# Baptist Faith Missions MISSION SHEETS

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# **SUMMER MISSIONS CONFERENCE - JULY 21-23** Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, Ohio

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May 5, 2008

Monday	Night	(July 21)
5:00	Suppo	er
7:00	Praise	

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7:20	Message-Jim Orrick, Storms Creek Baptist Church (Ironton, Ohio)
8:00	Praise
8:15	Message—Nathan Radford, Missionary (Kitale, Kenya)
Tuesda	y Morning (July 22)
9:30	Praise
9:40	Message-James Sims, Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church (Ironton, Ohio)
10:20	Praise
10:30	Message—Andy Doherty, Wilmington Baptist Temple (Wilmington, Ohio)
11:10	Break
11:20	Message—Randy Jones, Mission Adventures (Ironton, Ohio)
12:00	Lunch

### Bell Shoals Youth Visit ... Problems With New Bus... Dear Friends

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high school students from Bell Shoals Baptist Church from Brandon, Florida. What a blessing! God did wondrous things both in and through that group. During the course of the week of evangelistic work in the public parks and schools,

From April 5th to the 12th, we had the privilege of working with the

we were able to share the gospel to over 9,500 people. There were over 3,500 professions of faith in Christ! We are awed still by God's amazing grace. These youth prepared well for sharing their testimonies, one-on-one personal evangelism and gospel skits. We have many new candidates for baptism and have begun several Bible study classes for new converts. Among those who surrendered their life to Christ were two of my translators and one of the waiters at the restaurant where the group ate daily.

The newest bus, Agape, did arrive and it is beautiful. It only has one problem: It is too tall. The o busses that we use are shorter and we built metal stages and a public address system on top of them. With the taller height of this newer bus it will be difficult, if not impossible, to add the stage and PA system and while the to circulate in the interior towns due to the low hanging electrical and telephone wires. We have been trying to work out a deal where we can sell this bus that the Federal Government gave to us and buy a shorter one, or work out a trade. In the meantime, we will be using the bus in the metropolitan area of the capital since we haven't added the stage yet.

We are thrilled with the growth of our youth group also. Daniel, our youth minister, was trained in our Leadership Training Center and is doing a fantastic job. Since taking over the leadership two months ago, the group has increased from sixteen to twenty-eight. There are three new candidates for baptism among these additions. Daniel and his new bride, Rosiane, are very dedicated and God is blessing them and their work. Two other young men, Valter and Luiz, are also doing great jobs in their respective ministries. Valter has begun a new ministry of evangelism and has seen God use him effectively. Luiz works with the

adolescents and that ministry continues to grow and be a blessing in discipling our preteens. We are thrilled to be a part of what God is doing in this part of Brazil. We thank those of you who pray for us regularly and contribute to our support. May God richly bless. In Christ's love, Bobby, Charlene, Jessie and Brennen Wacaser



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## Please Pray For Members ... Visit Hospital Patients . . .

Dear Blessed Brothers and Sisters of the Blessed Savior Jesus Christ May 10, 2008

This Mission Sheets month began April 6th and ended today, May 10th. During these days I preached a total of ten sermons; nine at the 24th of March Baptist Church, where I am pastor, and one at Zion Baptist Church where Luiz Carlos de Souza is the pastor. The church was celebrating their 55th anniversary of the organization of the church which was on April 30, 1953. This was a happy occasion as this church was the first one we attended after arriving in Manaus almost forty-nine years ago. During the same days I heard six sermons. Three of those

by Ediberto at the 24th church, one by Pastor Aurindo Folha (Brother Leaf) and one by Pastor Miguel Ferreira da Silva. This month I was reminded twice that death is still reaging. On the morning of the 24th of April, Ediberto and I went to the 14th of December Baptist Church where dear Brother Liberate Rocha de Oliveira lay in state. I was his pastor during many years. He was ninety-three years old and leaves behind ten children, twenty-two grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. On the night of May 1st, we went to the Moriah Baptist Church where Sister Aurelia Barbosa dos Santos lay in state. She died at the age of eighty-four and was a faithful member of that church. I led the singing and Ediberto preached a short message. Sister Aurelia was the mother of four sons. The oldest is Francisco Barbosa dos Santos, a faithful

I have also attended the regular meeting of the Brazilian Baptist Faith Mission and two special meetings. During these days, every Thursday around 5 p.m., we visited patients in the Joao Lucio Hospital. Aurea Belem Fragoso, eighty-one, member of the 24th church, is very weak and sick. We also visited Salomao who is suffering with an infected leg. Last Thursday we were asked to pray at the bedside of at least ten more patients. We at the church still have problems caused by sinful members. Also, one of the sinful pastors talked to me at the church and seemed at least a little sad and sorry for his sins

We thank all of you readers of the Mission Sheets who contribute to the regular fund and or designate offerings for us - the Bratchers of Brazil - and have been a blessing to us during these days. We need and appreciate all the prayers and offerings we receive. Please continue to pray and to give. Our next Mission Sheets letter will contain details of our furlough, our new address and scheduled arrival in Lexington on June 13th. Any information you need please contact Brother Dave Parks Yours in the Service of the Savior, Harold and Marie Bratcher

Tuesday Night (July 22) 5:00 Supper

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# Thanks For Your Support . . . Had To Have Hernia Surgery . . .

-Dave Parks, Thompson Road Baptist Church (Lexington, Kentucky)

Message-Jeremy Shamblin, Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church (Ironton, Ohio)

Message-Jeff Arthur, Elizabeth Baptist Church (Bancroft, West Virginia)

Message-Glenn Archer, Faith Baptist Church (Kirksville, Missouri)

-David Mitchell, Mount Calvary Baptist Church (Charleston, West Virginia)

May 5, 2008 Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Thank you for faithful support that enables us to continue serving the Lord in France. Friday night, Judy met someone who asked her what we were doing here in France. She said that her husband was a pastor. The person then answered, "Does that work in France" We are glad to testify that it does work. Clement, the young

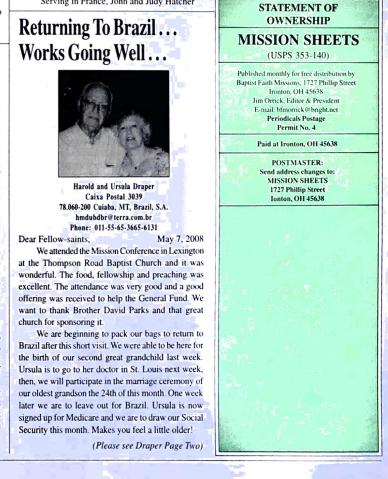
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man who trusted Christ recently is growing in the Lord. He has now read through the New Testament to the first letter of John and also good portions of the Old Testament. It is a delight to meet with him twice a week for discipleship. We are praying that his father, who comes regularly, will be saved. His mother is already a believer.

The Vacation Bible School went well with the highest attendance we have ever had. Five of the ladies of the congregation worked very hard to be well prepared and everything went very smoothly. Two mothers stayed each day with their children and heard the gospel. One of these is married to a Frenchman of Jewish descent. Another mother said that her daughter liked it so much that she thought she would start bringing her on Sunday morning. We invited all of the parents for a special program for the conclusion. The children did a drama of the main Bible story about Christ calming the storm. They also sang songs they learned and quoted the memory verse for the week. Last week I had surgery for a hernia. All went well and I am taking it easy so that the surgery will not

have to be redone. Judy is doing her best to pamper me and I am doing my best to receive the pampering! I am thankful for the Lord's provision for this. It is also a reminder of the healing process that the Lord has built into these bodies He has given us. We see the goodness of God in every detail of our lives.

You are one way God shows us His goodness. Thanks for your faithfulness in praying for us and giving so that we can continue to serve the Lord here. Serving in France, John and Judy Hatcher







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April 30, 2008

### Almost Finished With Language School . . . Continue To Pray For Us ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Only one month of language school remains for Julie, Emily and me. Time is going by so fast and I don't know the language well enough yet. I find Swahili easy to read and understand but to hear and understand is extremely difficult for me. Julie and Emily are much better at hearing Swahili than I am. I love the language, I just

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pray that given enough time we will learn how to use it effectively to present the gospel to Kenyans. Not a whole lot has been happening around here that you would call "exciting" although we Not a whole for has been happening about here that you would extern exerting autogn we continue to learn a great deal about the people and culture here as we interact with them day in and day out. I did climb a mountain yesterday. It was exciting to see the beautiful country of Tanzania that our loving God created. My guide was a twenty-year-old Tanzanian man (one of our Swahili teachers) who forgot that I am a thirty-eight year old American. He walked too fast and too far for this follower and I am very sore today. We had a great time, though.

Julie, Emily and I have to do a research project in Swahili for our class. I'm doing my research on "Beliefs on Origins of Swahili Speaking People." What I'm finding out is that evolutionary beliefs have permeated this culture as well as ours. When I ask them what they were taught at home about where the earth came from and where people came from they generally respond, "Nothing." When I ask them what they were taught at school I usually get, "Men and women are animals and have come from monkeys." When I ask where monkeys come from, nine times out of ten the response is, "I don't know and neither do my teachers." Fortunately, so far at least, when I ask them what they are taught at church they tell me that the churches teach them that God created the earth and mankind as well. Beloved, there is so much work to be done in this part of the world. So many people who don't know Jesus and so many who claim to know him but don't know anything about His Word. We have much to do and pray about. Please join us in this pursuit. We were reminded this week that we are just guests in this country. Some friends of ours from

Norway who are studying Swahili here just had a run in with the immigration office. It seems they had some supposed problems with their passports. It actually came to the point where the Husband/ Father of the family was detained and had his passport withheld from him as he was being investigated for criminal activity. He's no criminal and just wants to share the gospel with an unreached people group (the Datoga tribe). It just goes to show us how dependent we are on God and Him working for us and on our behalf. Apart from Him we can do nothing. I'm glad the flipside is true too, though: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Please pray for us as we plan on finishing language study on Friday, June 6th and leaving Tanzania and flying to Kenya on Monday, June 9th. In Kenya we will meet up with Mike and Pam in Nairobi before our journey to Kitale. May God's peace and joy be with you.

For the glory of God in East Africa, Roger & Julie Tate (and Emily, Amy, & Josiah)

-AN URGENT APPEAL FOR A PRESSING NEED -Please read the enclosed insert and the appeal we are making for the future solvency of the General Fund.

#### 2008 SPRING MISSIONS CONFERENCE REPORT

I WISH YOUALL HAD BEEN HERE - at our Spring Missions Conference in April. It was such an encouraging, inspiring, and uplifting series of services. The word that kept coming to my mind to describe the experience of the whole Conference event was "exhilarating." More than one Conference participant said to me: "This Conference has been LIKE A REVIVAL!" - and I truly believe it was.

Each of our preachers delivered a powerful message from God's Word. The Holy Spirit used the Word to challenge each of our hearts to give ourselves to the mutual 'Partnership in the Gospel' God has given us to answer the call to the Harvest -and meet our missionaries' needs. I had announced before the Conference that we would be giving offerings during the Conference

to help meet the present financial need we are facing with our General Fund. But, God blew my mind with the response He had prepared in the hearts of the Giving Friends who attended. WE GAVE A TOTAL OFFERING OF OVER \$7,000.00 DURING THE CONFERENCE SERVICES. 1 think it is significant that THIS IS EXACTLY THE AMOUNT WE NEED TO INCREASE OUR MONTHLY GIVING TO THE GENERAL FUND! [Please see the appeal I have presented in the Sheets insert]

I think the Lord is telling us HE KNOWS WHAT WE NEED BEFORE WE ASK HIM! And that HE IS ABLE TO MAKE ALL GRACE ABOUND TOWARD US...SO THAT WE, ALWAYS HAVING ALL SUFFICIENCY IN ALL THINGS, MAY HAVE AN ABUNDANCE FOR EVERY GOOD WORK! [See 2 Corinthians 9.8]. That offering is reported in this issue of the Mission Sheets

One church brought an offering of \$1,000.00. Some Giving Friends gave offerings of \$500.00. Other churches and Giving Friends gave many offerings of other amounts as God enabled them. EACH OFFERING IS IMPORTANT.

But, here is what God demonstrated to us just in this one offering: GOD WILL...AND CAN...MEET OUR NEEDS BY THE GRACE HE GIVES US IF EACH OF US IS WILLING TO MAKE THE COMMITMENT AND FOLLOW THROUGH TO GIVE A PORTION TOWARD MEETING THE WHOLE NEED! God can do it! And, by His Grace, we can do what He inspires and enables us to do

Many of us left from the Conference expressing our own personal commitments TO INCREASE OUR MONTHLY PERSONAL GIVING TO THE GENERAL FUND! Testimonies were offered during the Conference services. Others have written or called since the Conference to report that they are increasing their personal offerings or their church's offerings to the General Fund. Grace to you - each and every one!

Dave Parks, Secretary BFM

### DON'T FORGET THE WORKHORSE FUND

This is the General Fund. Out of it comes the missionaries salaries, expenses, travel, medical, cars, etc. It has not kept pace with rising costs.

### Please Consider Increasing Your Offerings

### DRAPER

(From Page One)

By the time you read this we will already be back home in Brazil. The works there are doing well. We talked to Brother Edvan at the Novo Diamantino Baptist Church this afternoon and that church is growing. Several were saved and baptized there recently. The community is really growing and the church attendance has grown a lot in the past year. A large factory is being built near this town which is causing a lot of new people to move in.

The next letter to you will be from Central Brazil the Lord willing. Ursula is really struggling with her arthritis right now. Pray for her. She is always with a lot of pain and fatigue. She doesn't give up easily, but sometimes gets a little discouraged. I talked tonight to Brother Bob Creiglow and we need to always remember him as he tries to take care of his precious wife, Betty. I plan to go there day after tomorrow to spend the night with them on my way to Lexington to speak in two churches on Sunday

We thank all of you who give to the General Fund and to our designated funds for our works in Brazil. We try and send a personal letter out to you when we can, but in some cases we don't always have your address. Send us an e-mail and we will respond, or a letter and we will have your address. God bless all of you is our prayer.

In Christ, Harold and Ursula Draper

Brother Creiglow's Report ... While in the States for a couple of weeks, our son Mike, spent

inevitable concerning Betty.

eral days with Betty and me and that was the best news for us

and give her a big hug; he did and that made the day for all of us.

While he was here we talked about what we both know to be the

The Thanksgiving Offering to Baptist Faith Missions was not

nearly as much as it was last year and the

need continues to grow. Already those offerings have almost all been used, leaving the General

Fund in great need to meet the needs until next Thanksgiving. Here at First Baptist we use The Faith Promise giving program, which simply means we trust the Lord to give us a

certain amount over and above what we normally receive. Within the next few mon the federal government will be sending checks to those who have filed their income taxes,

and since this is money that we did not expect, I intend to challenge our church members to give it to missions. Since it is money that we

did not expect, we will never miss it. For

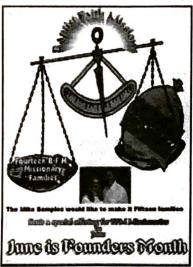
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Month, so I would like to challenge each one that reads this to do the same. If each would take the challenge there is no telling just what the Lord might do for Baptist Faith Missions

and for each of us individually. Designate your offering to Baptist Faith Missions, Founders

that we have had in a very long time. Of course Betty did not know him, but one day I told her, Mike is here, and she asked him to come

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Month Offering. The Lord is still blessing Betty and me. Although Betty still knows I belong to her, she still wants to know where Bob went. She does not remember that I am her husband. On May 18th we will celebrate sixty-two years of marriage, or perhaps I should say I will celebrate

In His Name, Bobby D. Creiglow



A. J. and Barbara Hensley Caixa Postal 1511 Caraguatatu a. San Paulo Brazil 11672-300 ajcarag ajcaragua@gmail.com phone: 011-5512-3888-4189 Barb Doing Well After Surgery ... Purchase Key Making Machine...

Dear Friends and Family, May 2, 2008 Things happen here just as they do in the States. Barbara has had hemorrhoid surgery and is recuperating here at home for the past three weeks. All is going well. She was in the hospital for one day and a half. And just to show you how God works, her surgeon was an acquain we made while studying Portuguese two years ago in San Jose dos Campos. Our teacher was a great Christian lady and her son-in-law, also a Christian, is Barb's surgeon. What a wonderful and AWESOME God we serve. Continue to pray for her recovery which at times has been painful, but thanks to the Lord is now going wonderful.

Pastor Walmir, our son-in-law, and I, have visited one of our out of town mission points this week. The distance is about 1-1/2 hours from our town. The town is named Salesopolis. We took several bags of clothes for the cold weather as it is beginning to be cold here and in this town, even more so as it is in the mountains. The church people have moved into a new building for the church and are getting settled in. They will need to build some walls to divide for Sunday School classes. They also will need some appliances for their kitchen and paint for the walls and various other projects that will need to be done. They are very excited about their new building and the prospect of reaching more for Jesus Christ. There is still opposition to the church there in the town. This week Pastor Luis was stopped on the street and told that their church was not the true church. Pray for this pastor and church.

This past week Walmir, Edson and I were helping a member of our church close his business that was going under, and while helping him I was able to purchase three computers for the Vocational School. We helped him remove his illuminated signs and made the comment that these would be good for the two mission points out of town, and he offered them to us at a very low price. We did not have the money to purchase them, but before we had completed the three day moving job this man came to us and said that God had touched his heart to give the signs to the church. Can you see the heart of a brother who is closing his business and needing every cent that he could raise, but listening to the voice of God to give away the product that he needed to sell? God is always speaking, but are we always listening? In addition this man has volunteered to teach his computer classes to our Vocational School and at church. How AWESOME is the God we serve.

Our pastor has been away this month to Manaus and I am having a wonderful time preaching God's word every Saturday in the English Church and on Sunday in our regular services. This has been a double blessing in that we have gotten several of the people that attend the English services to come to our regular church services also.

This month our plans were to begin the foundation for the dormitory, but rain has delayed us. Sand, gravel, and cement is on the job site, but we are stuck inside because of the rain. We are thinking of changing the name of our city from Caraguatatuba to Caraguata "chuva." Chuva means "rain" in ese. Tomorrow we are planning to start digging if the Lord is willing. The "backhoe" is ready Portugi to dig; that is, the Brazilian "backhoe" hoes, shovels, picks and post hole diggers. Construction here is a challenge, but when God is in charge all things are possible. We have been accumulating resources for almost a year to get this project underway. We now feel that we can pour the footer, level the lot (perhaps ten truckloads of dirt), and pour the floor and start the walls. This is one more item to put on your prayer list for our ministry. Continuing with news of the Vocational School, we finally purchased the key making machine

ceded for this part of the school . The price wound up being \$R1,530.00 Reais (almost \$1000.00).

The machine is paid for thanks to all who helped in this purchase. Isn't the Lord truly AWESOME? We got our taxes finished there in the States and now we are working on the necessary paperwork for the same thing here in Brazil. We need proof that we have paid in the States so they wont charge us again here. Paper work is ten times more here than there. But it looks like all is done to everybody's

satisfaction until another year. As I said at first, things happen here just like there. We are looking forward to the groups that the Lord is sending this year. Are you part of any of them? If not you will be missing a blessing of seeing what God is doing with your mission dollars. Why don't you get a group together and COME ON DOWN. We will treat you so many ways that you will have to like one of them. Time is wasting, get your ticket and come see us. In His service, A. J. and Barbara

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### **Baptist Faith Missions** APR. 2008 OFFERINGS

#### GENERAL FUND

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(Beech Grove Baptist Church)
Mt. Pisgah Miss. Baptist Church, Grafton, OH 500
New Hope Miss. Bap. Ch., Dearborn Heights, MI630
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Normantown, WV 100
Outreach Baptist Church, Danville, KY
Overbey, Edward & Jackie, Lexington, KY (Spr. Con. Off.)100
Redding, Warren & Barbara, Atlanta, GA. (Spe Con. Off.)500
Riverview Baptist Church, Point Pleasant, WV 200
Rocky Springs Miss. Bap. Ch., Piney Flats, TN200
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC900
Sharkey, Phillip & Betty, Lexington, KY, (Spr. Con. Off.)75
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, (Giving Friend)
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL175
SP, VA Giving Friend
Spring Conference Cash Offering1,651.96
Stalnaker, Judith, Normantown, WV (Giving Friend)300
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadieville, KY50
Storms Creek Miss. Bap. Ch., Ironton, KY4,147.50
Texas Friends
Thompson Rd. Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY (Spr. Conf. Off.)300
Virginia Giving Friend
Wannaville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL100
Watkins, Bert & Louise, Richmond, KY, (Giving Friends)60
West Virginia Giving Friends
White, Kerneth& Wanda, Richmond, KY (Spr. Con. Off.)125
Wilson, Lois, Lexington, KY (Spr. Con. Off.)50
York, Wallace & Doris, Princeton, KY, (Giving Friends)100
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Turner, Richard II & Kimberly DePalma

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Weitz, Mike & Linda, Cincinnati, OH	
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Branson, Daniel & Patricia, Alien, KY	
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Storms Creek Miss, Bap. Church, Ironton, C	DH50
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Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, Carrie Radford...25
Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, Support...100
Bakker, Jason & Julie, Chambersburg, PA, Support...100
Bible Baptist Church, Belva, WV, Support...150
Bible Baptist Church, Belva, WV, Support...160
Calvary Bap. Ch., Hurricane, WV, Special Off...150
Cullen, Mr. & Mrs. Tom, Letart, WV, Salary...40
Danielson, Betty, Titusville, PA, Salary...40
Elizabeth Bap, Church, Bancroft, WV, Support...100
Emmanuel Bap. Ch., Bellbrook, OH, Personal...525
Emmanuel Bap. Church, Bellbrook, OH, Salary...100
Faith Bap, Church, Bellbrook, OH, Support...100
Faith Bap, Church, Wilmington, OH, Support...100
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Fazini, Marie, Dowagiac, MI, Support...25
Grace Baptist Church, Kentuck, WV, Salary...25
Grace Baptist Church, Lima, OH, Sulary...50
Grace Baptist Church, Minford, OH, Support...165
God's Lighthouse Ch., Cross Lanes, WV, Salary...50
Jackson, Larry, Culloden, WV, Support...200
Leavittsburg Baptist Church, Warren, OH, Support...55
Lemkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV, Personal...101
Loyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV, Salary...100
Hors, Astry, Suptor, Hin, MI, Salary...100
Mathew, Charles & Bart, New Port Ricky, F. Eyepesex
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May, Brian & Janet, New Haven, WV, Salary...100
Mathew, Charles & Bart, New Port Ricky, H. Eyepeset...20
May, Brian & Janet, New Haven, WV, Salary...100
Nizio, Victoria, Dearborn Heights, MI, Salary...100
Nizio, MIKE ANDERSON

Open Door Bible Ch., Culloden, WV, Support...105

Pack, Joe, South Charleston, WV, Salary 10

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ACLEAST HATCHER Atlantic Shores Bap. Ch., Virginia Beach, VA, Personal.... Calvary Bap. Ch., Hurricane, WV, Special Off. First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY, Support... Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Support... New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI, Support.... Total..... 150 .50 .35

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### Furlough Coming To An End ... Attend Many "Reunions" ... May 8, 2008

thank and praise the Lord for all He has done for us in these few days.

They have been packed with moments of joy and praise to Him who does all things well. From the moment my sister and brother-in-law,

Joe Sills, met us in Florida at the airport until this moment, there has

not been one dull moment. What grace the Lord has bestowed on us!

Dear Friends, Our two months visit to the States is coming to a fast end. We

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e-mail: jhatcher@uol.com.br offered to us for transportation and two persons offered to drive us where we needed to go. Brother Larry Thompson and his wife, Tina, gave us their large house (The True Inn) to use with space for all of our family and friends to be received and kept, as well as their car to use. Larry and Tina, we will always be thankful to you and to God for you. GREAT CONFERENCES AT MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE FORTY-

EIGHTH BFM CONFERENCE AT THOMPSON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH. Brother David Mitchell and the wonderful people at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Charleston, West Virginia, were wonderful hosts for their Mission Expo. We were blessed in having fellowship with Mike and Pam Anderson who now have returned to Kenya. Brother Dave Parks and his lovely people exceeded all bounds as they always do at the annual BFM Conference. Thank you Brother Dave and Brother Mitchell and your wonderful people. LBC ALUMNI BREAKFAST. The morning after the BFM Conference the alumni of Lexington

Baptists College met for breakfast. It was hosted by Brother Earl Thomas, president of the Alumni Association.

VISITS TO CHURCHES AND FRIENDS. Our visit to East Keys Baptist Church brought back many wonderful memories of God's blessings from our years in Peoples Baptist Church in Alton, Illinois. It was there our friendship began with the Hicks, the Mayfields, the Lauermans, the Roberts, the Kelties and many others whose families are faithfully serving the Lord. Thank you Brother Cliff Presley for the joy of being with you and your wonderful people

One of our greatest joys when we come to Lexington is to visit the Bethel Baptist Church on Ash Street where our dear Brother Larry Wilson is pastor. Brother Wilson and people, we thank you for your love; it was a joy to see you once more.

Our first time visit with Buck Run Baptist Church where Brother Hershael York is pastor was a joy and blessing. Many memories returned from the time we were students at Georgetown College and traveled hundreds of times past this church on our way to and from Shelbyville, Kentucky, while pastor of the mission which began as the Second St. Baptist Church and is now the Highland Baptist Church. MULTIPLIED BLESSINGS. In Evansville we had a reunion of family and friends from the Emmanuel

Baptist Church. Thank you Peggy Foster for opening your home to all of us and making it our home. Lynn, our oldest daughter, and Ross, her husband, planned and prepared for a family reunion of all their family at "THE TRUE INN." Only the Lord knows what a joy it was for us to be together for a couple of days. Thank you Ross and Lynn.

In Alexandria, Kentucky, we had a reunion of family and friends where we visited with my brother, Charles, and wife, Beulah. On April 29th, at the invitation of Dr. Hershael York, I had the joy of speaking to three of his Seminary classes. Thank you Brother Wainright for driving me to the Seminary

God humbles our heart as we see how many wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ who have stood with us with your prayers and support for these many years. We thank Him for you all and we

thank you for your love. In Our Saviour's Love, John and Alta Hatcher



### Back In Kenya ... Tate Family To Join Us Soon . . . Dear Praying Friends, May 4, 2008

Greetings from Nairobi, Kenya! We arrived here yesterday and are glad to be back to the land and people that we love. God was good to give us safe travel here. Lord willing, tomorrow we will be traveling

to Kitale where we live, as we are anxious to see our people there. We

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enjoyed being in the States, visiting many of our supporting churches, and meeting new friends. Also, we were able to spend time at our home church, Calvary Baptist in Hurricane, West Virginia, and loved getting to know our church family better. So, thanks to each of you who made us feel so welcomed and loved. The highlight of our month was the birth of our third granddaughter, McKenna Eileen Radford arrived on April 26th and weighed a healthy eight pounds, seven ounces. She is beautiful, and we are so thankful to our Lord

for her birth and the fact that she was born before we left so that we could see her. Many of you prayed for Pam's eye surgery. She had her surgery on April 1st and did well. The excessive skin between her eyelids and eyebrows was removed so that now she can see better, in that

her eyes are opening wider. Before we left, she saw the doctor again and received the Botox injections around her eyes. This will allow the spasms of her eyes that plague her to stop for a time, so we are thankful for this relief. Thank you so much for your prayers for Pam and for us. Our son-in-law, Graig Austin, is here with a team from the University of Michigan. Graig brings

a team to Kenya every year to give the team opportunities to see God at work in a different culture. This year it is a smaller team, as our daughter, Sara, was not able to come. Kaily, our little granddaughter, was born three months early, has not been released to make an overseas trip yet, so Sara stayed back with her. Kaily is eight months old now, weighs over twelve pounds, and is doing so well. God has been so good to allow this little one to progress well, and we thank Him for His goodness.

The Kenyan government seems to be stable at this time. Gasoline prices have gone up considerably, as gasoline is over \$7.00 per gallon and food prices are up 25%. The world continues to have many problems, but we know that the Lord's return must be soon, as we see the situations all over the world getting worse. We need to be busy about our Father's business, as our time on this earth is short. Thanks so much for your financial giving and prayers for us. We really enjoyed attending the BFM

Spring Conference at Thompson Road Baptist, and seeing many of you there. It was great seeing the John Hatcher's, Paul and Wanda Hatcher, Harold and Ursula Draper, and Sheridan and Anita Stanton. We don't have this opportunity to see fellow missionaries with BFM very often, so this was a real treat.

We look forward to Roger and Julie Tate and their family joining us here soon. Lord willing, we will meet them in Nairobi on June 9th to travel up to Kitale together. We are looking forward to ministering with them so much.

May our Lord richly bless you for your love, encouragement, and prayers for us. You are a definite part of our team and we thank you for your involvement in world missions. Until next time, may you feel our Lord's presence in your lives, as we all work together for Him while we still have time. With grateful hearts for you, Mike and Pam I Corinthians 15:58

# MISSIONS STIMULUS OFFERING

Have you received your 2008 Economic Stimulus Payment? What are you going to do with it? I know you have 100 good uses for it, but CAN YOU GIVE IT... OR A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF IT TO THE GENERAL FUND TO HELP SUPPLY YOUR MISSIONARIES **ESSENTIAL NEEDS?** 

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### Long River Trip ... Pray For The Works Here ... Dear Brethrei Since turning sixty, I have just made my first long river trip. Once again I was by myself. My traveling buddy, Hudson, was off

preaching on another river. My trip was up the Moa River, which

is one of my favorites. This river is always beautiful even when it

is at its lowest and hard to get through. This time of year though all

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the rivers are out of their banks. We are having a really big flood. I was many miles up river before I came across a place that I could mail: mdcreig@hotmail.com My destination was Sao Salvador. Over the past few months we have been preparing to move Rivaldo from Republica to Sao Salvador. Most of you know the difficult ordeal that Rivaldo went through with his unfaithful wife at the tribal reservation, Republica. Well, Rivaldo decided to give her another chance when she came back repentant. I have worked closely with both of them through the whole thing. It looks like they are going to make it. The folks at the tribe were not willing to let her back in though. Things were already pretty bad even before all this came up. We prayed long and hard

about whether Rivaldo should stay or move to a more productive location. While all this was going on, I was also talking and praying with the pastor of the church at Sao Salvador. He had sought me out last year expressing how old and tired he is. The church has been very weak and under attack by Pentecostals for a while. Moises, the pastor of our church, has been living here in Cruzeiro do Sul for qu

ite a while. We all know that there is no such thing as pastoring a church from afar After all was said and done, the church there asked Rivaldo to be their new pastor. Pastor Moises will continue as emeritus and will help out going along on some of the mission trips. My trip was to talk to the church again and tell them what they needed to be aware of during the transition. Our meetings went very well. Everybody seems to be happy with the new arrangement. Pray for them. They have some pretty big challenges ahead. Moises has always been a very low key, slow type guy. Rivaldo is a bubbly, upbeat and always smiley guy. It is quite a contrast.

Well my solo trip at age sixty was as much fun as all those solo trips when I was twenty. I thank the Lord for the opportunity to continue to serve Him in a small way. Thanks for all of your prayers and support. God bless you as much as He has us

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Reports from Peru are very good. Most of the reports not only tell us how much they are praying for Anita, but they also tell us how the different mission works are advancing. We would like to present a need for one of our National Peruvian Missionaries, Miguel Gargate. He works out of the jungle town of Tingo Maria and has started three different mission works deeper into the interior of the jungle. There are no roads to these villages, only paths that horses or a motorcycle can move upon. So the need for Miguel is a motorcycle (cost of about \$1300).

motorcycles some of the time in order to get to these works; but he really needs his own motorcycle He is a faithful man of God, married, with two children. I had the privilege of ordaining him to the ministry about eight years ago. If any church or individual would like to help in this endeavor, please send your offering to Baptist Faith Missions and designate it for "Stanton - Miguel Motorcycle."

Speaking of Baptist Faith Missions: Anita and I had a great time participating in the BFM Spring Mission Conference at Thompson Road Baptist Church, Pastor Dave Parks, the second week of April. The conference was very well attended and a good spirit manifested by all speakers and attendees. BFM's middle name is "FAITH" and we all work in the Lord's work by faith. In case some of you do not know, BFM has taken on three new missionaries in the past few years. The truth is, our offerings have stayed pretty much the same and the added expense of new workers has placed us in a "test of our faith." During the financial reports given at the annual conference it was manifested that it takes about forty-thousand dollars to maintain one missionary family on the foreign field for one year. If each supporting family would give an additional ten to fifteen dollars per month through your local church to the General Fund of BFM, this need would be met. The gospel must continue to go forward in the ever faster growing population of the sin cursed world in which we live

Recently a missionary friend of mine, Brother Paul Washer, wrote, "While we recognize that the needs of mankind are many and his sufferings are diverse, we believe that they all spring from a common origin - the radical depravity of his heart, his enmity toward God, and his rejection of truth. Therefore, we believe that the greatest benefit to mankind can be accomplished through the preaching of the gospel and the establishment of local churches that proclaim the full counsel of God's Word and minister according to its commands, precepts, and wisdom. Such a work cannot be accomplished through the arm of the flesh, but only through the supernatural providence of God and the means which He has ordained: biblical preaching, intercessory, prayers, sacrificial service, unconditional love and true Christ likeness." If each pastor of each church would seek to motivate each family to give more to missions, I believe this time of "testing of our faith" would be turned into victory in Jesus.

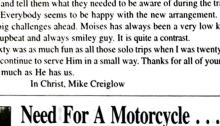
I would like to finish this report on the "sweetest note," my dear wife, Anita. She has been responding very well to the chemotherapy treatments for her breast cancer. Her hair is gone but not her faith in God, her love of others, nor her sense of humor! She is still the same Anita as always. She is fatigued easily, but takes advantage of the "down time" to rest and read. We have both been so overwhelmed by the cards and calls expressing your love and concern. Thanks to all of you for your prayers and support and to some of our local friends for the meals provided while she is having her "rough week." Anita and I pray that God will continue to bless you all. She has her third of six scheduled chemo treatments this Friday, the 9th of May. The doctor told us yesterday, Tuesday, that after the chemo treatments she will definitely have a complete mastectomy followed by six weeks of radiation. So it looks like we will not be able to return to Peru until around the end of the year. However, I will be making a few short trips back in order to keep things going there. We will also be rescheduling with our supporting churches in order to be able to come and share with you about the Lord's work in Peru. Please remember to pray for Anita's health, more support for BFM, and a motorcycle for Miguel Gargate. May God continue to bless you all.

Your Missionaries to Peru - on furlough, Sheridan and Anita Stanton

### **PASTOR TERRY ADKINS: BAPTIST** FAITH MISSIONS DIRECTOR

Pastor Terry Adkins has consented to serve as a Director of Baptist Faith Missions. Pastor Adkins is pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. New

Hope Church is also the longtime host church for our Thanksgiving Conference. Each Director serves with the consent and authority of the church where he is a member and where he serves the Lord. Each Director agrees without reservation to our Doctrinal Statement of beliefs and practices. That same Doctrinal Statement expresses the convictions and distinctives of the churches who partner together to support our missionaries. Each Director also agrees with the missionary purpose of Baptist Faith Missions and commits to promote our missionaries' needs. We welcome Pastor Adkins and look forward to many years of partnership in the Gospel and missions.





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