clermont, FL, Support	50
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Salary	70
W.K&W, Richmond, KY, As Needed	25
Total	1,828.22

HAROLD DRAPER

Addyston Baptist 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	81.59
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, KY, Support	40
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Support	50
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Personal	173.22
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed	50
Grace Miss. Baptist Church, Roseville, MI, Support	50
Hardman Fork Bap. Ch., Normantown, WV, As Needed	1100
Hillcrest Bap. Ch., 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
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, Support	25
Southside Bap. Ch., Winter Haven, FL, Support	150
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV, As Needed	100
W.K&W, Richmond, KY, As Needed	25
Total	2,864.81

JOHN A HATCHER

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Building	70
Bethel Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Support	250
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	200
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN, Support	125
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary	25
Fujikawa, Mrs. Akiko, Iwakuni, Japan, Support	1000
Fujikawa, Ricardo, Novo Hamburgo, Brazil, Where Needed	246
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, KY, Support	30
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed	50
Grace Miss. Baptist Church, Roseville, MI, Support	50
Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL, Salary	10
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, Support	25
Storms Creek Miss. Bap. Church, Ironton, OH, Marie	75
W.K&W, Richmond, KY, As Needed	25
Wood, Nere, Columbia, SC, As Needed	150
Total	2,331.00

PAUL HATCHER

Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, Sem.-Manaus	100
Abava Bap. Ch., Plant City, FL, Seminary-Manaus	60
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	100
Blake, S. David, Spartanburg, SC, Church Planting	300
Emmanuel Bap. Ch., Evansville, IN, Sem.-Manaus	20
Grace Miss. 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	10
Park Ridge Bap. Ch., Gotha, FL, Michael Samples	5
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, Support	25
Southside Bap. Ch., Winter Haven, FL, New Ch. Start	677.41
Total	1,477.41

JOHN M. HATCHER

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support	70
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL, Salary	25
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN, Personal	490
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary	25
Gerig, Galen & Tamara, Columbus, OH, Salary	30
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed	50
Hunter, L.E. & Ada, Coffeen, IL, Support	100
King, Douglas & Ramona, Arcadia, FL, Personal	40
Mount Cal. Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Salary	100
Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL, Salary	30
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Salary	70
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, Support	25
Tate, Roger & Julie, Kettering, OH, Personal	350
Total	1,405.00

A.J. HENSLEY

Ashland Ave. Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Support	181.67
Atlantic Shores Bap. Ch., Virginia Beach, VA, Personal	100
Baker, David & Leota, Simpsonville, SC, Support	35
Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY, As Needed	60
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed	50
Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA, Support	150
Edwards, Wilgus & Maria, Booneville, KY, Salary	10
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Salary	57.74
Ennis, David & Jennifer, Chesapeake, VA, Support	50
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary	225
Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, KY, School	50
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY, Personal	25
Mt. Eden Bap. Ch., Hawesville, KY, As Needed	150
Pleasant Ridge Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Personal	400
Poe, Dane & Connie, Lexington, KY, AJ's Missions	50
Thompson, Anthony & Cathy, Lexington, KY, As Needed	100
Union Baptist Church, Cynthia, KY, Personal	100
Union Ind. Bap. Ch., Russell Springs, KY, Support	50
Total	1,844.41

SHERIDAN STANTON

Adams, W.H. & Arbia, Lexington, KY, As Needed	25
Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, New Works	



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Continue To Pray About Property ... Ready To Purchase Another Bus ...

Dear Friends,

October 1, 2007

Pastor Arlindo was really busy after our four days of evangelistic efforts in his new work. He is a retired military officer and has studied theology. God burdened his heart with a desire to start a Baptist work in Coroados, a coastal town about two hours drive from our home. Both of the Project Life teams, Alpha and Logos, worked with him for four days and there were just over eighty people who responded to the invitation. Since then, Pastor Arlindo has been meeting in the homes of several families for Bible studies and has had a regular attendance of around thirty each weekend in the building that he has rented for that purpose.

Both of the Project Life teams also worked together to help out a relatively new work on the western border of Brazil, where it meets with Argentina and Paraguay. Edson and Maria Jose are a young couple from Brother John Hatcher's works and have been working there starting new works for a couple of years. The Project Life teams had the privilege of being in the public schools on Thursday and Friday sharing the gospel and then held an open air meeting in the front of the church property on the weekend. God blessed tremendously and there were dozens of responses to the gospel invitation. Edson and Maria Jose are very experienced and have been faithful in witnessing, preaching and teaching for years. I know that they are already busy following up, meeting with the people who professed Christ during the meetings.

We continue to pray about the property adjacent to our church facilities. We haven't received a final word yet from the mayor's office, which, at least, isn't bad news. We know God's power and that for Him to bless us with that property is no difficult thing. We also know that only God could or would change the mayor's heart toward our request. He is a politician so we aren't expecting that he be disposed to confer this lot to us for any reason other than that God should incline his heart in that direction. May the Lord be honored in all that He does!

My leadership training group is a constant source of motivation and encouragement to me. We have some very dedicated people who show a real passion for the Lord and His word. I meet with some of them two to three times a week for theological and practical training. It is a thrill to see how much growth God has worked in their lives, especially as I learn more about their backgrounds and upbringing. They are a testimony to God's grace.

We are really excited about some recent news we received. Our full-time outreach teams are constantly including short-term volunteers. These volunteers see how wonderful God is and what a blessing it is to serve Him. After a short time, several of them sense a call from the Lord to become full-time in their service also. The problem that we usually face is a lack of motorhome space for everyone. Well, we received great news last week that there was a used travel bus available for us. We are only waiting on the final word about that to begin the transformation project of turning a travel bus into a self-contained motorhome. Some of you were very instrumental in helping us do just that on our last bus, LOGOS, with your generous offerings. Each bus has its own team of twelve permanent members and usually an additional three or four volunteers on our travels to distant cities where there is little or no gospel witness. When we actually get this bus we will already have the basic evangelistic team ready to equip it. For someone to truly appreciate just how great a blessing this ministry is, one would have to witness the team in action. I would like to extend an invitation to you to come and be a part of what God is doing through this ministry. Last month alone, between the two teams, there were over 840 responses to the gospel. We had the privilege to be in five different cities and share the gospel to over 5,000 people. Consider giving generously so that this ministry can continue to go and grow for God's glory through the salvation of the lost.

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



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Brother Creiglow's Report ...

Dear Brethren,

October 6, 2007

Our annual Missions Conference ended last Thursday, and I apologize for not getting a notice of the conference in the Mission Sheets sooner, so that you would be able to attend with us. The conference was very good for those that did attend, especially those of our church. Brother Roger Tate spoke for us on Monday night, Mike Anderson on Tuesday, Harold Draper on Wednesday, and Dave Parks on Thursday. I promise to get the notice out next year in time for you to make plans to be with us. In the mean time, I recommend you not miss the Thanksgiving Conference in Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

Several months ago, long before I realized I needed help with Betty, a member of our church gave me some literature about a day care center for Alzheimer patients, very much like a child day care of children. I filed the literature away and would look through it from time to time, but did not think we needed it just yet. The same member did recognize that I was needing help, even if I did not, and called the center, that in turn called me. I now drop Betty off at the center each morning, about 9:30 AM and pick her up about 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. She never knows whether I left her there for five minutes or five hours and she is having a blast along with the others in her same condition. I now realize just how much I was needing help. Thanks to Mrs. Eunice Sayers for getting it all set up for us.

From time to time I get the opportunity to preach and teach here at First Baptist, and one Sunday this month I will be preaching at Calvary Baptist Church in Richmond, Kentucky, as they will be celebrating, I think, twenty years, of Brother Bobby Greene being their pastor. Betty and I were members of that church for several years and it will be our pleasure to be back with them for fellowship.

In His Name, Bobby D. Creiglow



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Visit From Group From Texas ... Two Pressing Prayer Requests ... Received Funds To Purchase Van ...

Friends,

October 5, 2007

Thank the Lord we have had a very busy month. We have been able to work on one of our house-churches and now in this location we have the capacity for about fifty plus people.

Let me back up a bit and explain: We have had a group of ten from the First Baptist Church in Bastrop, Texas. I have a brother that is a member and deacon in this church and he brought this group to visit the work. They furnished the finances for us to refurbish a veranda (porch) area to accommodate more people. Two weeks ago

when I preached there we had twenty-four people and we were in the living room and down the hall. I could not see everyone that was there so a couple of times during the sermon I tried to move around, but could not because of the children that were sitting on the floor. What an awesome blessing. This area now has more space to accommodate more people. For us here this is nothing short of a miracle. Not only did we make new friends from Texas, but we gained a larger area for meetings and that equals more people hearing the gospel. How awesome is the God we serve. In addition to the larger area there were two ladies in this group that decided that the bathroom needed some renovation, so they (these ladies) laid tile and redid the bathroom for her. This spurred the men on to replace the tile above the sink area in the kitchen. For Gloria, the home owner, this was a dream come true. She told the group that she had dreamed about doing these things to her home but



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Sister Maria Pena Passes Away ... Visit From Jim Miller ... God Is Blessing ...

Dear friends,

October 3, 2007

Greetings to everyone from the beautiful Andes Mountains of Peru! Anita and I are doing well and we trust that you are too. I was traveling at the beginning of September and therefore was not able to get a letter out in time for the Mission Sheets. So let me give the news for August and September.

In my last report, (July report written the 3rd of August), I told of traveling over the rough road to Oxapampa and where my car really took a beating. I mentioned that Maria Pena, the wife of Pastor Carlos Gonzales, was in final stages of her battle with cancer. This dear sister passed away on the 31st of August and was buried on the following day. Please remember Carlos and the family in your prayers.

The week after I returned from Oxapampa, I traveled to Hualar and preached a three-day meeting for the Faith Baptist Church, (1.5 hours north of Lima on the Pan-American Highway). The Lord blessed us in that meeting with two saved and several "hard-hearts" getting right with the Lord.

Our good friend, Jim Miller, arrived for a visit on the 29th of August and we traveled together to a small town called Curahuasi, 2.5 hours from Cusco, Peru. The reason for visiting Curahuasi was to attend the inauguration of the Diospi-Suyana Hospital. This hospital was built by faith by some German medical missionaries, Klaus and Martina Johns. It is the most modern hospital I have ever seen in Peru. They have received about 5.5 million dollars in donations and the hospital is fully equipped and debt free. Most of the medical staff is comprised of medical missionaries from Germany.

However, a young Christian woman, Silvia Rojas, will be operating the hospital's laboratory. Silvia is from our church here in Huanuco and has been teaching Sunday School for seven years and one of the most faithful young women we have. She is also a skilled laboratory technician here in Huanuco. When I saw the beautiful new laboratory at the hospital the Lord brought her to my mind. I mentioned her to Klaus and Martina and they were thrilled at the idea of having a Peruvian missionary work with them. When I returned to Huanuco I asked Silvia if she had ever thought about serving the Lord as a missionary, (I did not mention the hospital work to her at that time). She told me that for three months she had been praying about being a missionary and working with children. When I told her of the possibility of working at the hospital as a medical missionary and also working with Baptist missionaries, Jason and Rebecca Reinhardt in Cusco on the weekends, she knew it was God's answer to prayer. Silvia is twenty-nine years old and has been out of the province of Huanuco only twice in her lifetime. She is certainly stepping out by faith. We are trying to raise \$400.00 per month support for Silvia as a missionary. I thought we had probably had until the end of the year, but Dr. Klaus Johns called me this past week and needed Silvia to be there by the 1st of October. So, Anita and I came up with her first months support and now I am giving others the opportunity participate in the Lord's work and support Silvia. Jim Miller and Jason Reinhardt are also trying to raise some support for her. When we get the amount we are aiming for we will let you all know. We are hoping that some women's Sunday School classes might be interested in this as a mission project. For now, if you would like to help us help Silvia, give us a call at our phone number above or send us an e-mail and we will give you the details of how to send your offering. She arrived in Curahuasi two days ago and is getting settled in. Please remember this young lady in your prayers - She is like another daughter to Anita and me.

After leaving Curahuasi and Cusco, Jim Miller and I traveled on to the city of Cajamarca in the Northern Andes Mountains of Peru. The next day we took the bus to the town of Celendin where we preached a three-day meeting for Pastor Moises Ore and the Bible Baptist Church of Celendin. We had a great time and the Lord blessed with two adult men trusting Christ as their Savior and several others being restored back into fellowship with the church. The Lord is using Moises to do a great work in that part of the country. He is pretty much alone up there and has several young families he has prepared to go out as missionaries from his church. He is really a humble man with a vision for reaching all the towns and villages in his area with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Moises has great faith because even while he is not adequately supported himself he is looking to the Lord for the means to send out the missionary families from his church. Please keep this great man of God and his wife, Lelis, and son, Aaron, in your prayers.

Upon returning from Celendin and Cajamarca, I arrived back in Huanuco where I continue to enjoy teaching my Monday night Bible classes and help pastor the Calvary Baptist Mission. We had a grown man, Elias, trust Christ as his Savior two weeks ago for which we praise the Lord. Anita continues on with her teaching of the Baptist Women's League here in Huanuco and also three days a week she is active in her literacy classes teaching adult women how to read and write. We stay busy! God is blessing and we are looking forward to seeing each of you when we return to the States for furlough in the spring of 2008.

Serving Jesus in Peru, Sheridan and Anita Stanton

never could have done this on her own. Gloria was widowed last year and is the sole support of a family of six children and she does this by selling fish. Some may ask, "Why start a house church here?" The answer is because people like Gloria and her neighbors do not have the financial means to come to the main church in town. It costs \$2.20 per person for a one-way bus ticket. So you can do the math and see the need to bring the Gospel to the people.

The other four ladies and Barb did a week of Bible study and craft classes with the ladies in another mission point. These ladies are new Christians and are hungry for the Word. In these craft classes these ladies learned a craft that they potentially can make and sell to help with their finances in the home. In this particular area our members are two-thirds below the poverty level. The ladies also made banners to help beautify the mission point and to help with the echo problem in the concrete building. All in all the time spent with these ladies was a very good time for all.

Here is another blessing we had while the group was here: Their pastor came with them and he taught in our seminary. Dr. Edge lived and studied in Israel, so one of the sessions was on ancient languages. Our seminary students and our church members received an AWESOME blessing. Dr. Edge was able to not only teach in two sessions of our seminary, but he was able to preach in our other locations the other nights. So we pushed him to the limit, but the people were the winners in being able to hear God's Word preached and to fellowship with other believers.

We have two pressing prayer requests for you to add to your daily prayer list. (1) Our Seminary - this is a training tool for those interested in church leadership. We have three men expressing a desire to be pastors, so we need your prayers for them as they study and for God's protection. We need more helpers as we try to cover the needs in seven locations, four permanent locations and three house-churches outside of the main church. In each of these locations we try to have two services per week and usually Bible school on Saturdays for the children. Our need for more workers is great. Pray for the Lord's guidance and direction; and (2) Buses - we have two ancient buses that we run on Sunday morning and night. If one is broken down, (this is a regular occurrence), the other has to do double duty. The greatest need right now is tires. We have just had two blow outs from dry rot and the others don't look much better than those that blew out. The cost is \$800 per tire and we are asking that you pray about this need and if God lays on your heart to help, we will thank you in advance. Thank you for your constant prayers on our behalf and for your interest in missions.

Now for a blessing that we have realized this month: We received the funds to be able to purchase the van for the use in the school and in the ministries of the church. "THANK YOU" to all who contributed to this blessing. We have already been able to use this van in so many ways for the Lord. Again, "Thanks!"

We are planning to come home for the Christmas holidays to spend some time with family, but there is still two months before this time that you could come down and see what God is doing with your mission dollars. The bed is turned down and the light is on on the front porch. So call and come on down.

In His service, A. J. and Barbara