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SUMMER MISSIONS CONFERENCE - JULY 21-23

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DID YOU READ THE URGENT APPEAL FOR THE GENERAL FUND IN LAST MONTH'S MISSION SHEETS INSERT? I hope you did, and I urge you to ask the Lord how you should respond. We need long-term, lifetime commitments from every one of our missionaries' Giving Friends. THAT IS THE KIND OF COMMITMENTS WE HAVE MADE TO OUR MISSIONARIES FROM THE GENERAL FUND. And the only way we can fulfill those financial commitments is for each one of us to do our personal giving to missions.

We are only in the middle of the year, and we must begin this month to meet our monthly disbursement commitments from the General Fund with our monthly offerings to the General Fund. Our immediate goal is to increase our consistent monthly GENERAL FUND offerings to \$37,000.00 per month.

IF YOU MISSED THE APPEAL, YOU MAY FIND IT ON www.faith-works.blogspot.com.

EVERY ONE OF US NEEDS TO RESPOND THIS MONTH: Many have already responded by increasing their personal monthly giving commitments. Some have increased the offerings they give BFM through their church's offerings - others have begun sending their personal offerings directly to Brother Sledd, BFM's Treasurer. Pastors have led their churches to increase their monthly offerings to the General Fund. **GOD BLESS YOU EACH ONE!**

MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND THE LABOR DAY CONFERENCE IN THE INTERESTS OF BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS to be hosted by East Keys Baptist Church in Springfield, Illinois. It will be, of course, over Labor Day weekend and Monday.

PRAY FOR YOUR BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS: Terry Adkins * Glenn Archer * Doug Armstrong * Bobby Creiglow * Art Donley * Bobby Greene * Randy Jones * Millard Mitchell * Jim Orrick, *President* * Edward Overbey * Dave Parks, *Executive Secretary* * George Sledd, *Treasurer* * Marvin Summers * Steve Wainright * Wallace York.



In States On Furlough ... Marie Feeling Better ...

Dear Brothers of the Blessed Lord and Sisters of the Savior Jesus Christ: June 10, 2008

In this our last letter we will write, the Lord willing, from Brazil, we will first write about the immediate future. Our plans are for Marie and I, with Asa Mark traveling with us, to leave Manaus at 5:30 p.m. this coming Thursday the 12th of this month. We should arrive at the Lexington, Kentucky, airport at 8:30 p.m. on Friday the 13th. We plan to spend two nights in Lexington and then on Sunday afternoon drive to the Rough River Dam Park in Western Kentucky where we plan to attend the Bratcher-Porter Family Reunion. After the 19th, we will be living at the address listed above. This house belongs to the Trinity Baptist Church and is close to the church. We thank you, Matthew Hyder and Helen Brown and the church, for this blessing. We thank you, Lord Jesus, first of all. We will be happy to have you visit us. As the Lord permits, we will accept invitations to preach in the churches, etc.

Now we return to the past. This Mission Sheets month began May 10th and ends today, June 9th. During this month I preached eleven sermons, seven at the 24th of March Baptist Church; one at the Celestial Baptist Church; and one at the 14th of December Baptist Church. The church presented us with luggage for our trip. Then I preached at the Comunhao Baptist Church where the ladies' Missionary Society was celebrating their anniversary. On the 11th of May, Mother's Day, Marie was honored by our two sons, Asa Mark here in Manaus, and Stephen telephoning from Ocala, Florida. Yesterday after the services of the 24th of March Baptist Church, we went to the Comunhao Baptist Church where we ate dinner with over one hundred and fifty others. Dr. Asa Mark Bratcher and the church were celebrating Pastor's Day, which we had just celebrated at our church.

After almost a month of coughing, and a bad case of the flu, my beloved wife Marie is almost completely healed. We praise the Lord. We have visited the sick, including a dear sister who is very weak and may be in her last days upon the earth, Aurea Belem Fragoiro, eighty-one.

Thus, dear readers of the Mission Sheets, we have shared with you what has happened to Harold and Marie here in Manaus. The Lord willing, we hope to see many of you soon there in Kentucky and other states. Continue to abide in the Lord and continue to pray for us and continue to contribute as the Lord leads. We love you in the Lord. We pray for Mrs. Helen Palmer who recently lost by death, her beloved husband of many years, Ernest Palmer. They have been our friends for these many years. Thanks also to Brother Dave Parks who has been a blessing to all of us missionaries of Baptist Faith Missions. God be with you till we meet again.

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

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**



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Had Knee Surgery ... Problems At Church ...

Dear Brethren,

June 9, 2008

On March 24th, Beverly and I went to Manaus to take care of a number of health problems that could not be handled here in Cruzeiro do Sul. We arrived that Monday night and the next day I had knee surgery. This knee had been hindering my work for over ten years. It was time to correct it before it got any worse. All went well and recovery has been smooth. We also had some skin problems to work on. Bev had a cyst removed from her hand and I had some more treatment on a chronic problem that started in late December. Bev's problem is solved. Mine is far from over. Both of my doctors, (surgeon and dermatologist), want to see me again this month, but that is a little iffy right now. Hopefully our insurance will cover most of our treatment. One thing they will not cover is the cost to get to Manaus. Our tickets cost over \$1,500.00 round trip, so if any of you would like to help, it would be a big boost to us. David and Pennie Hatcher graciously kept us in their home the whole time, which saved us a bundle. Paul and Wanda Hatcher also offered us a place to stay. The factor that tipped the scales was only a flight of stairs! We are so grateful to all of our long time friends who take such good care of us.

I have now been back home for just over a month. My physical therapy and exercise program are going well. I have also lost twelve pounds this month, so I am almost back to normal. Things are not quite normal though because my doctor will not let me go back to my river trips for another two months. In fact, I missed out on our last medical mission trip. Zico and our team spent eleven days up the Jurua River. They treated almost 1,000 people and there were twenty-six people saved. Believe me, the hardest part of my recovery is not being in on that kind of fun!

Things at First Baptist have been very slow. I came back to find that several members have fallen into sin and the church is suffering. Even one of our local missionaries fell into adultery. My members and I have been very busy trying to work with these folks to see their recovery and correction. Our attendance had dropped off and all month there had been only one man saved. Yesterday we started to see some recovery. We had normal crowds both in the morning and evening services. We had three members come confessing sin, one request for baptism, a couple came by letter and two professions of faith. By the way, the missionary came before the church on Friday night to confess his sin. I am working with this couple to help them survive this tragedy. He has been removed from the ministry. He has a long list of people he must seek out to ask their pardon. He is even at risk to be physically harmed by some of these people, so he has a long hard road ahead. Please remember us and First Baptist in your prayers.

Our Christian school took a dramatic turn this year. The state became desperate for more room for students that they could not place. They approached us to help them out. They offered to let us select the extra staff we would need among the many members of our church who already are employed by the state, and the state would fork over an added \$30,000.00 to remodel some of our class rooms. So, over night we doubled our staff. Our student body went from one hundred to over six hundred! Of course, we were concerned that the state might want to interfere with the school. We talked to other private school owners who did the same thing and they all said that it would be safe. We shall see. The initial agreement is for one year. Thanks for all of your prayers and support. God bless you as much as He has us.

In Christ, Mike Creiglow



Brother Creiglow's Report ...

Dear Brethren:

June 3, 2008

Three weeks ago I started teaching a class each Sunday night, based on a study I created several years ago on Bible Basics. It has gone very well and I have been enjoying myself during the process. There are to be twelve more lessons, but even after the course is finished I would be happy to continue teaching as long as there is an interest, and if I am requested to continue. The classes have been pretty well attended and the feedback that I have received has all been good; the other kind of feedback may come later.

I started several weeks ago making plans for our annual Missions Conference that will be held from September 29th through October 2nd. It is coming together pretty fast and we are trusting the Lord to give us the very best conference that we have had to date. Most of our speaker have been contacted and as usual, and so far, they are all missionaries. If you would like to attend, we would be very happy to have you, so mark your calendar and come.

June is Founders Month for Baptist Faith Missions and every year about this time funds are getting very thin, so I pray that each church will receive a special offering for the General Fund for Baptist Faith Missions. Our Missionaries are needing a raise in their salaries also. I have not received a check from the Federal Government that has been promised, but if I do, I intend to give it to BFM's General fund. I would like to challenge you to do that also.

Betty no longer has to wear the boot on her leg, but does wear a splint that she will continue to wear for another three weeks. She has not had to use the wheelchair for the past ten days, walks short distances with help, and at times can do it on her own. The progression of her Alzheimer's disease continues and she is going back to the Respite Center five days per week.

In His Name, Bobby D. Creiglow

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New Arrival In Our Family ... Please Pray For Our Health ...

Dear praying friends, June 3, 2008
Another month has come and passed so quickly and there are many important items to update each of you on. My wife and I praise the Lord for good health, ministry opportunities here in the States, and the arrival of a new addition to our family. This update will focus on these areas.

So many have asked about my wife's pregnancy and the health of our daughter. McKenna Eileen Radford was born at Cabell Huntington Hospital (WV) on April 26th at 6:42 a.m. She was twenty-one inches long and weighed eight pounds, seven ounces. We are thrilled that she was born healthy and that there are no problems with her development. She is now almost six weeks old, which does not seem possible. Although becoming a parent is a lot of new responsibility for us, it is also a joy and blessing to be able to invest in the life of our child and teach her in the ways of the Lord. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Our goal as parents is to train our daughter in the way of the Lord and for her life to bring honor and glory to God.

In regards to prayer requests, please pray for our health, as furlough has many challenges. Please pray that the Lord would provide the strength and grace necessary to finish well in reporting to individuals and churches. In regards to our support needs, we still need around \$175 a month to reach full support and we are praying and trusting the Lord for this need.

A statement from a prominent believer I recently read really spoke to me. It said, "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had absolutely no other place to go." May each of us stay in prayer before the Lord, to strengthen our walk with Him, and build our relationship with Him. Matthew 21:22 states, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Hebrews 4:16 also says, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." By faith, we believe that the Lord will provide the rest of this need, and we continue to wait and trust Him. If you would be interested in supporting the ministry in Kenya, please contact us at the information above.

To date, we have received no reports of problems in the ministries in Kitale, so we praise the Lord for this. Both the prison and hospital ministries seem to be progressing smoothly in our absence. Please pray for the nationals that are presently leading the ministries. We have also received positive reports from others who have visited the country recently that peace has come to Kenya. Many of you know of the unrest that was in the country following the elections, but we have heard that this has calmed, so we praise the Lord for this also. Psalm 91:2 says, "I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust." We praise the Lord for protecting the missionaries that were in Kenya during this difficult time and that peace has returned to the country.

We will be sure to keep you updated regularly. Thanks so much to each one who calls, writes a note of encouragement, prays for us, or supports the ministry financially. Each of you are so important to the ministry in Kenya and we thank God for you.

Until next month, Nathan and Carrie Radford



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Meeting Up With The Andersons ... Many Challenges Ahead ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, June 4, 2008

There is much going on here in East Africa for us right now, some exciting, some stressful. As I write this we have exactly one more night in Tanzania at the language school. Tomorrow we leave by bus to go to Dar es Salaam and from there we fly to Nairobi to meet up with Mike and Pam. We will spend four days in Nairobi before leaving for Kitale. The exciting part is being in Nairobi and Kitale. The stressful part is getting there - Packing, saying goodbye, and traveling. I wonder if they have tarantulas in Kenya. I killed three outside our front door last week!

We have enjoyed our stay in Tanzania very much. We know much more of the language than when we arrived, but I think each of us would quickly say we don't know it well enough yet. It will require more time practicing and using the language before we are really any good at it. Four months just isn't enough time. Last week, however, I was able to preach at the church here on campus - In Swahili of course. The first service probably had two hundred and fifty people and the second service had around three hundred and fifty. It wasn't a very deep sermon or very eloquent because it was in Swahili, but it was a good experience and six hundred people heard the gospel message from Romans 1:16. After our final written and oral exams this week we had a graduation ceremony and as the President of the class, I appointed Julie to make our graduation speech. She did a great job. And Emily, although she was very nervous about our final tests, passed with flying colors with scores higher than the class average.

We will miss Tanzania very much. We have been able to make many friends here in just four months and touch the lives of many people. We are thankful to our Lord for the opportunities we have had here, especially the opportunities to share Christ and his love with people. We pray that our lives have impacted those we have come into contact with here even through the simple things we were able to do. Just yesterday we gave a Swahili Bible to the man who washed our clothes for the last four months. He had one already but it was tattered and torn with pages missing. He was thrilled to have a new one and later when I went to pay him for our last load of laundry he was in his room reading it. We wish we could take about ten or twelve of these Tanzanians with us to Kenya. We will miss them.

We have a great many challenges ahead of us, beloved. I would be wrong to tell you I have no anxiety about the next few months. I do have some. However, I had anxiety before leaving the United States for Africa, yet God has not left us or forsaken us. He has strengthened us and worked on our behalf time and again and we have learned enough about Him to know He will continue to do it as we forge ahead in His name. Our great God loves us all very much and although He has not promised us an easy life or one free of pain or suffering, He has promised to be with us through the trials and to finish the work He has begun in us. Please pray for the arrival of our container all the way to Kitale. Also, please pray for our transition from Tanzania to Kenya. We love you all and thank you for all you do for us and all you mean to us.

May God's peace and joy be with you.

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

PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES...

IN BRAZIL:

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Michael and Beverly Creiglow
Paul and Wanda Hatcher
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Much Sadness Along With Happiness ... Busy With Vocational School ...

Dear friends, June 3, 2008
I cannot say it has been an uneventful month. We have seen some sad endings and happy new beginnings. Three of our brothers in Christ have gone to live with the Lord; two young Christians united in marriage, and work has been going on at the property as well.

Sometimes we wonder when we are doing evangelism in the communities, "Is it really necessary?" Well the first of the three who passed away was a thirty-seven-year-old man who had heart surgery six to eight months ago. He accepted Christ before his surgery while sitting on the front steps of his home near one of our preaching points, (Barranco Alto). My son-in-law, Walimir, and I, had the privilege of not only leading him to Christ, but being with his family at the hospital when he went to be with the Lord. We were also privileged to participate in his funeral service, or as my late father-in-law would have said, "His promotion."

The second brother who passed away was Walimir's father, Gibson. He was sixty and was cutting down some fruit for his grandchildren in the back yard of his home. He was talking with Walimir and another friend and he fell forward. Mary witnessed most of the event and did CPR until the Fire Department Rescue crew arrived. Gibson was pronounced dead about forty-five minutes to an hour later at the hospital. It is totally awesome to preach a funeral when there are no doubts that a person has Jesus Christ in their lives. His testimony and witness demonstrated his commitment to our Lord and Saviour. He was one of the assistants at the preaching point where the first young man died.

The last man who passed away was a father to one of our faithful church members. He was not a member of our church, but we were privileged to participate in his funeral. He had been an alcoholic and had accepted Christ late in life. He lived his last three years going to church and demonstrating a witness that his life had changed. How awesome is the Lord we serve.

In the midst of this sadness we did have the joy of witnessing two young Christians join in marriage. Both of these young people serve faithfully in church and we are looking forward to God using them even more as a married couple.

So even though we have had what appears to be a very busy month, we are blessed because these three men and this couple have the testimony they had and have Jesus in their lives. How awesome is the Lord we serve.

This month has also been very busy with the vocational school. We have been installing the foundation and plumbing for a dormitory. It has required a lot more dirt to fill than was anticipated. The work goes on and it is simply awesome how the Lord supplies.

We have planned our evangelism for the rest of the year. Included in this evangelism outreach are our mission points located out of our area, Salesopolis and Natividade da Serra, as well as the communities in town where we currently have preaching points or congregations. In all of this, especially the two missions out of town, the van will be serving a vital part! Without the van we would be unable to go and visit in these mission fields. It is awesome when we can take some of our church members and help our missions. Not only is it needed, but our church members enjoy participating in this church work. In each of the two towns, we are planning to spend a day each month evangelizing and having a church service in the evening before returning home. In the local communities, we are planning on going door to door spreading the good news of the gospel. We will rotate through these areas throughout the rest of the year.

Barbara has been in the States visiting with her mother and recuperating from her surgery these last four or five weeks. She has surely been missed here. Pray for her as she will be returning June 19th.

So as we are ministering here, we request your prayers for the work that is ongoing. It is because of wonderful people like you that this work continues. Pray with us for more souls for the harvest.

Thanks so much for your financial support and prayers. Remember, there is always a bed and extra beans for you here with us. Like Motel 6, we'll keep the light on for you.

In His service, A. J. and Barb Hensley

- URGENT APPEAL -

HERE IS SOMETHING EACH OF US CAN DO:

1. IF YOU ARE NOT GIVING A PERSONAL OFFERING TO THE BFM GENERAL FUND, WILL YOU BEGIN TO DO SO? Each of us should be personally involved in missions giving, and in this case, YOUR PERSONAL MISSIONARY FRIENDS NEED YOU...AND DEPEND ON YOU. Can you give \$1 a day to help finance the essential ministry needs of your missionaries? Will you begin by committing to give a personal offering of \$30 per month to the General Fund offering?

If your church gives monthly offerings to the BFM General Fund, you can give it through your church's offerings and ask your church treasurer to add your personal offering to the church's monthly offering. Or, you can give it directly by sending it to our Treasurer, Pastor George Sledd, P. O. Box 471280, Lake Monroe FL 32747-1280.

2. IF YOU ARE ALREADY GIVING PERSONAL MONTHLY OFFERINGS TO THE BFM GENERAL FUND, CAN YOU INCREASE IT AS THE LORD ENABLES YOU? Can you increase your current offering by another 25%...or more? We bless God and thank each of you who has given over all these years so we could do what all we have done. BFM IS WHERE WE ARE TODAY BECAUSE OF THE GRACE, GENEROSITY, AND FAITHFULNESS OF ALL OUR GIVING FRIENDS. God has blessed you - and will bless you - for your expressions of love and obedience to the Gospel.

3. IF YOUR CHURCH GIVES OFFERINGS TO THE BFM GENERAL FUND FROM YOUR CHURCH'S TREASURY, WILL YOU INCREASE IT? Keep in mind that each \$1 given to the BFM General Fund is divided up 14 ways [that's the number of missionary families we support], and so each missionary receives seven cents' benefit from every \$1 contributed.

Every time the Lord leads us into a crisis, IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FAITH AND OBEDIENCE. We are confronted right now with an awesome OPPORTUNITY FOR FAITH.

When the Lord Jesus purposed to feed the 5,000 hungry people through the ministry of His followers, He tested them with a CRISIS...AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FAITH. He asked Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" [see John 6:5-6]. Philip and the other disciples were at a loss how to meet this need. "But this He said to test him, FOR HE HIMSELF KNEW WHAT HE WOULD DO." Jesus Christ knows what He purposes to do.

We are all waiting and responding to see what He will do - and how He will do it...through us. "NOW THEREFORE, KNOW AND CONSIDER WHAT YOU WILL DO." And let's every one of us DO IT NOW! THANK YOU, GIVING FRIENDS!

Dave Parks, Executive Secretary, Baptist Faith Missions

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GENERAL FUND

Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL.....	100
Aldridge, Randy & Melody, Morton, IL. (Giving Friends).....	75
Amazing Grace Baptist Church, Palmyra, TN.....	25
Anonymous Giving Friend.....	200
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY.....	30
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenite, NC.....	300
Berry Baptist Church, Berry, KY.....	400
Bethel Baptist Church, Williams, IN.....	116
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN.....	475
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL.....	293
Bible Baptist Church, Portage, IN.....	150
Bohon Road Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY.....	250
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV.....	100
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY.....	1,155.63
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY.....	100
Casada, Mark & Sheryl, Manhattan, KS (Giving Friends).....	100
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV.....	200
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC.....	640
Cornerstone Miss. Bap. Church, McDermott, OH.....	88
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV.....	70
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL.....	1,100.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Niles, IL.....	200
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN.....	438.1
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Irvine, KY.....	200
Emmanuel Miss. Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY.....	566
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO.....	457
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY.....	500
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Leighton, AL.....	200
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY.....	1,000.00
First Baptist Church, Science Hill, KY.....	125
Global Baptist Church, Golf, IL.....	250
Goldfloss Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC.....	25
Goodspings Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL.....	759
Grace Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY.....	100
Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Springs, MS.....	200
Harbor View Miss. Bap. Church, Harbor View, OH.....	60
Hardman Fork Bap. Ch., Normantown, WV.....	1,500.00
Hardy, Ola, Guntown, MS (Giving Friend).....	50.00
Hatcher, John & Alta, Ural, Brazil (Giving Friends).....	30.00
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....	2,000.00
Hunter, Lewis & Ada, Springfield, IL. (Giving Friends).....	40
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI.....	500
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculum, AL.....	60
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC.....	25
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL.....	60
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL. (Giving Friends).....	160
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI.....	776.96
Lexington Bethel Bap. Church, Lexington, KY.....	100
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH.....	50
Matthews Memorial Church, Stevenson, AL.....	50
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV.....	700
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Liberty Miss Baptist).....	200
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Dawson Baptist Church).....	200
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Beech Grove Baptist Church).....	50
Mt. Pisgah Miss. Baptist Church, Grafton, OH.....	500
New Hope Miss. Bap. Ch., Dearborn Heights, MI.....	378
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....	25
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Normantown, WV.....	100
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, FL.....	63.87
Redding, Warren & Barbara, Atlanta, GA (Giving Friends).....	200
Riverview Baptist Church, Point Pleasant, WV.....	200
Rocky Springs Miss. Bap. Ch., Piney Flats, TN.....	200
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV.....	800
Rosemont Bap. Church, Winston-Salem, NC.....	900
Sample, Timothy & Ruth, Grand Rapids, MI (Giving Friends).....	100
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC (Giving Friend).....	250
Southside Baptist Church, Fulton, MS.....	250
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL.....	175
SPVA Giving Friend.....	50
Stalnaker, Judith, Normantown, WV (Giving Friend).....	300
24th Of March Baptist Church, Manaus, Brazil.....	315
Templeman, Carl & Karen, Valparaiso, IN. (Giving Friends).....	25
Texas Giving Friends.....	700
Thompson Road Bap. Church, Lexington, KY.....	390
Thom. Rd. Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY (May Offering).....	507
Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, KY.....	10
Virginia Giving Friend.....	410
Wannville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL.....	50
West Virginia Giving Friends.....	80
W. K&W, Richmond, KY (Giving Friends).....	25
York, Wallace & Doris, Princeton, KY. (Giving Friends).....	100
Total.....	24,703.56

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY (Giving Friend).....	25
Total.....	25

IN MEMORIAM

Campbell, Danny & Margie, Richmond, KY. In Memory Of Mike Benton, Jr.....	100
Darnell, Dwayne & Mary, Georgetown, KY In Memory Of Mike Benton, Jr.....	25
Hutchesson, Chip & Karen, Princeton, KY In Memory Of Mike Benton, Jr.....	50
Orrick, Jim & Irene, Ironton, OH. In Memory Of Ken Webb.....	25
Orrick, Jim & Irene, Ironton, OH In Memory Of Ralph Huff.....	25
Orrick, Jim & Irene, Ironton, OH In Memory Of Marguerite Delawder.....	25
York, Wallace & Doris, Princeton, KY In Memory Of Mike Benton, Jr.....	100
Total.....	350

BIBLES FOR INDIA (In Memory Of Louis Naple)

Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY.....	25
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV.....	132
Childers, John & Sandra, Somerset, KY.....	50
Collins, Delia, Hurricane, WV.....	20
Grace Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, KY.....	87
Guess, Ray, Marion, KY.....	5

Highland Chapel Bap. Ch., Cedar Hill, TN.....	35.05
John C. Brater Funeral Home, Harrison, OH.....	100
Lamb, Linda, Brookville, PA.....	1
Reese, Patty Lou, Mt. Vernon, KY.....	95
Sail Of Hope International, Monroe, VA.....	500
Weitz, Mike & Linda, Cincinnati, OH.....	15
Total.....	1,065.05

WEST INDIES FUND

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI, Emmanuel Jaggerath.....	27
Total.....	27

HOME MISSIONS

Branson, Daniel & Patricia, Alien, KY.....	25
Total.....	25.00

NATHAN RADFORD

Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....	100
Allbritton, Tommy & Barbara, Scott Depot, WV, Salary.....	30
Bakker, Jason & Julie, Chambersburg, PA, Support.....	50
Bible Baptist Church, Belva, WV, Support.....	50
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	23
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV, Support.....	60
Clemans Real Estate, Hurricane, WV, Support.....	300
Cullen, Tom & Laura, Letart, WV, Salary.....	40
Danielson, Betty, Titusville, PA, Salary.....	20
Elizabeth Bap. Church, Bancroft, WV, Support.....	100
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV, Salary.....	175
Fairview Bible Ch., Letart, WV, Prison Ministry.....	50
Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH, Support.....	100
Fazzini, Marie, Dowagiac, MI, Salary.....	10
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Salary.....	75
Gibbs, Rolland & Constance, Letart, WV, Salary.....	25
God's Lighthouse Ch., Cross Lanes, WV, Salary.....	50
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentuck, WV, Salary.....	20
Grace Baptist Church, Lima, OH, Salary.....	250
Grace Miss. Bap. Ch., Sourginsville, TN, Salary.....	50
Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV, Salary.....	25
Hardman Fork Batist. Church, Normantown, WV, As Needed.....	100
Harper, David, Concord, NC, Support.....	25
Harris, Ruby, Charleston, WV, Salary.....	10
Hernandez, Paul & Anne, Youngsville, PA, Support.....	50
Jackson, L.R. Culloden, WV, Salary.....	200
Kincaid, John & Jane, Scott Depot, WV, Support.....	100
Leavittsburg Bap. Church, Warren, OH, Support.....	55
Lemkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV, Personal.....	10
Lewis, Lowell & Sue, Milton, WV, Salary.....	25
Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV, Salary.....	100
Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV, Hosp. Min. 100	
Loosenot, Kurt & Virginia, Grand Rapids, MI, Salary.....	100
Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL, Exp.....	20
Meyne, John & Kelley, Grand Rapids, MI, Salary.....	25
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary.....	10
Nizio, James, Dearborn Heights, MI, Salary.....	10
Nizio, Victoria, Dearborn Heights, MI, Salary.....	10
Parker, Steven, Burlington, IA, Salary.....	10
Ranson, Joseph & Vinila, Culloden, WV, As Need.....	20
Ripley, Tabernacle Missions Fund, Ripley, WV, Support.....	50
Rollins, David & Patricia, Liberty, WV, Salary.....	50
Russell, Anthony, Fort Worth, TX, Hosp. Min.....	50
Smith, Doug & Anna, Hurricane, WV, Salary.....	30
Southside Bap. Church, Winter Haven, FL, Support.....	20
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV, As Needed.....	100
Stalnaker, Ron & Gina, Glenville, WV, Salary.....	200
Stalnaker, Ron & Gina, Glenville, WV, Hosp. Min. 100	
Standale Bap. Ch., Grand Rapids, MI (First Quarter), Support.....	600
Teays Valley Bap. Ch., Hurricane, WV, Support.....	100
Thompson, Peter & Karen, Nitro, WV, Personal.....	200
Victory Bap. Church, Cross Lanes, WV, Support.....	75
Wells, James & Jill, Nitro, WV, Where Needed.....	25
Winfield Bap. Church, Winfield, WV, Support.....	125
Wright, Randy & Teresa, Hurricane, WV, Support.....	100
Total.....	4,863.00

MIKE ANDERSON

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....	100
Allbritton, Tommy & Barbara, Scott Depot, WV, Salary.....	30
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	200
East Nitro United Bap. Ch., Nitro, WV, Support.....	25
Elizabeth Bap. Church, Bancroft, WV, Support.....	112
Emmanuel Miss. Bap. Ch., Oldtown, KY, Helio, Fund.....	100
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV, Salary.....	100
Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH, Support.....	100
Fazzini, Marie, Dowagiac, MI, Salary.....	10
Fellowship Baptist Church, Vienna, WV, Support.....	100
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary.....	50
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Salary.....	75
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentuck, WV, Salary.....	50
Grace Miss. Bap. Church, Sourginsville, TN, Salary.....	50
Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV, Salary.....	25
Harris, Ruby, Charleston, WV, Salary.....	10
Keeling, Pamela, Eleanor, WV, Miss Ministries.....	30
Lemkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV, Personal.....	10
Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL, Exp.....	40
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, S. Charleston, WV, Salary.....	10
Pleasant Hill Miss. Bap. Ch., Tornado, WV, Support.....	50
Ranson, Joseph & Vinila, Culloden, WV, As Needed.....	20
Richland Bap. Church, Livermore, KY, As Needed.....	75
Riverside Baptist Church, Stanville, KY, Salary.....	25
Rocky Springs Miss. Bap. Ch., Piney Flats, TN, Support.....	50

Rosemont Bap. Ch., Winston-Salem, NC, Support.....	200
Seventh Street Bap. Ch., Cannelton, IN, As Needed.....	50
Smith, Richard & Marclyn, Ripley, WV, Bible College.....	25
Sowards, Kathleen, Winfield, WV, Support.....	25
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV, As Needed.....	100
Winfield Bap. Church, Winfield, WV, Support.....	125
Total.....	2,157.00

ODALI BARROS

Adams, W.H. & Arbia, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....	25
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....	100
Atlantic Sh. Bap. Ch., Virginia Beach, VA, Support.....	200
Battlecreek Independent Baptist Church, South Pittsburg, TN, Support.....	100
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	388
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, A & O.....	140
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Salary.....	200.14
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Support.....	325
Hodge, Joseph & Frances, Rockledge, FL, As Needed.....	5,000.00
Lake Road Bap. Ch., Clio, MI, Stephanie Parker.....	35
Lumpkin, Mary, Palmyra, TN, As Needed.....	100
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Liberty MBC), Alpha & Omega.....	50
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI, Stephanie Parker.....	27
New Life Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, A & O.....	1,950.00
Richland Bap. Church, Livermore, KY, As Needed.....	75
Seventh Street Bap. Ch., Cannelton, IN, A & O.....	100
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, As Needed.....	25
Wannville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL, Support.....	50
Warren, John & Vickie, Evansville, IN, A & O.....	50
W.K&W, Richmond, KY, As Needed.....	25
Total.....	8,965.14

HAROLD BRATCHER

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....	70
Ashland Av. Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Support.....	165.34
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	100
Calvary Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Pov. Relief.....	100
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY, Salary.....	100
Clarksville Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Pov. Relief.....	100
Edwards, Wilgus & Maria, Booneville, KY, Salary.....	10
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Salary.....	100
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed.....	50
Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV, Salary.....	25
Hillcrest Bap. Church, Winston-Salem, NC, Salary.....	100
Hilltop Miss. Bap. Ch., Beattyville, KY, Personal.....	50
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH, Salary.....	100
Richland Bap. Ch., Livermore, KY, As Needed.....	75
Total.....	1,145.34

MIKE CREGLOW

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 Creglow.....	123
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN, Salary.....	25
Calvary Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Andrew Creglow.....	100
Creglow, Mr. & Mrs. Harold, Chandler, TX Andrew Creglow.....	50
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL, Boat Gas.....	25
Elliott Bap. Ch., Elliott, MS, Food Pantry.....	200.14
Faith Miss. Bap. Church, Leighton, AL, Personal.....	200
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed.....	50
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL, Andrew Creglow.....	20
Lake Rd. Bap. Ch., Clio, MI, Andrew Creglow.....	35
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI, Support.....	100
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary.....	5
Pleasant Ridge Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Pers.....	200
Riverview Bap. Ch., Point Pleasant, WV, As Needed.....	50
Wood, Nerec, Columbia, SC, As Needed.....	50
Total.....	1,558.14

HAROLD DRAPER

Addyston Bap. Ch., 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
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Personal.....	200.14
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed.....	50
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV, As Needed.....	1,100.00
Hillcrest Bap. Church, Winston-Salem, NC, Salary.....	100
Mt. Calvary Bap. Church, Belleville, MI, Support.....	100
Richland Bap. Ch., Livermore, KY, As Needed.....	75
Rosedale Bap. Ch., Rosedale, WV, As Needed.....	300
Seventh St. Bap. Ch., Cannelton, IN, As Needed.....	150
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, As Needed.....	25
Southside Bap. Ch., Winter Haven, FL, Support.....	125
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV, As Needed.....	100
Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, KY, Support.....	100
W.K&W, Richmond, KY, As Needed.....	25
Wood, Nerec, Columbia, SC, As Needed.....	150
Total.....	2,930.14

JOHN A HATCHER

Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, Building.....	70
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	200
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN, Support.....	125
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary.....	50
Fujikawa, Ricardo, Novo Hamburgo, RS, Support.....	2,183.00
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, KY, Support.....	30
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed.....	50
Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL, Salary.....	10
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, As Needed.....	25
W.K&W, Richmond, KY, As Needed.....	25
Wood, Nerec, Columbia, SC, As Needed.....	150
Total.....	2,918.00

PAUL HATCHER

Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, Sem.-Man.....	100
Ahava Baptist Ch., Plant City, FL, Sem.-Man.....	60
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	100
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN, Salary.....	25
Emmanuel Bap. Ch., Evansville, IN, Sem.-Man.....	20
Guthrie, Larry, Athens, GA, Michael Samples.....	100
Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL, Salary.....	10
New Life Bap. Church, Lexington, KY, Salary.....	118
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, As Needed.....	25
Trinity-Northbrook Bap. Ch., Cincinnati, OH.....	30
Total.....	588

JOHN M. HATCHER

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....	70
East Keys Bap. Ch., Springfield, IL, As Needed.....	25
Emmanuel Bap. Church, Evansville, IN, Personal.....	640
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary.....	50
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed.....	50
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL, Personal.....	20
Mount Calvary Bap. Ch., Charleston, WV, Salary.....	100
Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL, Salary.....	30
Richland Bap. Church, 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.....	1,185.00

A.J. HENSLEY

Ashland Ave. Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Support.....	363.34
Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA, Personal.....	100
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	50
Calvary Bap. Church, Shreveport, LA, Support.....	150
Edwards, Wilgus & Maria, Booneville, KY, Salary.....	10
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Salary.....	200.14
Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, KY, School.....	50
Hilltop Miss. Bap. Ch., Beattyville, KY, Personal.....	100
Joiner, Charles & Kandace, Bonaire, GA, Voc. Sch.....	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, AJ's Mission.....	50
Riverview Bap. Ch., Point Pleasant, WV, As Needed.....	50
Union Baptist Church, Russell Springs, KY, Support.....	50
W.K&W, Richmond, KY, As Needed.....	25
Total.....	1,723.48

SHERIDAN STANTON

Adams, W.H. & Arbia, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....	25
Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH, New Works.....	70
Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, Building Fund.....	70
Anonymous, Miguel Motorcycle.....	1,300.00
Ashland Av. Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Support.....	260
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	200
Durum, Anthony & Linda, Winter Springs, FL As Needed.....	100
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Personal.....	200.14
Grace Bap. Ch., Bradenton, FL, Building Fund.....	200
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed.....	50
Grace Miss. Bap. Ch., Wyandotte, MI, As Needed.....	165
Mt. Calvary Bap. Ch., Belleville, MI, Support.....	100
Old Mount Zion Ch., Wayne City, IL, New Work.....	200
Restoration Church, Dickson, TN, As Needed.....	100
Richland Bap. Ch., Livermore, KY, As Needed.....	75
Rocky Springs Miss. Bap. Ch. Piney Flats, TN, Support.....	50
Rye Patch Bap. Ch. Ludowici, GA, As Needed.....	200
Shawnee Bap. Church, Louisville, KY, Support.....	100
W.K.&W. Richmond, KY, As Needed.....	25
Total.....	3,490.14



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Anita Progressing Well . . . Reports From Peru Good . . .

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PRAYER: While seeing the doctor last time he informed us that her tumor count has gone up. So another round of tests (MRI, bone scan, etc.) have been ordered for the 16th of June.

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After receiving our baggage, Ross drove us to a friend's house where some baggage was stored until we returned from the four-day cruise to Mexico. David and Pennie gave this trip to us. Thank you, Pennie and David. We did our best to enjoy every minute to the maximum. There is nothing equal to being at sea, and especially with good food. During the four days God gave us many opportunities to witness. I took some copies of a visual of the Three Crosses that I use in personal evangelism for adults, and a visual, Behold the Lamb of God, for telling children about Jesus. Many parents gave me permission to tell the story to their children; they listened carefully, also. One young lady, twenty-six years old, from Romania, trusted Christ as her Savior. The joy that filled her heart was evident at once.

JOHN THE JAPANESE CHEF: While in Miami and waiting for the time to go to the airport we went to eat at a Japanese restaurant. The chef's name was John. I mentioned to him that we had some things in common: First, our names are the same; both like Japanese food, but the most important to have in common is to have the sure hope of Heaven and that can only be when Christ is our Savior. His reply was that he was a Buddhist, but for several days something was telling him that he needed something that would satisfy. He listened intently as I told him the gospel of Jesus. He affirmed he would seek a Baptist church and begin reading the Bible. Please pray for JOHN.

TO THE AIRPORT AND RETURN TO BRAZIL: After safe traveling and a long wait in Sao Paulo, our plane arrived in Londrina at eleven in the morning and our taxi driver was waiting. In another hour we arrived at our front gate and I thanked the Lord for being home again.

The next day, Sunday, Alta and I went to our mission in Assai. At the age of eighty-three, the work does not get easier and like an old battery you cannot get a full charge, but God is our strength and our wisdom and in Him we confide. Thank you for your prayers and support.

We love you in our Savior's Name, John and Alta Hatcher

God Is Opening Doors . . . Baptizing On Church Property . . .

Dear Friends,

June 4, 2008

I'm revealing my age, but I remember when I was in the fourth grade in public school and the administration offered the prize of a New Testament to every student who could recite the 23rd Psalm. An administrator who tried to pull that one today would, most likely, lose his or her job.

Well, not here, yet. We are very patriotic. I love my birth land, the USA, but I know that many of the religious liberties that our God-blessed country enjoyed when I was a boy are no longer available. I bring this up to share with you what doors of opportunity God has provided for our evangelistic outreach here.

During the month of May alone, we shared the gospel in thirty-one public schools in two different states in southern Brazil. I'm not talking about a covert Christian witness planted there secretly. Our Project Life evangelism team was specifically invited to come in and, afterward, was virtually begged to return when possible. You see, God has opened this door. We couldn't just will it open. And we don't know how long it will stay open. I would never have imagined that the public schools that I attended as a youngster could ever be barred from sharing of the Word of God, so I know it can happen, even here. We don't take this privilege for granted, but we do take it seriously. Pray with us that we will be faithful to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to these thousands of students and that many will surrender their lives to Him.

Our Leadership Training Center continues steadily. It is hard for me to express just how excited I am in seeing these young men and women committing themselves to what many would call "sacrificial service" to the Lord. They don't see it as sacrifice. In fact, observing their attitudes, it



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could function. This is life in a third world country.

Our son-in-law, Graig, arrived here before we did with his team of five from the University of Michigan. We came a couple of days later and were able to help Graig to get into ministry with his team. They were able to visit with the members of our newest church out in the country. They also did a de-worming clinic in a neighborhood not too far from our Imani Baptist Church and worked with our pastors. They even had the opportunity of ministering in a camp for displaced people who had lost everything in the tribal clashes earlier this year. There were two camps in Kitale for displaced persons. One camp had 2,000 people living in it, and the other one outside of town had 20,000. Now, the government is trying to return these people to their homelands, so the numbers in the camps have greatly reduced.

The power sharing of the new government that formed after the disputed elections seems to be working so far. We have a president and prime minister running the country together and sharing power. However, prices have really increased, and our people are having a hard time even feeding their families. Gasoline is over \$7.00 per gallon and the food prices have doubled; some have tripled. Wages have not gone up, so it is harder and harder for families to survive. Unemployment is increasing at an alarming rate, as tourism and other industries that function because of people coming from overseas, have dwindled. Times are harder than we have ever seen since we have been in Kenya. However, the hard times help our people to focus on our Lord and His faithfulness to care for His people in times of testing, instead of trusting in temporary things.

I have had several meetings with our pastors. One of the pastors had a good idea for ministry. He was interested in seeing if our churches could make a difference in people who are suffering from the later stages of AIDS. Pam had training in dealing with people who have AIDS in late 2006, so he asked her if she would teach about AIDS to our church members. She began teaching last week in each of our three churches. She is teaching our members, and others who may be interested, all about the symptoms of AIDS, and how that they can go into homes and be a witness by helping to care for these unfortunate people. The response has been very good and we are excited to see our people want to know more, and want to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those suffering from this terrible disease.

I am excited about restarting our Bible Institute with our church leaders later this month. More are interested in being trained to do the work of our Lord, so I am preparing to start after Roger gets settled and can help.

We are excited about Roger and Julie Tate and their family arriving to work with us here on June 9th. Lord willing, Pam and I will go into Nairobi to pick them up, and then spend a few days there showing them around. Our plans are to return to Kitale on June 13th, and to help them to get settled into their new lives here. We are planning a big party for them, and plan to bring the churches together to meet them, and see an evangelistic video in Swahili. We would covet your prayers for us and them, that together, we can accomplish great things for our Lord.

May our Lord richly bless each of you for your prayers for us on this side of God's world. We are a team together and whatever is accomplished is because of your prayers and financial support. You are a vital part of the ministry here and we would love to hear from you. Thanks again so much for bringing our names before God's throne. We appreciate you and your labors for our Lord there.

Your servants in Kenya, Mike and Pam

P.S. Please note our e-mail address from Africa Online. We are having problems accessing our Yahoo account.



Mike preaching in Kenya.

looks like they're doing their most enjoyable hobby or pastime. They really do seem to see and understand that God has called them to participate in something much larger than themselves, and that their role really is crucial and rewarding, both now and eternally. They are a constant source of encouragement to me.

For the first time in our church's history we are going to baptize on the church property. Our property and building are small, so we couldn't allow for a baptistery when building our auditorium because of the space it would take up. Yeah, I know, some of you engineers and building contractors are thinking, "You could have installed a baptistery beneath the pulpit," and you're right. But we didn't. We have, for years, baptized our new converts in the lakes and rivers around our area and made a day of fellowship and worship in the open air. That was all great, for a while, but now we are having too many conversions and too often to run off to the woods every time. Until we are able to purchase larger facilities (and make sure that we build a baptistery in them), it looks like we will be baptizing our new converts in a portable swimming pool on the church property. I love problems like these. We thank God.

We have received cards and letters of encouragement and we want to express how grateful we are to all of you who think of us, pray for us, write to us and support us. We ask God to bless you as you've been a blessing to us.

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this up to share with you what doors of opportunity God has provided for our evangelistic outreach here. During the month of May alone, we shared the gospel in thirty-one public schools in two different states in southern Brazil. I'm not talking about a covert Christian witness planted there secretly. Our Project Life evangelism team was specifically invited to come in and, afterward, was virtually begged to return when possible. You see, God has opened this door. We couldn't just will it open. And we don't know how long it will stay open. I would never have imagined that the public schools that I attended as a youngster could ever be barred from sharing of the Word of God, so I know it can happen, even here. We don't take this privilege for granted, but we do take it seriously. Pray with us that we will be faithful to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to these thousands of students and that many will surrender their lives to Him.

Our Leadership Training Center continues steadily. It is hard for me to express just how excited I am in seeing these young men and women committing themselves to what many would call "sacrificial service" to the Lord. They don't see it as sacrifice. In fact, observing their attitudes, it