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48th ANNUAL SPRING MISSIONS CONFERENCE

In The Interest of Baptist Faith Missions - April 14-16, 2008

Conference Theme: "Partners in the Gospel" (Philippians 1:5)

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MONDAY NIGHT APRIL 14

- 5-6:00 SUPPER
7:00 PRAISE
7:20 MESSAGE: Missionary-Pastor, Harold Draper, Cuiaba/ Varzea Grande, Brazil
8:00 PRAISE
8:20 MESSAGE: Pastor Bill Brooks, Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, MI

TUESDAY MORNING APRIL 15

- 9:30 PRAISE and PRAYER
9:50 MESSAGE: Pastor Darrell Messer, Emmanuel Baptist Church of Bellbrook, Bellbrook, OH
10:30 PRAISE
10:50 SEMINAR/WORKSHOP: "PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL"
How Baptist Faith Missions Works: The Scriptural Partnership of Churches and Missionaries in GREAT COMMISSION MISSIONS.
12:00 LUNCH
1:30 OPEN ADVISORY MEETING / Reports / Q&A / "All are welcome"
The 2007 Annual Financial Report will be presented and distributed
5-6:00 SUPPER

TUESDAY NIGHT APRIL 15

- 7:00 PRAISE
7:20 MESSAGE: Missionary-Pastor, Sheridan Stanton, Huanuco, Peru
8:00 PRAISE
8:20 MESSAGE: Dan Hillard, Dean of Illinois Baptist College, Washington, IL

WEDNESDAY MORNING APRIL 16

- 9:30 PRAISE
9:40 MESSAGE: Pastor Clifton Presley, East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL
10:20 PRAISE
10:30 MESSAGE: Pastor Richard Westfall, Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV
11:10 BREAK
11:20 MESSAGE: Missionary Nathan Radford, Kitale, Kenya
12:00 LUNCH
5-6:00 SUPPER

WEDNESDAY NIGHT APRIL 16

- 7:00 PRAISE
7:30 MESSAGE: Missionary-Pastor John A. Hatcher, Urai, Brazil

Motel Recommendations - You may choose to use your own travel / accommodations program or discounts, or do your own research to find a better deal. We are still recommending the Quality Inn Northwest / 750 NEWTOWN COURT / LEXINGTON KY / 859.233.0561. Many of their rooms have been newly remodeled and offer desirable amenities including a continental breakfast. You can call them to get a full description. Two queen beds in a room is \$59.95. Ask for Paul Gandhi when you call to get these rates, or ask the desk for Thompson Road Baptist Church event rates. It would be best to make your reservation by March 31st.

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CONFERENCE OFFERING - Every year we designate the offerings we receive at the Spring Conference for some pressing need we have in our missions ministry. WE ARE ASKING YOU THIS YEAR TO GIVE A SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THE GENERAL FUND. Of course we supply the essential commitments and needs of our missionaries from the General Fund. Already this year, we have made significant disbursements for the Language School training the Tates are currently pursuing [\$11,000.00] and there are also \$9000.00+ in expenses to ship their container with their household and personal effects to Kenya. This is in addition to the increased commitments we have assumed for the salaries and expense accounts for the Tates and the Judson Hatcher family when we approved them for support last year. BRING AS GENEROUS AN OFFERING AS YOU CAN TO GIVE DURING THE CONFERENCE - and if you cannot attend, WOULD YOU CONSIDER SENDING AN OFFERING DESIGNATED FOR "SPRING CONFERENCE OFFERING"? God bless you for your grace and generosity toward the Lord's faithful servants.



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Letters Not Coming Through... Appreciate Concern...

Dear Friends,

March 1, 2008

We really appreciate the amount of interest and concern that has been expressed about us and the ministries lately. We were unaware that our letters were not getting through. Thank you for remembering us and praying for us despite the lack of correspondence. Rather than post the missing reports, I'll try to give a condensed version of some of the highlights of recent events.

Church Property: We received a response from the Department of Urban Development about the property adjacent to our existing church facilities. They informed us that that piece of property will definitely be used by them to build residential multiplex apartments. That is both good and bad news. Bad because we can't expand our present facilities. Good because our neighborhood is growing considerably and we have thousands of new residents coming into our area who need to hear the gospel. Along with the news that we won't be able to obtain the property next door, we did learn that there are other lots available very close to our present location. In fact, these lots are even more suitable than the one we were seeking to acquire. This month we will be participating in a closed bid auction for one or more of these properties. We ask that you pray with us in this endeavor.

Project Life Teams: We took advantage of the school summer vacation months to do needed repairs on two of the busses. They were in top of shape now and fully equipped. We have been assured and reassured that our third bus, Agape, will be delivered "soon." We already have the Agape team prepared to work as soon as the bus arrives. This year we will be working on three fronts with the different teams. The Logos team will be working in and around Curitiba, our home base. This is the capital of our state with a population near 3,000,000. We have open invitations into the public schools to present the gospel. We don't know for how long, so we want to take advantage of this opportunity while it lasts. The Alpha team will be concentrating most of its efforts in the state of Rio Grande do Sul. It is the southernmost state in Brazil and one of the worst (if not the worst) in terms of spiritual darkness. There are literally thousands of cities, towns and villages which have no evangelical presence, no churches, spiritism, witchcraft and new-age philosophy growing rampantly. We are seeking to set up an extended base of operations in Rio Grande do Sul so that we can minimize the cost of travel to and from the fields of labor. We are helping to plant a church in the city of Canela, which is centrally located and which we hope will serve as an outpost to reach other cities in the state.

Leadership Training: The group of laymen who meet with me regularly for training are a constant source of encouragement and joy. We have seen so much growth in their personal life. One young man, Valtor, called me aside a few weeks ago and asked me to share with him what plans for missions he could be preparing for, since he wanted to give himself wholly to the cause of Christ. His close friend, Luiz, is another young man who will be getting married soon and dedicates most of the time he's not at his job to ministry to the youth in our church community. Acaasio is another young man who will be getting married soon, who shows tremendous desire and capability in the area of

preaching and teaching the Word of God. In my recent absence to the U.S. for two months, these young men carried on many of the ministries very effectively. We thank God for what He is doing in and through these men.

Family: Charlene is, as always, lovely. Although she has been dealing with the discomforts of peri-menopause, she continues to do an amazing job ministering to the ladies and children and being a wonderful wife and mother. Actually, she is much more organized than I am and she helps me stay on target with our ministry plans. Jessie, our daughter, will be seventeen on March 12th. She has a very busy schedule. She goes to school at 6:30 a.m. until 12:30, then to work from 1:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. At night she does her personal devotions, homework and guitar lessons (oh yeah, and the dishes). Brennen, our ten-year-old son, is such a joy to raise. He is very attentive to the needs of others. He is a natural early riser and easy to get off to school. He is athletic, (soccer, swimming, hiking, target shooting, boxing), and at the same time lends a hand in the kitchen. He is going to make some fortunate lady a wonderful husband. The greatest thing about both of our kids is that they love the Lord and want their lives to count for Him. Charlene and I thank God so much for them.

Thank you all so much for your prayers and faithful support. May God bless you richly.

In Christ's love,

Bobby, Charlene, Jessie and Brennen Wacaser

P.S. Welcome aboard Roger, Julie, Judson, Raquel and families! God bless in all you do.

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Traveled To Amazon ... Good News For Judy ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters, March 4, 2008

You may have wondered if we disappeared off of the face of the earth. We haven't. However, we have traveled a lot and by various means since our last letter. We traveled to the Amazon via Chicago to celebrate Dad and Mom's 60th wedding anniversary. The days we spent there were wonderful. It had been about fifteen years since Judy and I had been in this part of Brazil. What a blessing to visit Chapada Baptist Church where I was a charter member not long after being saved and following the Lord in baptism. It was also wonderful to visit with the Tabernacle Baptist Church where I was baptized and later served for the first time as pastor.

David and Pennie, my brother and sister-in-law, made sure that we experienced all of the foods of the area which we had not eaten in years. All of our immediate family was able to visit together daily for a couple of weeks. During this time Dad, Paul, David and I returned to town where we had lived for a short time fifty years ago. What an experience! The primary purpose of the trip was the dedication of a new large build for a mission church sponsored by the Chapada Baptist Church. The spread of the Gospel has been amazing.

We then returned to the states. Through Judy's annual checkup we received the good news that she is still cancer free. She has now been cancer free for seven years. Her last treatment for cancer was at the time that our first grandchild was born. While we were in the states our fifth grandchild was born, the first child of David and Dulce Hatcher. What a joy to be in Evansville, Indiana, at the time of this event and to be able to help David and Dulce.

In addition, I was able to visit supporting churches in the states of Indiana, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky. The hospitality and encouragement that we received from each church and the individuals who hosted us made these visits a great joy. We are grateful for the support that each of you gives faithfully.

But, that is not all. These ten weeks were the longest amount of time that we had been away from France in seven years. The congregation that the Lord has put together got along very well in our absence. One lady shared with the congregation that she had been saved in a Bible study we had last year. She now comes faithfully to worship services and brought a mother and daughter as visitors during the time that we were away. This was a great encouragement to us.

We arrived back in France on March 1st and moving ahead in what God has called us to do. Thanks for your prayers, hospitality and gifts during our time in the USA. Thanks for regular giving which enables us to be here spreading the Good News and helping those who are saved to grow. May God receive the Glory for what He enables us to do together.

Serving in France, John and Judy Hatcher



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Busy Month In February ... Quick Trip To The States ...

Dear Fellow-saints, March 4, 2008

We greet you as saints because of His grace, mercy and love that has bestowed this position upon you. None of us deserves this title, that's for sure! As we get older and understand life and His holiness a little better, we marvel at how He could love us as He does. So much for the sermon. I will get on to the news for the month.

As usual we had a very busy month in February. We preached at five different churches during the month. Most of the works are doing well. We are thinking about merging the Altos do Coxipo Church with its mission. The location of that church is not good. It is in a dangerous place. We are still praying about this. The Boa Esperanca Church will have their 30th anniversary this year. Richard Turner was their first pastor I believe. Bobby Creiglow built the building with his own hands. John Hatcher came with Brother Turner in the middle 70's to Cuiaba to start up this work. I have on two occasions pastored there while they looked for a pastor. They now have a good Brazilian pastor, Paulo Ricardo Goncalves. This is a good strong church who holds to the truth.

We still are trying to sell the worker's house up in Novo Diamantino. We need to do some work on the church building and are waiting for this to happen to have the funds to do it. The weak dollar exchange is really starting to limit what we can do here. We don't want to complain, but it really has become a factor and a problem in some ways. Let us all pray for America. She is taking a beating economically and politically around the world. Our prayer is that this will cause God's people to cry out to him. We need mercy to be bestowed upon us. We are going away as a nation from the ways of the Lord.

This month Ursula and I will be making a quick trip to the USA to sign her up for Medicare and sign us both up for our Social Security pensions. We will attend the Spring Conference in Lexington in April and come on back here to Brazil the end of May. We plan a furlough the end of September at which time we hope to visit some of you who support our work and BFM. We hope Ursula will be able to travel with us most of the time. She has good days and bad days. Her arthritis is getting worse. We appreciate your faithful support. May the Lord richly bless you all.

Yours in Him, Harold & Ursula Draper



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Brother Creiglow's Report ...

Dear Brethren, March 3, 2008

Since Betty broke her leg on Christmas day, the church has piped the services into our home via the television, giving me the opportunity to attend services at church while some of the ladies stay with Betty. The ladies can follow along with the services while taking care of Betty, and then on Wednesday's I stay home with her. I took her back to the doctor last Wednesday and was told that she would have to wear the boot for three more weeks. Betty has lost control of her body functions and is now having trouble swallowing pills. Each Monday and Thursday there is a lady that comes to give her a bath and clean house for me, and then on Thursday a worker from the Alzheimer Center comes and spends six hours with her giving me time to do whatever I need or want to do. All this help has been very good for the both of us.

I have had the opportunity to preach one time this month here at First Baptist Church where we are members. Last Sunday I tried taking Betty to church and that was a mistake. We stayed through Sunday School, but could not stay for the preaching.

The Lord is still very good to us as we take, not only one day at a time, but one hour at a time.

In His Name, Bobby D. Creiglow



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Busy With Furlough ... Current Prayer Requests ...

Dear praying friends, March 4, 2008

Another month has come and passed so quickly and we hope this update finds each of you doing well in service to our Lord. This update will provide current prayer requests as well as the progress of the ministries.

We are very busy with furlough at this point, as we have been in several different states sharing our ministry with churches and individuals. We are praying that the Lord would provide the rest of our funds, as we still need around \$250 a month. If the Lord would burden you with our ministries, and you would desire to assist us, please contact us at our information above. We trust the Lord to provide and Psalms 71:5 states, "For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth." The Lord is always faithful and we trust Him for our needs.

So many have asked about the situation in Kenya. From what we understand, a peace agreement was signed in the country this past week. This is truly an answer to prayer and it seems that the unrest has calmed. We thank each one so much for praying for us and the situation within the country. Psalms 34:14 says, "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it." We hope and pray that this is the desire of the Kenyan people at this time and that peace would truly come to the country.

My wife continues to do well with her pregnancy. We are around seven months now and are hoping and praying that all goes well in the next two months and that there are no health complications. Please keep her in your prayers and that all would continue well.

In conclusion, please pray for the ministries in Kitale and the leaders we have left to maintain the ministries in our absence. We have heard of no problems, so we are very thankful for that. Please continue to pray for both the prison and hospital ministries. Pray that the nationals would continue to be faithful to the Lord and that God would truly be glorified in this ministry. 1 Corinthians 4:2 states, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." We desire that those we have entrusted with our ministry in Kenya would truly be found faithful.

May God bless you. We look forward to hearing from each of you either by e-mail or phone. You are more of an encouragement to us than you will ever know and we thank God for each of you who pray and give to this ministry.

In Kenya, Nathan and Carrie Radford



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Encounter Major Problems ... Please Pray For Us ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters, February 22, 2008

Overwhelmed, petrified, scared, uneasy, worried, angry, torn from inside out! I don't know that these words even come close to describing the feeling that came over us one month ago. As I look back it is a weird feeling, a daze. On Monday morning the 21st of January, we encountered some major problems. For over three years we have been persecuted by some people in this town. Not sure if they hate God or just hate us. We have been trying to get our city requirements finished to receive our city document. Well, when everything looked like we would get it, things took a 360° turn. Within four hours our home was completely torn apart. Of the 98 children we had there were only 12 left. You are probably trying to figure out what happened. The people that dislike us had gotten a judge's order to come in and take over for ten days and do investigations on Odali for some really crazy accusations. Odali had no authority of the home or the children. They accused us of solitary confinement, refusing food to the kids, selling children to Americans and beatings. The children started to get very uneasy. As the older children realized what was happening they got their backpacks and ran away. They would say, "If Pastor Odali and Kathy are not staying here with us, we will not stay." We could do nothing but watch "our children" leave. Only God knew where they would go. The group that came to do the investigation became confused and without direction. By 4:00 p.m. they were totally lost and started leaving. We asked them, "Which one of you is going to sleep here with the kids tonight?" None of them wanted to stay. Then the prosecutor looked in Odali's direction and said, "He wants them, let him keep them." The mess was done. Where were the children? Little ones from ages eight to sixteen; they were all scared. I know how I felt, and I can't imagine what those children felt at that moment having their security destroyed. Things are moving slow. Our lawyers are working, but all our children are still not back. We still do not know where some of them are.

Do I have you confused?! Hard to figure out what your reading?! Well, that is how we have been feeling for a while. It has been hard to get back on track. Fortunately, through all of this, in a society where people are afraid to speak out, afraid to lose their jobs, we have been blessed with a lot of local support. As we go through this we are reminded that life is fragile and we have no control over it even if we think we do. Please pray that God will give us the peace and wisdom we need for each day. We need to remember that tomorrow is not ours. We only have today to do what He wants us to do and to do it at our best.

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In Christ, Odali and Kathy Barros



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In Africa Over A Month ... Language School Going Well ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, March 6, 2008

We've been in Africa for a little more than a month now. It has been pretty much what I had expected and we are glad to be here. We've seen eight inch, black millipedes with red legs, gigantic baobab trees, and a cobra only seven feet from the front door of our apartment. We've endured long bus rides, trips into town, scorching heat, and the same food day after day. Julie and I have also endured bouts with malaria. Julie was first. It totally wiped her out for a week and she was still very weak even after the second week. I still have malaria. This is only my fourth day. I feel very weak and very tired so this may be a short update.

As you can see, Africa really has been what we expected. But I don't want you to get the wrong impression. What a joy it is to be where God wants you to be, even though there are trials and some sufferings. And why are we here? Isn't it to bring East African people into a joyful, loving relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ, and share the gospel with them so that they might enter into His glorious kingdom? Yes, that is why we are here. So, let me tell you that there has already been this kind of fruit produced in the month that we have been here. But it hasn't been my fruit, it has been Julie's. She's been talking with a young man here at the language school. His name is Edward. He has been very aware of his sinful condition, but thought he had to be a "good" person and a "good" Christian in order to come to Christ. Julie spent much time sharing with him that our sinful condition could only be dealt with through the mercy, grace, and shed blood of Jesus; that he could never be "good enough" to come in faith to Jesus, but that neither would he ever be "bad enough" that Jesus couldn't save him. After a week of discussions over the Bible and the gospel, Edward trusted in Christ as his savior! As you can guess, Julie was very excited (and so was I) over these first fruits for Christ. We praise the Holy Spirit of God for his working in Edward's heart for we know that apart from his quickening power there is no conversion or salvation in a sinner's heart. We pray Edward is the first of many, many souls that are won for the glory of Christ in East Africa. We know that many have come to Christ through the Anderson's and Radford's ministry. We pray it will continue with the Tate's ministry as well.

In closing, language school is going well. Emily, Julie and I are deep into learning Swahili. We have about three more months here in Tanzania learning the language before prayerfully heading to Kenya. We have learned much, but it still seems hopeless that we will learn this language. The only thing that gives me hope is that others have learned it before us and so we should be able to learn it too. Pray for the grace that we need in order to properly communicate with the people we want to minister to with the gospel of Christ.

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

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Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL.....	100
Aldridge, Randy & Melody, Morton, IL, (Giving Friends).....	75
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY.....	30
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY.....	393.7
Berea Baptist Church, Hidenite, NC.....	300
Berry Baptist Church, Berry, KY.....	400
Bethel Baptist Church, Bristol, TN.....	60
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN.....	475
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL.....	433
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.....	933.62
Casada, Mark & Sheryl, Manhattan, KS, (Giving Friends).....	100
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV.....	200
Clark, Wilma & Boyd, Cookeville, TN (In Memory Of David N. Clark).....	1,000.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC.....	640
Cornerstone Miss. Bap. Ch., McDermott, OH.....	79
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV.....	70
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL.....	1,100.00
Elgin Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL.....	296.15
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN.....	438.66
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Irvine, KY.....	200
Emmanuel Miss. Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY.....	509
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO.....	432
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY.....	500
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Leighton, AL.....	100
First Baptist Church Of Niles, Niles, IL.....	515.29
First Baptist Church, Science Hill, KY.....	400
Global Baptist Church, Golf, IL.....	200
Goldfloss Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC.....	25
Goodsprings Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL.....	743.25
Grace Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY.....	50
Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Springs, MS.....	250
Harbor View Miss. Baptist Church, Harbor View, OH.....	66
Hardman Fork Bap. Ch., Normantown, WV.....	500
Hatcher, John & Alta, Urai, Brasil.....	300
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....	1,300.00
Hunter, L.E. & Ada, Coffeen, IL, (Giving Friends).....	20
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI.....	500
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculumbia, AL.....	75
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC.....	25
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL.....	60
Kentucky Friends.....	5,000.00
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL, (Giving Friends).....	100.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI.....	456.43
Lexington Bethel Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY.....	50.00
Logan, Ronald & Judith, Lexington, KY, (Giving Friends).....	1,000.00
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH.....	50
Matthews Memorial Church, Stevenson, AL.....	50
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV.....	500
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Dawson Baptist Church).....	150
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Liberty Miss Baptist Church).....	100
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Beech Grove Baptist Church).....	50
Mt. Pisgah Miss. Baptist Church, Grafton, OH.....	500
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....	25
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Normantown, WV.....	100
Outreach Baptist Church, Danville, KY.....	60
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, FL.....	185.87
Redding, Warren & Barbara, Atlanta, GA, (Giving Friends).....	100
Riverview Baptist Church, Point Pleasant, WV.....	200
Rocky Springs Miss. Bap. Ch., Piny Flats, TN.....	200
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV.....	800
Rosemont Bap. Church, Winston-Salem, NC.....	900
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, (Giving Friends).....	250
Southside Baptist Church, Fulton, MS.....	250
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL.....	175
SP, VA, Giving Friend.....	50
Stalnaker, Judith, Normantown, WV, (Giving Friends).....	300
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadieville, KY.....	100
Storms Creek Miss. Bap. Ch., Ironton, OH.....	2,182.77
Texas Friends.....	700
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....	327
Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, KY.....	10
Virginia Friend.....	410
Wannaville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL.....	50
Watkins, Bert & Louise, Richmond, KY, (Giving Friends).....	60
Wood, Robert & Deborah Treadway, Gotha, FL.....	25
York, Wallace & Doris, Princeton, KY.....	200
Total.....	30,366.74

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Beverly, Lyle & June, Belpre, OH.....	100
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY.....	25
Total.....	125

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Anonymous.....	5
Berean Baptist Church, Scottsville, KY.....	255.3
Cross, Louis & Rita, Indianapolis, IN.....	5
Doan, Charles & Cathy, Richmond, KY.....	255
Herrington, Bary, Indianapolis, IN.....	10
Kreger, Mike & Kathy, Pleasant View, TN.....	50
Landmark Miss. Baptist Church, Asheville, NC.....	60
Poiles, Minnie, Calhoun, KY.....	50
Prewitt, Mr. & Mrs. Herman, Williamsburg, KY.....	30
Reese, Patty Lou, Mt. Vernon, KY.....	70
Rogers, Edward, Severeville, TN.....	20
Thompson, William & Carolyn, Mt. Vernon, KY.....	50
Weitz, Mike & Linda, Cincinnati, OH.....	15
Wheeler, W.S. & Lanna, Marion, KY.....	50
Wyrembelski, Wanda, Shelby Township, MI.....	10
Total.....	935.3

H.H. OVERBEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

HOME MISSIONS

Branson, Daniel & Patricia, Allen, KY.....	25
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY.....	100
Total.....	125

NATHAN RADFORD

Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....	100
Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, Carrie Radford.....	50
Bible Baptist Church, Belva, WV, Support.....	50
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	34
Black, Gary & Sandra, Scott Depot, WV, Salary.....	200
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV, Support.....	30
Bush, Dale & Pamela, Richmond, KY, Personal.....	75
Calvary Bap. Ch., Hurricane, WV, Spec. Off.	150
Danielson, Betty, Titusville, PA, Salary.....	20
Elizabeth Bap. Church, Bancroft, WV, Support.....	100
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV, Salary.....	100
Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH, Support.....	150
Fazzini, Marie, Dowagiac, MI, Support.....	25
Furnas, Grant & Linda, Crestwood, KY, Personal.....	30
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Salary.....	75
Gentry, Randy & Kristi, Grand Rapids, MI, Support.....	68.91
God's Lighthouse Ch., Cross Lanes, WV, Salary.....	50
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentuck, WV, Salary.....	25
Grace Baptist Church, Lima, OH, Salary.....	250
Grace Baptist Church, Minford, OH, Personal.....	98.6
Grace Miss. Bap. Ch., Surgoinsville, TN, Salary.....	50
Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV, Salary.....	15
Hardman Fk. Bap. Ch., Normantown, WV, As Needed.....	100
Harris, Ruby, Charleston, WV, Salary.....	10
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Personal.....	50
Hernandez, Paul & Anne, Youngsville, PA, Support.....	42
Jackson, Larry, Culoden, WV, Support.....	200
Kincaid, John & Jane, Scott Depot, WV, Support.....	50
Lenkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV, Personal.....	10
Lewis, Lowell & Sue, Milton, WV, Salary.....	35
Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV, Salary.....	100
Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV, Hosp. Min.....	100
Loosenort, Kurt & Virginia, Grand Rapids, MI, Salary.....	100
Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL, Exp.....	20
May, Brian & Janet, New Haven, WV, Support.....	100
Minturn, Tim & Jody, Nitro, WV, Prison Min.....	150
Mitchell, Dr. Matthew & Holly, Fort Wayne, IN, Salary.....	50
Mitchell, Dr. Matthew & Holly, Fort Wayne, IN, Hosp. Min.....	50
Parker, Steven, Burlington, IA, Salary.....	10
Rollins, David & Patricia, Liberty, WV, Salary.....	50
Smith, Doug & Anna, Hurricane, WV, Salary.....	30
Southside Bap. Ch., Winter Haven, FL, Support.....	10
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV, As Needed.....	100
Stalnaker, Ron & Gina, Glenville, WV, Salary.....	200
Stalnaker, Ron & Gina, Glenville, WV, Hosp. Min.....	100
Teays Valley Bap. Ch., Hurricane, WV, Support.....	100
Van Meter, Terry & Lisa, Campbellsville, KY, Support.....	100
Victory Bap. Church, Cross Lanes, WV, Salary.....	75
Wade, Dr. James, Abingdon, VA, Salary.....	50
Wells, James & Jill, Nitro, WV, Where Needed.....	25
Wilmington Bap. Temp., Wilmington, OH, Support.....	50
Winfield Bap. Church, Winfield, WV, Support.....	125
Wright, Randy & Teresa, Hurricane, WV, Support.....	100
Total.....	4,088.51

MIKE ANDERSON

Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....	100
Bible Baptist Church, Creedmore, NC, Support.....	95
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	200
Bush, Dale & Pamela, Richmond, KY, Personal.....	75
Calvary Bap. Ch., Hurricane, WV, Spec. Off.	150
Elizabeth Bap. Church, Bancroft, WV, Support.....	114
Emmanuel Miss. Bap. Ch., Oldtown, KY, Helio Fund.....	100
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV, Salary.....	100
Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH, Support.....	100
Fellowship Bap. Church, Vienna, VA, Support.....	100
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary.....	25
Furnas, Grant & Linda, Crestwood, KY, Personal.....	30
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Salary.....	75
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentuck, WV, Salary.....	50
Grace Miss. Bap. Ch., Wyandotte, MI, Projects.....	10
Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV, Salary.....	15
Harris, Ruby, Charleston, WV, Salary.....	10
Harvesters Bible Class, Point Pleasant, WV (Main St. Baptist), Salary.....	100
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Personal.....	50
Keeling, Pamela, Eleanor, WV, Misc Ministries.....	30
Laurel Fork Miss. Bap. Ch., Lizesmore, WV, Support.....	75
Lenkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV, Support.....	10
Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL, Expenses.....	40
Minturn, Tim & Jody, Nitro, WV, Medical Miss.....	100
Mount Cal. Bap. Ch., Charleston, WV, Salary.....	100
Mt. Hope Bap. Church, Chesapeake, OH, Salary.....	60
Neidlinger, James & Ann, Nitro, WV, As Needed.....	25
Pack, Joe, South Charleston, WV, Salary.....	10
Pleasant Grove Bap. Ch., Lawrenceville, GA, Support.....	25
Rawley, Philip & Sarah, Rockwall, TX, Salary.....	200
Richland Bap. Ch., Livermore, KY, As Needed.....	75
Riverside Baptist Church, Stanville, KY, Salary.....	25
Rocky Springs Miss. Bap. Ch., Piny Flats, TN, Salary.....	50
Rosemont Bap. Ch., Winston-Salem, NC, Transport.....	200
Seventh St. Bap. Ch., Cannelton, IN, As Needed.....	70
Smith, Richard & Marcelyn, Ripley, WV, Salary.....	25
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV, As Needed.....	100
Fazzini, Marie, Dowagiac, MI, Support.....	25
Tyler, Ken & Kay, Greer, SC, Support.....	25
Wade, Dr. James, Abingdon, VA, Personal.....	100
Wilmington Bap. Temp., Wilmington, OH, Support.....	50
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV, Support.....	125
Total.....	3,044.00

ODALI BARROS

Adams, W.H. & Arbia, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....	25
Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, Spec. Off.	500
Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....	100
Atlantic Shores Bap. Ch., Virginia Beach, VA, Support.....	200
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	399
Calvary Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Alpha & Omega.....	100
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Salary.....	180.44
Lake Road Bap. Ch., Clio, MI, Stephanie Parker.....	35
Midkiff, Geneva, Boonville, IN, Alpha & Omega.....	50
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Assc, Normantown, WV (Liberty MBC), Alpha & Omega.....	25

Richland Bap. Ch., Livermore, KY, As Needed.....	75
Seventh St. Bap. Ch., Cannelton, IN, Alpha & Omega.....	100
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, As Needed.....	25
Storms Creek Miss. Bap. Ch., Ironton, OH, Stephanie Parker.....	75
Wannaville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL, Support.....	50
Warren, John & Vickie, Evansville, IN, Alpha & Omega.....	50
W.K.W., Richmond, KY, As Needed.....	25
Total.....	2,014.44

HAROLD BRATCHER

Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....	70
Ashland Ave. Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, As Needed.....	82.67
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	100
Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY, Birthday.....	200
Calvary Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Pov. Relief.....	100
Calvary Bap. Church, Uniontown, KY, Support.....	100
Clarksville Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Pov. Relief.....	100
Edwards, Wilgus & Maria, Booneville, KY, Salary.....	10
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Salary.....	100
Emmanuel Miss. Bap. Ch., Oldtown, KY, Personal.....	300
From A Friend, Personal.....	100
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed.....	50
Grace Miss. Bap. Church, Roseville, MI, Support.....	50
Heritage Bap. Church, Lexington, KY, Personal.....	200
Hillcrest Bap. Ch., Winston-Salem, NC, Salary.....	100
Hilltop Miss. Bap. Ch., Beattyville, KY, Personal.....	100
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH, Salary.....	100
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary.....	35
Richland Bap. Ch., Livermore, KY, As Needed.....	75
Grants Mary Ann Fox Charitable Fund, Mission Work.....	2,000.00
Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV, Salary.....	15
W.K.W., Richmond, KY, As Needed.....	25
Total.....	4,012.00

MIKE CREIGLOW

Addyston Bap. Ch., 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.....	134
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN, Salary.....	25
Calvary Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Andrew Creiglow.....	100
Creiglow, Mr. & Mrs. Harold, Chandler, TX, Andrew Creiglow.....	50
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL, Gas.....	20
Elliott Bap. Ch., Elliott, MS, Food Pantry.....	180.44
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
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary.....	35
Pleasant Ridge Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Personal.....	200
Proctor, Evelyn, Clermont, FL, Support.....	70
Riverview Bap. Ch., Point Pleasant, WV, As Needed.....	50
W.K.W., Richmond, KY, As Needed.....	25
Total.....	1,569.44

HAROLD DRAPER

Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, New Work.....	70
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	220
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH, Support.....	50
Chapel Hill Bap. Ch., Nicholasville, KY, As Needed.....	100
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, KY, Support.....	40
Elizabeth Bap. Ch., Charleston, WV, Support.....	50
Elliott Bap. Church, Elliott, MS, Personal.....	180.44
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed.....	50
Grace Miss. Bap. Church, Roseville, MI, Support.....	50
Hardman Fork Bap. Ch., Normantown, WV, As Needed.....	1,100.00
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 Bap. Ch., Livermore, KY, As Needed.....	75
Rosedale Bap. Ch., Rosedale, WV, As Needed.....	200
Seventh St. Bap. Ch., Cannelton, IN, As Needed.....	100
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, As Needed.....	25
Southside Bap. Ch., Winter Haven, FL, Support.....	100
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV, As Needed.....	100
Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY, Support.....	100
W.K.W., Richmond, KY, Support.....	25
Total.....	2,970.44

JOHN A HATCHER

Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, Building.....	70
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	200
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN, Salary.....	125
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary.....	25
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed.....	50
Grace Miss. Bap. Ch., Roseville, MI, Support.....	50
Grant & Mary Ann Fox Charitable Fund Mission Work.....	2,000.00
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, As Needed.....	25
Storms Cr. Miss. Bap. Ch., Ironton, OH, Marie.....	75
Wood, Neree, Columbia, SC, Newwork.....	150
Total.....	2,770.00

PAUL HATCHER

Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, Sem.-Manaus.....	100
Ahava Bap. Ch., Plant City, FL, Sem.-Manaus.....	60
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	100
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN, Salary.....	25
Grace Bap. Ch., Evansville, IN, Sem.-Manaus.....	20
Grace Miss. Bap. Church, Roseville, MI, Support.....	50
Guthrie, Larry, Athens, GA, Michael Samples.....	100
Lake Road Bap. Ch., Clio, MI, Seminary-Manaus.....	30
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, As Needed.....	25
Trinity-North Bap. Ch., Cincinnati, OH, Sem.-Manaus.....	210
Total.....	720

JOHN M. HATCHER

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....	70
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL, Salary.....	25
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary.....	25
Gerig, Galen & Tamara, Columbus, OH, Salary.....	30
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, KY, Support.....	30
Grace Baptist Church, Evansville, IN, Personal.....	700
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed.....	50
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL, Personal.....	20
Mount Calvary Bap. Ch., Charleston, WV, Salary.....	100
Richland Bap. Ch., Livermore, KY, As Needed.....	75
Riverview Bap. Ch., Point Pleasant, WV, As Needed.....	50
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, As Needed.....	25

Warren, John & Vickie, Evansville, IN, As Needed.....	50
Total.....	1,250.00

A.J. HENSLEY

Ashland Ave. Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, As Needed.....	181.67
Atlantic Shores Bap. Ch., Virginia Beach, VA, Personal.....	100
Baker, David & Leota, Simpsonville, SC, Support.....	35
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.....	180.44
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Personal.....	225
Hilltop Miss. Bap. Ch., Beattyville, KY, Personal.....	200
Immanuel Bap. 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.....	300
Poe, Dane & Connie, Lexington, KY, Missions.....	50
Reed, Fred & Karen, Cedar Creek, TX, Salary.....	50
Reed, Fred & Karen, Cedar Creek, TX, New House.....	100
Riverview Bap. Ch., Point Pleasant, WV, As Needed.....	50
Union Bap. Church, Russell Springs, KY, Support.....	50
Total.....	1,957.11

SHERIDAN STANTON

Adams, W.H. & Arbia, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....	25
Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, Building Fund.....	70
Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, New Works.....	70
Ashland Ave. Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, As Needed.....	130



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Update on Anita . . .

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The news from our works along the rivers continues to be good. The building at Tipisca, Peru, is under roof. They are having to saw a few more boards to finish the floor and walls. Vando is working full time getting his house built at Foz do Breu on the border. Emerson, at Thaumaturgo, reports that they have stayed over the 250 mark in Sunday School since moving into the new building and more people have been saved. They had tried hard to reach 250 while still in the old building, but didn't get there until the first Sunday when we had the dedication of the building. Now they are averaging over that number. Jose Maia and family spent the last three months living among the Caxinaua Indians on the Breu River. He had already discovered that their name means "people of the bat." He made a more important discovery during this last stay in the tribe: Their god is a certain kind of boa constrictor common to the Amazon, the jiboia. He has his work cut out for him. It's a good thing he has the Holy Spirit to do the convincing that the real God also has a name that starts with the letter "J," but He is the total opposite of the serpent!

This last week Missionary Hudson and two of our pastors, Eliesio and Gilles, were back down the Jurua River to visit places that they preached last year. They visited 122 homes, preached to over 450 people, and there were seventeen professions of faith.

We have had steady results here in town. Last month we had around fifteen more people saved. Last Sunday, my son-in-law, Dauro Lima, baptized twenty-one more. We also had three more new members by letter.

This was the last baptism in that baptistry. I performed the first baptism in that tank over twenty-nine years ago. Our building did not even have a roof at that time, but we had to go ahead and press the baptistry into service. On that day, among many others, I baptized my oldest son, Adam, and a precious little old saint who was eighty-four years old at the time. She is now in heaven, but her eighty-year-old daughter is still with us and faithful as ever. The reason that was the last baptism in that tank is that we are tearing into our building again to try to make more room for all the crowds that continue to pack our present building. Right now we are expanding our auditorium to seat an extra 150 to 200 and working on our Sunday School annex at the same time. We do not have the money to start our new building yet. The annex will let us have a projector for members to attend services (at least overflow of 500 people) and free up space in our present auditorium for visitors. Of course we do not call on you for this building project, but expect the Lord to provide the funds through our local church. I would appreciate it though if you would pray with us. Yours prayers will be important in two major areas: 1) That the Lord will provide the money; and 2) That He will give me grace and strength. All the building programs of the church are my direct responsibility.

Would you also pray for my health? I have had a serious skin problem that popped up in late December. The treatment is debilitating. Also, later this month I want to have knee surgery. I have no pain or swelling and can walk and run without a problem. The doctor says that my knee is in great shape with exception of one ligament that must be repaired to stabilize it. The problem is going up and down those slippery river banks with fifty pounds on my back. There are still many details to work out before the surgery can happen. Please pray. Thanks for all of your prayers and support. God bless you as much as He has us.

In Christ, Mike Creiglow



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Still In The States . . . Pam's Eye Condition Worse . . .

Dear Beloved Friends,

March 4, 2008

Greetings from West Virginia! We are still here in the U.S. We had hoped to return to Kenya on February 21st, but the conflict was still going on. As of the end of February, there have been over 1,000 people killed and 350,000 people have been forced from their homes in this horrible struggle that started in December after an unfair presidential election. We have explained the problem in previous letters, but the crisis has continued to escalate, and it appeared that the country was heading toward civil war even though the U.S. has sent in mediators to help with the massive problem. However, God's people prayed, and on February 28th, a peace accord was signed and the two opposing parties agreed to share power, and the position of a prime minister was created for the opposition leader who supposedly lost in the presidential election. Pam and I are praying fervently that these two enemies can share power and the country will again be at peace. We long to return to the country and people that we love to begin to minister among them again. We are getting e-mails occasionally from some of our leaders there and it seems that Kitale, where we live, is safe, and the ministries are continuing on. However, due to the unrest for such a long period of time, and the inability to get needed supplies, gasoline prices have doubled, as have food prices, and the dollar has really been devalued. So, we would appreciate your prayers for us as we seek to return, that the Lord will allow our money to stretch further, and that we can get needed food, gasoline, and supplies to continue to minister there.

Roger and Julie Tate are in Tanzania now and have been there for five weeks. They are adjusting to life in a different culture and are doing very well in learning the language of Swahili, which is the language of Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya. Julie had a bad case of malaria, but seems to be doing much better now. We are anxious to begin our time of working with them in the ministry when they finish language school in June.

Pam's eye condition has gotten worse and her ophthalmologist that she had been seeing here in the U.S. told her that she and one other of his patients had the worse case of blepharospasm in his practice. The Botox injections that she was getting around her eyes to stop the constant spasms had not worked, so she was referred to a specialist in Morgantown, West Virginia. At W.Va. University, who deals with



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Continue To Pray For Us . . . Loss Of A Dear Pastor . . .

Dear Blessed Brothers & Sisters of the Blessed Savior Jesus Christ: March 7, 2008

Once again Harold and Marie Bratcher greet you from the land of Eternal but rainy Summer. This Mission Sheets month began January 5th and ended today, March 7th. Forgive me for failing to write a letter in February. We have been blessed during these sixty-four days and have remembered that "God moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform." During these days I preached a total of eighteen sermons, seventeen at the 24th of March Baptist Church, where I am pastor. One was combined with a wedding ceremony of a young couple. The groom is thirty and the bride is thirty-one. The groom's father is our deacon. Pray for Asael and

Lucelia that they both will fulfill their wedding vows. The other sermon I preached was in the home of Marcos Alessandro Normando Braz. He is the son of Raimundo and Nazare. The celebration of his sixteenth birthday was in their home. Two of the sermons I preached at the church were about liars, directed to at least four of the teenagers of our church. After this sermon we have been made sad learning about Pastor Gilmar Moraes de Souza of the Celestial Baptist Church, who until about five months ago was a faithful father, husband and pastor. He first lied about his drinking beer saying his doctor ordered him to do so. Then he lied by declaring he was traveling when actually he was spending days betraying his wife with his school's secretary. Pray for the church. He has resigned as pastor and his family is reporting that he has left Manaus. The 10th of February, after preaching a sermon on Believer's Baptism, six of us entered the baptistry. I baptized two, and Pastor Ediberto baptized two. This was my first baptism since 2005. We praise the Lord that once again I was blessed in the baptistry!

Continue to pray for our needs both spiritual and material because we need the prayers of those we love. We thank all of you who are praying for us during these difficult days and for you who contribute to the regular fund and or designate offerings for us - the Bratcher's of Brazil. We need and appreciate all the prayers and offerings we receive as the dollar is now down to 1 real and 56 centavos, the lowest since the year 1999, but prices continue to rise.

Our son Stephen has sent us information about the death of Pastor and Missionary Robert Bruce Lunsford who died in a Lexington, Kentucky, hospital on February 8, 2008 at the age of ninety-one. We pray that the Lord will comfort Jewel May, his beloved wife of sixty-seven years. May the God of comfort, comfort his other survivors. Also we have been informed of the death of a dear friend of ours of many, many years, Reita Moody, 82, who leaves behind her husband, Tom Moody, and their son, Dr. Dwight Moody of Georgetown College. "Gathering home, gathering home, God's children are gathering home." The Lord willing, we will all soon be at home over there with our loved ones and with our Beloved Savior Jesus Christ. Both Tom and Reita have been faithful servants of the Savior. We close with another prayer request. Please pray with us for the total health of Wes and Winnie Bratcher's son, Kris Bratcher, of Georgetown. Thank you.

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



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Very Busy Month . . . Prayer Requests . . .

Dear friends,

March 5, 2008

This month we have been busy on two of our mission buildings. In Morro do Algodao, where we almost lost the building because of the rainy season and being flooded two times, we are painting, have installed a fan for the services, and are building a wall in front of the church building. There is still much to do. Services are now going on in this building and we are beginning to see a renewed interest in the neighborhood. While the building was being repaired we were having services in homes in the neighborhood and our attendance fell. But with Gods help we will see this Mission growing again. We have services here on Thursday nights.

In the Olaria Mission we have put concrete in the front of the church building, poured a sidewalk beside the building, and this week the water was finally connected. Attendance is growing in this Mission point. We have services here on Thursday and Saturday nights.

Our two Mission points that are out of the city are doing good. In Natividade do Serra, where Pastor George is working, eight people await baptism. We are seeing continued growth there. In Sallissopolis where Pastor Luiz is working we are in a bit of turmoil: We find that the people that come to visit this church have some reserve about going through the pastors home to get to the meeting place. If you remember, the meeting place is inside the home of the pastor. We have found a building in the center of town on the main street that is for rent and has five smaller rooms off a big room. It looks like it is tailor made for church and Sunday School. As usual the only problem is the rent. Pastor Luiz and Dani have found a smaller house to rent and this will help with the cost of the new church building. However, we serve an AWESOME God and He is in control. Pray with us for these works and the other locations we have within the city limits. Our desire is to start another work down the coast line. This is in the future so put this on your prayer list.

We are also doing some much needed repairs on the main church building. We are repairing the roof where we have some leaking problems and are doing some much needed painting. It seems that there is never any end to the amount of work that there is to be done.

This weekend we are planning to work on the newest place where we will be beginning another Mission work, Massaguacu. When this building is ready we will begin services there also. As you can see there is no lack for places to preach the gospel here in Caraguatatuba. I have told you about the works and have not even touched on the Seminary that is about to start again after the summer break nor the plans for the construction of the dormitory for the Vocational School. But I'll save that for the next letter.

We have one more prayer request for you this month. The value of the dollar is declining here in Brazil and as you can see our work is increasing so it makes it difficult to do all that we need to do here. But the one thing that we know is that we serve a living God and He is capable of all things if we just ask. So we are hoping that you along with us will ask Him to supply our need.

We would love to have you come down and be a part of these works. Just give some notice and we will turn your bed down and put some more water in the pinto beans.

In His service A. J. and Barb

these types of problems. This doctor gave Pam the Botox injections again, but in different areas than she had previously been injected. This has helped some and her spasms are better. However, the effects of the Botox only last for three months, but we are thankful for this time that her spasms are less. The doctor wants to do surgery on her eyes to remove the excess skin between her eyelids and eyebrows, which will help her to open her eyes better. The doctor will also tighten the muscles around her eyes to prevent the excessive spasms from being so debilitating. She is scheduled to have the surgery on April 1st, but we have asked if it could be moved ahead so that we can plan to return to Kenya. Pam has to be available to see the doctor for a month after the surgery before she is released to return to Kenya, so we would appreciate your prayers for her that she can get the surgery soon, and will do well, so that we can return as soon as possible.

We have finished visiting our supporting churches and have begun to visit individuals who support us. It has been great to see so many of you again and we thank you so much for your interest in the Lord's work in Kenya, and your prayers on our behalf. We could not minister there without the support of God's people here who "hold the ropes" for us. The ministry in Kenya is a team effort, so you are on our team and we appreciate you. Please continue to pray for Pam's surgery and that peace will prevail in Kenya so that we can return as soon as possible. We love each of you and pray for God's blessings on you as we remember this month our Lord's sacrifice on the cross for us, and His resurrection, so that we may have eternal life. God's blessings until next month.

With much appreciation, Mike and Pam Psalms 29:11