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# Help In Beginning Of Mission . . . In The States On Furlough . . .

January 7, 2008 Dear Friends Anita and I hope that all of you had a very blessed holiday season. For us, the year of 2007 has flown bye too quickly. However, it was a year of great blessings for us. First of all our grandson, Jackson, was born on January 24th to our daughter and son-in-law, Leah and John Puckett. Then our son, Captain Joshua Stanton, USAF, after five years in the Air Force was finally accepted into the pilot training program. This has been his life long dream and we rejoice with him. We also had the opportunity to help in the beginning of the Calvary Mission Church here in Huanuco. We have

helped new missionaries Jayson and Andrea Minix get this work started (their first in Peru). We have been helping the Minix's in this work throughout the year. In October I had one of the best classes ever since I started the Baptist Institute of Biblical Studies twelve years ago. Anita has been very busy in teaching many of the adult women here in Huanuco how to read and write. She also has completed two more books of children's Sunday School lessons.

We will be coming to the States on furlough the end of January until the first of July and we are looking forward to visiting as many of our supporting churches that invite us to come. Several pastors have responded already and the dates are filling up with a few three-day special meetings, and two mission's conferences already scheduled. Furlough is a time for us to return to the States and give a report of the work here in Peru and hopefully be an encouragement to those we meet. ionaries but on the other hand they are a time of Furloughs are always an exhausting time for mis

great blessing because you get to make new friends, renew old acquaintances, and share with everyone the great work God is doing in Peru! I would also like to

mention that we have another mission team ming down August 2-14th. This team is sponsored by BFM Mission Adventures and hosted by Randy and Barbara es. This will make the third team they have brought to Peru in the past several years. They have always been a great blessing and help and we



Jim Miller with the bus that is used to travel to churches around Peru. The condition of the bus gives you an idea of the road conditions here

are anxiously looking forward to the time with them in August. They still have some spots to fill in this year's mission trip so contact them by email at jones5053@juno.com. Why not consider coming on a trip to Peru with Mission Adventures and see one of the most beautiful countries in the world! We would love to have you! Our next letter will be written from the States. See you soon! Serving Jesus in Peru, Sheridan and Anita Stanton

### THANKSGIVING OFFERING UPDATE: \$63,584.07

We bless God and thank each one of you for giving to the Thanksgiving Offering. We know that many of you have sacrificed to give. Your offerings not only express your own personal thanksgiving to God for what He has given you - but they also have multiplied many more returns of thanksgivings to God from our missionaries [whose ministries you are supporting] and from us who represent and present our missionaries' interests to you.

THE TOTAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING TO DATE IS \$63,584.07. While we bless God and you for every gift, this offering still is significantly less than our projected needs over the coming year. WE ARE ASKING YOU TO PRAY ABOUT THIS NEED AND OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE - and see if the Lord of the Harvest is impressing you to either: [1] GIVE TO THIS OFFERING, if you haven't given already, or [2] INCREASE THE OFFERING YOU HAVE GIVEN by an additional gift. We will keep the Thanksgiving Offering open as long as is necessary to give anyone who wants to give to this offering the opportunity to do so.

#### **MONTHLY OFFERINGS**

ANOTHER WAY YOU CAN HELP meet our needs over the coming year is by EITHER BEGINNING OR INCREASING YOUR PERSONAL MONTHLY OFFERING TO THE GENERAL FUND. Of course, our Thanksgiving Offering is so indispensable because the monthly offerings to the General Fund do not supply the financial commitments and disbursements we make to our missionaries. You can help meet those monthly commitments by giving regularly and generously to the General Fund.

DEVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR. We haven't said as much about this as we should have, but in addition to the need of increased monthly funds to meet the commitments we have made to our missionari THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT WE DO GIVE THEM CONTINUALLY SHRINKS DUE TO THE INTERNATIONAL WEAKENING OF THE DOLLAR. When our missionaries withdraw their monthly deposits in the currency they use, they receive fewer and fewer units of their local currencies for every dollar. We really need to increase our commitments to them just to enable them to maintain some degree of status quo - but we must be able to provide what we have already committed before we increase our commitments to them.

#### **TWO NEW DIRECTORS**

We have been praying and seeking the mind of God over the past couple years concerning filling two vacancies in our Council of Directors. After much prayer and deliberation the Lord has given us unanimous impressions and direction to choose Randy Jones and Steve Wainright to serve with us as Directors

Brother Randy is a member of Storms Creek Baptist Church and is the leader of BFM Mission Adventures. He and his wife, Barbara, have volunteered to lead groups from our churches on short-term mission trips to all our fields of ministry over the past several summers. [Another trip to Peru is scheduled for August 2008.]

Steve Wainright pastors the New Life Baptist Church in Lexington, Kentucky. He has been a longtime friend to all our missionaries and has actively promoted their interests in all his pastoral and personal endeavors.



Sunday night Bible Study group at the Jardin Fortaleza Baptist Mission with Pastor Wagner Rodrigues in new Sunday School room.



## Have Visitors Here In Cuiaba... Please Pray For Worker...

Dear Friends in Christ, January 9, 2008 We are into the new year. We have many blessings to count during the year that has past. We always marvel at His great grace ercy in our lives. I hope this letter makes the mission sheet. and m The lightning hit my computer through the telephone line and burned but my modem. I am at a office here in town using their computer.

Harold and Ursula Draper Caixa Postal 3039 78.060-200 Cuiaba, MT Brazil, S.A.

out my modem. I am at a other here in town using their computer. We hope to be back up and running soon. We had visitors here in Cuiaba this past month. Ursula's sister and her husband were here for 13 days. We took them along on a mission trip to Primavera do Leste and took them to regular and special services in some of our other works. They were well received peak no Portugueses owe had to translate. I'm not very good in hmdubdbr@terra.com.br Phone: 011-55-65-3665-6131 here and made friends. They speak no Portuguese so we had to translate. I'm not very good in German so most of this fell upon Ursula. We had a good time together but were tired by the time they left and they were glad to get out of this extreme heat and chaos and back to quiet organized

Germany. It was a good experience for them and exposed them to the truth of God's word to a degree. We are seeing some souls saved and have six awaiting baptism at this time. Our worker at Novo antino needs some surgery to remove a large cyst in his groin. Pray for him. He is on a waiting list that may take a year in the government medical system. We are trying to help him have it done sooner if we can come up with the finances. It will cost about \$1800 for this. We had a wonderful New Year's Eve service at the Boa Esperanca Church. Other churches here also had good services. This month of January the kids are out of school and many families travel to see relatives. This hurts the attendance some, but is part of the culture here.

We ask that you pray for us as we labor here. The extreme heat takes a lot more out of us at age 65 than it did at 35 years old. Ursula suffers more than I do. I just heard that Sister Betty Creiglow broke her leg. We pray that the Lord will give grace to she and Brother Bobby now. They seem like

family to us. We see on the news the trouble in Kenya. We pray for our missionaries who labor there that this will not hinder their work. We must place all in the Lord's hands. We thank all of you who support ur work as well as the other missionaries. May God bless you and give you a good year! Yours in Him, Harold & Ursula Draper

Both of these brethren have a burning passion for missions - and we look forward to serving the interests aries in partnership with them. of our mission

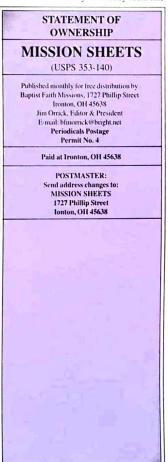
PASTOR CHARLES LYBROOK served with us as a BFM Director for the past eight years, [1999-2007]. He sensed the Lord's leadership to resign as Director during 2007. We want to express our deep appreciation to him for his service with us - and we all affirm our continued mutual love for each other and commitment to the interests of Baptist Faith Missions

#### INTRODUCING... JUDSON AND RAQUEL HATCHER CHURCH-PLANTING MISSIONARIES

We assumed full-time support for Judson and Raquel Hatcher in July 2007. They are serving out of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Manaus, Brazil, planting churches all over Brazil, THIS IS BFM's PURPOSE: The purpose of Baptist Faith Missions is to assist Baptist churches to send God-called missionaries to the nations of the world to plant, establish, train, and multiply New Testament churches and to fulfill "Essential Great Commission missions.

Read their testimonies and ministry plans on page four and GIVE TO THE GENERAL FUND TO SUPPORT THIS KIND OF MISSIONARY AND THIS KIND OF MISSIONS.

Dave Parks



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January 2, 2008



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# Returning To Kenya Next Month ... Thankful For Prayers And Support ...

January 3, 2008 Dear Praying Friends, Happy New Year! For us who are thinking about our return to Kenya next month, January has started off by being a month of great conflict. On December 27, 2007, there was a national election to elect the president of the country of Kenya. From what we can understand from seeing the news and accessing the website of the national newspaper, the election may have been rigged. There was a man who had opposed the current president and apparently he actually won the election. From what we understand, due to

corruption at the polls, the president was hurriedly sworn in for another term and the country went into chaos. The two men running nkenya@yał for president are from different tribes and these two tribes are lighting each other, burning churches and other buildings, and creating havoc throughout the country. The news has reported that over 300 people have been killed and 100,000 people displaced and homeless in the country. Shops and gasoline stations are closed, public transportation is limited, and thousands of people in the two warring tribes fear for their lives. The chaos has been likened to the genocide that took place between two tribes in Rwanda a few years ago when a president was assassinated. Please help us to pray for the government to become stable soon and that the right man will be president. We are praying for our people, for their safety, and for our churches and ministries that they will not be harmed. Due to this unrest and instability, Pam and I have decided to delay our return to Kenya until later next month in the hopes that there will be stability. Please do pray for Roger and Julie Tate who will be our partners in Kenya. The Tates leave for language school in Tanzania on January 31st, and then will join us in Kitale in early June. We are praying that their flight to Africa will go smoothly and that they will arrive safely.

Thanks so much to those of you who have prayed for our newest granddaughter, Kailyn, who was born three months early. Kaily spent 101 days of her young life in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit and was able to come home on December 8th. She is doing well and is growing and gaining weight. She suffers sometimes from gastric reflux when her milk comes back up and she has trouble breathing and swallowing. As she gets bigger this will be less of a problem, so we are so thankful to God and to you for your prayers. She is such a blessing and an answer to many prayers.

As of this month we have been in many, many churches since our return to the U.S. We have traveled from Michigan to Florida and many states in between, telling about the Lord's work in Kenya. We will be continuing to visit churches this month and will be visiting our families and friends next month before our return. It has been great seeing many of you and we deeply appreciate all of your prayers for us and your love and encouragement. Unfortunately, we have not been able to visit every supporting church due to scheduling conflicts and/or bad road conditions due to snow and ice. Lord willing, those that we have not been able to visit we will definitely visit on our next furlough. Please know how much that we depend on your prayers, support, love, and encouragement. We are not "lone rangers", but are a team with you to do the Lord's work in Kenya. We could not be out there without faithful people here "holding the ropes" in prayer for us. Each of you is so important to this ministry, so thanks so much for your love, interest, and prayers. Please do remember the unstable condition in Kenya at this time and pray for protection for those

that we love there. Times are uncertain, but our God never changes and is always there in any circumstance. Psalms 46:1-3 and 10, 11. He uses the trials in our lives to strengthen us and make us more like Him. Let us strive to make 2008 our greatest year of ministry as we see the conflicts worldwide becoming worse before our Lord's return. We appreciate each of you and thank you for your love.

Many Blessings, Mike and Pam Anderson Philippians 1:3

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

# Heading To Kenya . . . Continue To Pray For Us ...

January 6, 2008

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I'm in Africa!!! Ok, I'm not actually in Africa as I sit down and write this update. I'm just in my apartment in Kettering, Ohio. However, by the time you read this update my family and I WILL BE in Africa!!! It's hard to believe the time has finally arrived. When we first started down this road it seemed like such a long, long way away. Now it is here. Oh, how we praise God that he has done the impossible time and again in order to get us ready to leave. One of the things we have learned this year is how BIG our God

really is. I'm confident he will continue to amaze us as he works his will through us in Kenya, bringing lost souls into the kingdom of Christ and establishing New Testament Baptist Churches.

Please pray for faith and strength for me and my family. Up until two months ago I had 100% excitement and 0% trepidation. By the end of November it was to 90-10, and now it is closer to 70% excitement and 30% trepidation. By the time you read this, I wonder what it will be. But in all honesty, we know we are doing God's will and following our Savior unto "the uttermost parts of the earth." What could be more exciting and peaceful than that? It's worth the cost to follow Christ, beloved. By now you've also probably heard of the political problems in Kenya which have led to country wide riots and chaos. We've been asked many times: "You aren't really still going over there are you?" Well, yes, we are still going. While the riots, chaos, killings, and church burnings may have altered our peace of mind a little, they haven't altered our desires to go. Obviously we will take every precaution we can and fortunately we will not actually be in Kenya until June. But we're still planning on going. We trust that things will stabilize somewhat between now and June. Please also be in prayer concerning our shipment. The loading and export of the container is being delayed until the end of February in order to give more time for things to settle down in Kenya. We really don't want our shipment to make it to Kenya just to see it looted or destroyed. This could happen anyway, but we considered it wise to delay the shipment for a month. Pray for peace in Kenya.

Let me close this update with a hearty thank you to all the individuals and churches around this great country of ours that have helped us, supported us, received us, and loved us this past year. We wouldn't be where we are (IN AFRICA!) without you. Thank you also to those individuals and churches who have decided to support us with prayer and finances in order to keep us on the field. We thank God for your partnership in our ministry. Thanks for "holding the rope" back home. Now, finally, to all the family and friends we leave behind: We love you, we will miss you, and you are in our thoughts and prayers. Remember, it's not good-bye forever. It's just 'until we see you again." FOR THE GLORY OF CHRIST IN KENYA!

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

#### - PLEASE NOTE -

All correspondence concerning BFM or any of the missionaries should be sent to: Dave Parks, Executive Secretary, 3985 Boston Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40514. All offerings should be sent to: BFM, c/o George Sledd, P. O. Box 471280, Lake Monroe, Florida 32747-1280. If it is for a specific

missionary or project, it should be so marked. The greatest need each month is for the General Fund. All requests for videos should be sent to: Bobby Creiglow, P. O. Box 3, Science Hill, Kentucky 42533. Videos are free for the asking. Brother Creiglow is also available to visit churches to present the work of BFM.

All correspondence concerning the Mission Sheets including address changes, address additions, questions, and other information should be sent to the publisher: Jackie Courts, 2010 Sycamore Street, Kenova. WV 25530. SarJack42@aol.com, (304) 453-1771.

#### Visit Our Website Located at: www.baptistfaithmissions.org

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

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the Lord has called us to do, whether here in the States or overseas. 1 Corinthians 15:58 states, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

we continue to be faithful to the Lord in whatever capacity He calls us to. Before reporting on the ministry, we ask you to please pray for peace in the nation of Kenya at May this time. An election was held in the country on December 27th, and because of the results, there has been much violence and tribal unrest. Please pray for the country, its leaders, and the officials who are attempting to restore peace. Psalms 34:14 states, "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Please Pray For Peace In Kenya ...

Presenting Our Ministry To Churches ...

Dear praying friends, January 2, 2008 Another month has come and passed so quickly and we are

now past the Christmas season and into the New Year. We hope that

each of you have a blessed New Year and more active in service to

the Lord than ever before. May we ever be faithful to the works that

May this be the desire of the Kenyan people now, as currently there is much unrest. Please pray also for the other missionaries that are presently in the country, for their protection and also provision from the Lord. In Psalms 4:8, the Bible says, "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep, for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety."

Concerning our stateside ministry, please pray for us, as we are now very busy presenting our ministry to churches and individuals. We are excited to present our ministry and would be interested in sharing with you about our ministry in Kenya. We have recently made a DVD presentation of our ministry, so even if we are not able to personally come and see you, we can definitely send you a DVD copy of our ministry. If you would be interested in receiving this, please either respond to the -mail or contact us at the address above. We wish to thank anyone who is interested and covet your prayers for our ministry.

We are pleased to announce that my wife's pregnancy is proceeding well. Please pray for the continued development of our little one, and also for the strength and health of my wife. Furlough can become difficult at times, so please pray especially for my wife and baby, that they would have the help and strength from the Lord that they need. Psalms 84:5a states, "Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee..." and Psalms 22:19 says, "But be not thou far from me. O LORD: O my strength. haste thee to help me." This is certainly our prayer for the days ahead, both for our furlough, our ministry in Kenya, and also our new addition to the family.

In conclusion, please pray for our ministries in Kenya, the nationals that are leading them, and also for their safety and protection during this time. Please pray that each leader would depend on the Lord, remain faithful to the work, and continue in prayer for the ministries that are in Kitale Please also pray for our financial needs, as we need an additional \$450 per month for our ministry Some previous support has been lost, and also we have new needs, as we have a child on the way. We trust the Lord with all of our needs. Psalms 62:8 says, "Trust in him at all times: ye people, pour out your heart before Him: God is a refuge for us." If you would be interested in supporting our ministry, our contact information is above. God bless you and have a wonderful New Year. In Kenya, Nathan and Carrie Radford

# **Brother Creiglow's**

January 7, 2008

There is not much Mission news for me to report, although I am happy to report that First Baptist Church where we are members here in Science Hill, Kentucky, was able to raise a little over \$12,000.00 for our Thanksgiving Offering to Baptist Faith Missions. We are already started on our offering for the Thanksgiving Offering for 2008, and I wish every church would get started and then follow up n.net each month through out the year.

Our pastor, Brother Ed Massey and family, were away on vacation during the holidays and that gave me the opportunity to preach one Sunday and two Wednesdays. I always enjoy these opportunities and the Lord blessed us with very good attendance, even on Wednesday nights. I trust the preaching was a blessing to all that attended.

On Christmas night Betty fell in our living room breaking her leg. The small bone in her left leg was broken just above the ankle. I took her to an Urgent Care Center where they x-rayed her leg and then applied a splint. The next day I took her to a bone specialist that applied a cast. Now she only understands that it hurts, but has no idea why. I am taking care of her here at home. It takes about two hours to give her a bath, to get her dressed, get her out of bed, and to get her breakfast, and by that time I am about tuckered out. I am eighty-one and she will be eighty-one also in just two days and we are doing just fine. The Lord has been and still is very good to us. Betty no longer knows my name, but she still knows that we love each other and that I am the one that takes care of her, and that is about all she remembers.

In His Love, Bobb

#### **Baptist Faith Missions DEC. 2007 OFFERINGS**

#### GENERAL FUND

Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL... Aldridge, Randy & Melody, Morton, IL 100

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Bristol, TN..60 Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN.......475 Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL......412 Bohon Road Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY..175 Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV...... Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV.. 100 .650 Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY..... Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY..... Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY... Careiro Baptist Mission, Manaus, Brazil... Casada, Mark & Sheryl, Manhattan, KS .....100 ..20

(Giving Friends)...... Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV... 100 

Elgin Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL......386.44 Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN....488.1

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Emmanuel Baptist Church, Irvine, KY
Emmanuel Miss. Bap. Church, Oldtown, KY467
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY
Faith Missionary Bap. Church, Leighton, AL51
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY
First Baptist Church, Lucasville, OH
First Baptist Church, Science Hill, KY125
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV
(Giving Friends)
Global Baptist Church, Golf, IL
Goodsprings Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL 546.96
Goldfloss Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC25
Grace Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY100
Grace Bible Church, Crystal Springs, MS250
Harbor View Miss. Bap. Ch., Harbor View, OH
Hardman Fork Bap. Ch., Normantown, WV500
Hatcher, John & Alta, Urai, Brazil
(Giving Friends)
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY1300
Hunter, L.E. & Ada, Coffeen, IL
(Giving Friends)
mmanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI
sbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tuscumbia, AL69
-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC
ordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL
ake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI1274.39
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH
Matthews Memorial Church, Stevenson, AL., 50
At. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV
(Beech Grove Baptist)
At. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV
(Dawson Baptist Church
At. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV
(Liberty Miss Baptist)
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# Bobby and Betty Creiglo

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Report . . . Dear Brethren,

Mount Calvary Bap. Church, Charleston, WV....500 Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, FL..... Redding, Warren & Barbara, Atlanta, GA 306.11

125 200 SP VA Giving Friend. Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV (Giving Friend)...300 Stalnaker, Judith, Normantown, WV (Giving Friend)....300 Texas Friends Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, KY 700 10

Virginia Friend. Wannaville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL Watkins, Bert & Louise, Richmond, KY (Giving Friends)..... West Virginia Giving Friends...

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#### Total. . 25,736.31 THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Bryan, Nina, Hooven, OH.	
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	200
Covenant Baptist Church, Dayton, OH	
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	
First Baptist Church, Science Hill, KY12	2,224.3
Friend From Ohio	610
Hammett, Eric & Gloria, Edinburg, TX	1
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI	
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	30
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	200
Lumpkin, Mary, Palmyra, TN	
(Giving Friend)	2

Matthews Memorial Church, Stevenson, AL 640 Storms Creek Miss. Bap. Ch., Ironton, OH ... 9388.5 Total.... ...... 48,652.51

#### IN MEMORIUM

York, Wallace & Doris, Princeton, KY In Memory Of Hulda Hearn...

TOtal	200
<b>BIBLES FOR INDIA (In Memory Of Lou</b>	is Maple)
Anonymous	6
Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY	
Britton, Robert, Wichita Falls, TX	
Bryan, Nina, Hooven, OH	5
Charry, Carlos & Evelyn, Frankfort, KY	
Fields, Anna & William Leesburg, FL	40
Forester, Frank & Frances, Harrisburg, IL.,	
Goodson, Sue, Ramona Fondren, Duck Hill,	MS50
Kearny, F & B, Chattanooga, TN	100
Kinder, Ernest, Bromley, KY	100
Kinnett, Charles & Doris, West Harrison,	IN100
Lanier, Bram & Janice, Franklin, OH	10
Leesburg Baptist Church, Leesburg, FL	
Long, S.W. & Shirley, Lexington, KY	
Reese, Patty Lou, Mt. Vernon, KY	70.00
Riverview Baptist Church, Aberdeen, OH	1213.5
Weitz, Mike & Linda, Cincinnati, OH	15
Wilder, Nellie, Springfield, IL	6
Total	2,384.50
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H.H. OVERBEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND Storms Creek Miss. Baptist Church, Ironton, OH..50 Total 50

WEST INDIES MISSIONS FUND 

Total 46

#### NATHAN RADFORD

Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, Support...100 Calvary Bar, Ch., Hurricane, WV, Spec. Off. ...150 Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC (Thanksgiving Offering), Prison Min. .....869.83

Elizabeth Bap. Ch., Bancroft, WV, Support.....100 Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV, Salary.....100 Faith Bap. Church, Wilmington, OH, Support....100 Furnas, Grant & Linda, Crestwood, KY, Support.....30 Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Salary....75 Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Salary...75 Gibbs, Rolland & Constance, Letart, WV, Salary...25 God's Lighthouse Ch., Cross Lanes, WV, Salary...25 Goshen Baptist Church, Kentuck, WV, Salary....25 Grace Baptist Church, Lima, OH, Salary.....250 Grace Miss. Bap. Ch., Surgoinsville, TN, Salary....50 Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV, Salary....50 Harreer, David Concerd, NC, Sunport Harper, David, Concord, NC, Support .... .25

Lewis, Nathan & Abigail, North Ridgville, OH, Salary....300 Lewis, Lowell & Sue, Milton, WV, Salary......300 Lewis, Lowell & Sue, Milton, WV, Salary.......300 Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV, Salary......100 Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV, Hospital....100 Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV, Hospital....100 Loosenort, Kurt & Virginia, Grand Rapids, MI, Salary...100 Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL, Exp...40 May, Brian & Janet, New Haven, WV, Support....50 Meyne, John & Kelley, Grand Rapids, MI, Support...50 Mitchell, Matthew & Holly, Fort Wayne, IN, Salary...250 Mitchell, Matthew & Holly, Fort Wayne, IN, Hospital...50 

Nizio, James, Dearborn Heights, MI, Salary..... Nizio, Victoria, Dearborn Heights, MI, Salary... Parker, Steven, Burlington, IA, Salary... Phalen, Larry & Naomi, Concord, NC, Salary... Ranson, Joseph & Vinila, Culloden, WV, As Needed

30 Ranson, Joseph & Vinila, Culloden, WV, AS Needed...20 Rawley, Philip & Sarah, Rockwall, TX, Salary...100 Rollins, David & Patricia, Liberty, WV, Salary...100 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, Salary....200 Stalnaker, Ron & Gina, Glenville, WV, Hosp, Min...100 Wells, James & Jill, Nitro, WV, Where Needed...25 Wilmington Bap. Temp., Wilmington, OH, Support..50 Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV, Support...125

Wright, Randy & Teresa, Hurricane, WV, Support...100 Total. . 5,026.83 MIKE ANDERSON

Bible Baptist Church, Creedmoor, NC, Support...95 Blake, S. David, Spartanburg, SC, As Needed......100 Bush, Dale & Pamela, Richmond, KY, Salary.....100 Calvary Bap. Ch., Hurricane, WV, Spec. Off. ....150 Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC

Furnas, Grant & Linda, Crestwood, KY, Support.....30 Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Salary... Goshen Baptist Church, Kentuck, WV, Salary.... 75 Grace Miss. Bap. Church, Surgoinsville, TN, Salary....50 Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV, Salary.....15 Harris, Ruby, Charleston, WV, Salary......10 Harvesters Bible Class, Point Pleasant, WV

Lemkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV, Salary......10 Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL, Exp...20 Minturn, Tim & Jody, Winfield, WV, Med. Miss...100 Mount Cal. Bap. Ch., Charleston, WV, Salary...100 Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Chesapeake, OH, Salary...60 Neidlinger, James & Ann, Nitro, WV, Where Needed.25 Rawley, Philip & Sarah, Rockwall, TX, Salary......400 

#### **ODALI BARROS**

W.H. & Arbia, Lexington, KY, As Needed...50 Adams, W.H. & Arbia, Lexington, KY, As Needed...50 Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, Support...100 Battlecreek Ind. Bap. Ch., S. Pittsburg, TN, Support.100 Bethel Bap. Ch., Games, AL, Alpha & Omega....156.36 Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed...397 Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY (In Memory Of Richard Turner), Support......25 Blake, S. David, Spartanburg, SC, Alpha & Omega...100 Calvary Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Alpha & Omega...140 Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC. (Thanksgiving Offering), Alpha & Omega...869.83 East Maine Bap. Ch., Niles, IL, Alpha & Omega...71,16

Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Salary.....71.16 

.25

.46 W, K&W, Richmond, KY, As Needed...... Wood,Neree, Columbia, SC , Alpha & Omega

. 7,514.95 Total.... HAROLD BRATCHER

Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, Support... Anonymous, Christmas Gift..... ..150

Edwards, Wilgus & Maria, Booneville, KY, Salary, 10 Grace Miss. Bap. Church, Roseville, MI, Support...50 Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV, Salary...15 Heritage Bap. Church, Lexington, KY, Personal..200 Hillcrest Bap. Ch., Winston-Salem, NC, Salary...100 Hilltop Miss. Bap. Ch., Beattyville, KY, Personal...50

Total.

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MIKE CREIGLOW Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, New Work...70 Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN, Gas.......60 60 Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed...200 Bible Bap. Ch., Harrisburg, IL, Andrew Creiglow...132 Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN, Salary..50 Calvary Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Andrew Creiglow...100 Creiglow, Mr. & Mrs. Harold, Chandler, TX, Andrew Creiglow. 50 East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL, Gas... Elliott Bap. Church, Elliott, MS, Food Pantry...213.48 Faith Miss. Bap. Ch., Leighton, AL, Personal...200 Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed...50 Grace Miss. Bap. Church, Roseville, MI, Support...50 King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL, Andrew Creiglow...20 Lake Road Bap. Ch., Clio, MI, Andrew Creiglow ... 35 Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY, Gas-Motor... New Hope Miss, Bap. Ch., Dearborn Heights, MI, Support\_ 100 New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary ... 10 Pleasant Ridge Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Personal....200 Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Salary....70 Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mims, FL, Salary....150 Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mims, FL, Boat Gas., 150 W,K&W, Richmond, KY, As Needed ..... Total..... ... 2.855.31

#### HAROLD DRAPER

Addyston Bap. Ch., 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 Need...82.2 Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, KY, Support..... Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC 40

Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed...50 Grace Miss. Bap. Church, Roseville, MI, Support...50 Hardman Fork Bap. Ch., Normantown, WV, As Need.. 1600 Hardman Fk, Bap. Ch., Normantown, WV, Christmas Present...200 Hillcrest Bap. Ch., Winston-Salem, NC, Salary....100 Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, New Work...60 Mt. Calvary Bap. Ch., Belleville, MI, Support...100 Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, Salary...70 Rosedale Bap. Ch., Rosedale, WV, As Needed....200 Seventh St. Bap. Ch., Cannelton, IN, As Needed., 150 Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY, Support...100 W, K&W, Richmond, KY, As Needed..........25 4,575.51

#### Total. JOHN A HATCHER

Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, Building...70 Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed...200 Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN, Support...125 Bible Bap. Ch., Kingsport, TN, Christmas Gift...50 Brown, Margaret, Lookout, WV, Personal.......40 Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC

Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed....50 Grace Miss. Bap. Church, Roseville, MI, Support...50 Heritage Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Personal....150 Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL, Salary.....10 Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, As Needed...........25 Singleton, Wallace & Geneva, Lexington, KY, Where Needed...500 Spicer, Huberts Emogene, South Bend, IN, New Work..300 Storms Creek Miss. Bap. Ch., Ironton, OH, Marie...75 Wood Nerce, Columbia SC, Support...100 .100

PAUL HATCHER

PAUL HATCHER Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, Sem.-Man...100 Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL, Sem.-Man..60 Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed...100 Bible Bap. Church, Hendersonville, TN, Support...50 Blake, S. David, Spartanburg, SC, Church Planting....100 Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV,

Total. . 74.119.83

#### JOHN M. HATCHER Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support..70

Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC

Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary...  Riverview Bap. Ch., Point Pleasant, WV, As Need...100

#### A.J. HENSLEY

. 2.618.66

Alexander, John & Sharon, Cedar Creek, TX, Salary. 25 Ashland Ave. Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Support. 181.67 Baker, David & Leota, Simpsonville, SC, Support...35 Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....50 Calvary Bap. Church, Shreveport, LA, Support...150 Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC

(Thanksgiving Offering), As Needed. 869.83 Edwards, Wilgus & Maria, Booneville, KY, Salary...10 Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Salary......71.16 Flug, Jerry & Billie, Chesapeake, VA, New Church ... 260 Flug, Jerry & Billie, Chesapeake, VA, New Project ... 250 Heritage Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Personal......225 Hilltop Miss. Bap. Ch., Beattyville, KY, Personal...100 Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, KY, School...50 Pleasant Ridge Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Personal...350 Poe, Dane & Connie, Lexington, KY, AJ's Mission...50 Reeder, Franklin & Barbara, Cedar Creek, TX, Salary...50 Union Ind. Bap. Ch., Russell Springs, KY, Support..50 Total. 3.102.66

#### SHERIDAN STANTON

Adams, W.H. & Arbia, Lexington, KY, As Needed...50 Adams, Michael & Judy, Lexington, KY, As Needed...300 Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, Building Fund..70 Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, New Works.....70 Ashland Ave. Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, As Needed..50 Ashland Ave. Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Support...130 Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed...200 Calvary Bap. Church, Dickson, TN, As Needed ......25

Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC (Thanksgiving Offering), Work Fund. Durrum, Anthony & Linda, Winter Springs, FL, As Need.......150 Elliott Bap. Church, Elliott, MS, Personal......213.48 Grace Bap. Ch., Bradenton, FL, Building Fund.....200 Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed.....50 Grace Miss. Bap. Ch., Wyandotte, MI, Miss. Fund.....115 Grace Miss. Bap. Ch., Wyandotte, MI, Thanks. Gift..100 Grace Miss. Bap. Ch., Wyandotte, MI, Gift-Junior Boys. 19 Heritage Bap. Church, Lexington, KY, Personal. 250 Kentucky Friend, Personal... ...50 Mt. Calvary Bap. Ch., Belleville, MI, Support.....100 Parker, Fred & Victoria, Lexington, KY, As Needed...500 Restoration Church, Dickson, TN, As Needed....100 Victory Bap. Ch., New Salisbury, IN, As Needed......25 W, K&W, Richmond, KY, As Needed.......25 ...... 4,232.31 Total.

BOBBY WACASER Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, Support....70 Bell Shoals Bap. Church, Brandon, FL, Support...100 Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed....350 Calvary Baptist Church, Piqua, OH, Salary.. Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC .50

W.K&W, Richmond, KY, As Needed .... 24

... 1,834.83

#### ROGER TATE

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support..70 

Franklin St. Bap. Ch., Hamilton, OH, Support....100 Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV, Salary....15 Heritage Bap. Church, Lexington, KY, Personal..150 Mt. Pisgah Baptist Assoc, Normantown, WV

Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, FL, Support......5 Rosedale Bap. Church, Rosedale, WV, As Needed...200 Seventh St. Bap. Ch., Cannelton, IN, As Needed....40 Skidway Lake Bap. Church, Prescott, MI, Salary....50 Tate, Norman & Jenny, Noblesville, IN, Personal...600 Union Bap. Church, Englewood, OH, Support...100 Total.. 3.070.73

#### JUDSON HATCHER Calvary Bap. Ch., Hurricane, WV, Spec. Off. ...150

Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Support.....35 . 1,275.83 Total.

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# **An Introduction: Judson and Raquel Hatcher**

ABOUT JUDSON: Salvation - I accepted Christ at five years of age. My mother always read a story from the Bible each night before going to bed. The three of us children always competed to see who would lay next to mother on the waterbed for bedtime story. My favorite story was that of John the Baptist. The children's Bible we read from had a picture of a woman holding a platter with his head on top. I recall several occasions where I asked my mother, "why did they cut off his head?" In one of those occasions I recall understanding what my mother said regarding why John the Baptist lost his head for Jesus. I remember thinking, "if he lost his head for Jesus, Jesus must be important." When my mother asked me if I wanted to accept Christ as my savior I said, "yes." That following Sunday I went forward before the church to publicly profess Christ as my Lord and Savior. A couple of weeks later I was baptized by my father.

The Call to Missions - My call into ministry was at age eight. I was born and raised in Brazil and I could say that "missions is in year more ministry was a spectral uncless and aunt are missionaries. While it is true that most of my family serves as missionaries, the burden for missions is a deep desire the Lord It is the that most of my family serves as missionaries, the budget for missions is a deep desire the Eofd has placed in my heart. While in the United States for my education, I always feared finding an employment opportunity I would love too much and that my "desire" for missions in Brazil would dissipate. Before returning permanently to Brazil in January 2006, I was working at a company based in Virginia Beach. I only worked commercial hours. I thoroughly enjoyed working with the owner of the company and the employees and had a great salary. I REALLY LOVED MY JOB! When time came for us to return to Brazil permanently, I didn't need to think twice. I KNEW in my heart with CONVICTION that church planting in Brazil was God's calling for my life. The fear of finding "comfort and wanting to stay a lifetime in America'' was now overcome. Qualification and Education - My formative years growing up on the field gave me years of unmatched

ministerial experience 1 still glean from. I learned a lot throughout my childhood about ministry, church planting and missions. After completing high school in Brazil I began my Bachelor's degree at Lexington Baptist College. After graduating, I began my Masters of Education in Leadership Training at Regent University. I returned to Brazil for a year and taught a leadership/ministry training course. Raquel and I married in January 8, 1999, and came to the States. (Marriage is part of the "on-the-job training" course of life). I completed my M.Ed, in 2003 and ordained by Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia, in 2005. My management experience in non-church environments tremendously enriched my Ingland, in Zouger, in Standard, and Problem solving abilities. My trilingual competency and bicultural knowledge gave me ample opportunities for growth within multinational companies while in America. *The Family* - Raquel and I have two children and a third one on the way. Sarah Isabel will be three

years in March. She is lively and energetic. She loves to run in the grass, paint pictures and play in the living room with her legos. She has a strong personality and a good sense of justice. Laura Elizabeth will be two years in June. She is sweet and loving. Her big eyes are warm and charming. She loves to bathe her dolls in the tub, play hide and seek, and swing until she falls asleep. She likes to sit in big sister's chair too. Benjamin Judson will be born in March, 2008. We have many expectations as to how he will be, but one thing is sure, he'll be the boy God planned him to be.

In Action - Our objective as church planters is to plant churches and through the training process equip Brazilian men to pastor the churches. To train Brazilian men to be pastors is my passion. We have 164 people in the "AdorArte" training program directly under my supervision. I lead a team of twenty-six leaders that assist with the training process. I am also investing time in 13 promising men, all in their mid and late twenties. They lead ministry teams and speak in evangelistic events throughout Manaus in congregations, schools and in open air evangelistic crusades. We have developed training resources designed specifically with the Baptist doctrines, principles and philosophy of ministry, which

are available for the pastors we train, to train others. ABOUT RAQUEL: Salvation: - My name is Raquel Hatcher. I was blessed to be born in a Christian home. My parents have always been dedicated Christians and faithful participants in the work of God. As a little child, I remember my mother telling us (me and my other three sisters), Bible stories and praying daily for our family.

When I was eight years old, I accepted Christ in a Sunday School class at the First Baptist Church of Interlagos, Sao Paulo. I vividly recall the impact the Bible story had on me that morning. I felt guilty for all my sins. I understood the necessity of having my sins forgiven and having salvation through Jesus Christ. Even as a young child, I new that if I rejected Jesus' invitation, I would be on my own; that feeling scared me. I needed God. It didn't take long for me raise my hand, indicating my desire to receive Jesus into my heart. Later on that Sunday morning, I went before the church declaring publicly my decision. Six years later, I was baptized.



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Newest Missionaries Take Over Work .... Staying Very Busy ...

January 8, 2008

nissionary. Now we are sawing

We had several meetings

That same week I went on

there, Jose Maia and I laid out

Brethren. Last month I told you about all the great things happening at

umaturge, 200 miles up the Jurua River. That was only the beginning of our trip though. On Monday morning we continued up stream to our next

destination: Foz do Breu on the Peruvian border. This leg of the trip is another sixty miles. Fortunately the river was up a few feet and we made it without clipping any stumps or shallows

Missionary Jose Maia and family were waiting for us. They had just finished building their new house. This house at the mouth of the Breu River is their base, but they are building a house at the Caxinaua reservation several hours up the Breu. Since returning to the field after seminary, Jose has built his house, bought one of our aluminum boats, and two small motors. For the past few months he has been staying in contact with the Indians, but taking care of our mission at Foz do Breu at the same time. He has done a really good job.

Now we are proud to announce that he has been freed up to work full time with the Indians. We took Vando and his family, our newest missionaries, to take over the work at Foz do Breu. We tore



Our newest missio naries, the Vando family, take over the work at Foz do Breu with the India

the foundations for the church building. We have it partially framed up. The trip back down river was one of those adventures that I seem to always get myself into. We left the Breu about 9:30 that morning. I still had several things Church in Bairro Novo Sarah & Laura Saptizing Believ

Heart's Desire - The mission of sharing the gospel with others has been part of my childhood and youth. My parents decided to leave their city to be missionaries when I was very young. They received their missionary training for a period of five years at the New Tribes Mission training seminaries. After that, they served for several years at the Mayoruna tribe, which is located at the border of Brazil and Peru. Today my father is a pastor at a Baptist church in Sao Paulo.

Being involved in the ministry at such a young age made me sensitive to the need people have of a savior. My desire is to invest my life taking the good news to those in despair. Qualification & Education - Raquel is a licensed teacher and a licensed clinical psychologist in Brazil.

She completed her undergraduate degree at Universidade Luterana do Brasil - Manaus. She studied English as a second language at Memphis University and Old Dominion University. She earned a Masters of Science in Clinical Psychology at Regent University and is currently completing her dissertation for a Doctorate also through Regent University. She has extensive research and practice in Clinical Psychology with a Christian worldview. Her dissertation topic is: "The development of church based Biblical counseling and lay counselor training.

#### **OUR OBJECTIVES & PLANS:**

- 1. Start a seed factory church in every capitol of Brazil.
- a. Continue research, writing and publishing of training materials and resources
   b. Recruit, train, send and network pastors and ministry teams into each capitol.
- Recruit, train, send and network pastors and ministry teams across the country of Brazil.

   Continue teaching and mentoring through the Baptist Theological Seminary of Manaus.
  - Continue teaching in the School of Missions "Eis-me Aqui."
  - Direct and lead the "AdorArte" Training Center for the Arts.
  - d. Organize and mobilize Evangelistic Crusades and Events in schools, open air locations and churches/congregations.
  - Continue one-on-one mentoring of men who desire to become pastors
  - f. Continue supervision and missions oversight of the congregations currently under my responsibility in Manaus and in other Brazilian states
- Send Brazilian missionaries to other Portuguese speaking countries.

   Create an awareness to establish a burden amongst Brazilians for the other Portuguese speaking
- b. Visit Portugal and Mozambique within the next five years

IN BRAZIL:

John and Alta Hatcher

Judson and Raguel Hatcher

- c. Once the Brazilian capitols are reached, begin mission trips to the two above mentioned countries. In Christ, Judson and Raquel Hatcher, January 2008

# PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES...



Harold and Marie Bratcher Michael and Beverly Creiglow Paul and Wanda Hatcher Harold and Ursula Draper Robert and Charlene Wacaser A. J. and Barbara Hensley Odali and Kathy Barros

Mike and Pam Anderson Nathan and Carrie Radford Roger and Julie Tate

IN KENYA:

**IN FRANCE:** John M. and Judy Hatcher

to do there that morning, so instead of getting away at dawn, the morning was almost gone before our departure. Then I had a longer stop at Thaumaturge than planned. Once again I had several things to accomplish there. Hudson, Fredson and Emerson were sent off to do some of the errands (buying and getting supplies to our missionaries) while I did the fueling of our boat. We finally got away about 2:30 in the afternoon. It was already getting dark when we passed Porto Walter. That would still leave three hours to go in daylight conditions. At the same time a major tropical storm was moving in from the north. North was where we were headed! In just a few minutes lightning was hitting the river just ahead of us and the rain was coming down in true Amazon valley form. A little below the mouth of the Valparaiso River we saw flashlights signaling. It was our other boat that had left the Breu hours before us. They had decided to stop for the night and wait out the storm. They wanted to know what I planned to do. Maybe stay there where they were planning to spend the night? When I told them that I was going to forge ahead, they gathered their things, jumped into their boat and decided to follow in our "tracks." I had my two million candle power spotlight blazing all the way. We made it all the way in without hitting any stumps or sandbars. The Lord is a really good pilot! By 11:30 that night I was back home. What a great trip it was.

Well I see that I have run out of space for the rest of the news from December. I'll try to catch up again next month. Thanks for all your prayers and support. Keep praying for us. In Christ, Mike Creiglow

DON'T FORGET THE WORKHORSE FUND AND THE EXTENDED THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The General Fund takes care of our missionaries salaries, expenses, travel, medical, cars, etc. Both funds are not keeping pace with rising costs. Please consider increasing your offerings.