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## JUNE GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS

Thank You, Giving Friends, for responding to our recent appeals for sustained, regular, long-term, increased offerings to our GENERAL FUND. You will notice on this month's OFFERING REPORT on page three, we gave \$35,846.79 to the GENERAL FUND. The GENERAL FUND is the source of all the standard commitments we have made to our missionaries to maintain their regular living expenses.

**WE NEED TO REITERATE THAT WE MUST STRIVE FOR THE GOAL OF MAINTAINING SOLVENCY MONTH-BY-MONTH IN OUR GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.** That way, we can use our Thanksgiving Offering for the extraordinary and periodic benefits we have committed to give our missionaries - like four-year Auto Allowances, Furlough Transportation, etc.

**THANK YOU** to our longtime faithful Giving Friends - and **THANK YOU** to you who have either begun to give regular offerings to the General Fund, or who have increased your personal offerings.

**THANK YOU** to the churches who have increased your monthly commitments to the General Fund. Some of you have done so AGAIN after already increasing your monthly offerings in recent previous months.

**WE ARE STILL ASKING THAT ALL OF US GIVE TOGETHER TO HELP US REACH THE IMMEDIATE GOAL OF AT LEAST \$37,000.00 IN OUR CONSISTENT MONTHLY GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS. THANK YOU FOR GIVING YOUR PART!**

### 2007-2008 THANKSGIVING OFFERING

I promised you I would keep you updated on the Thanksgiving Offering Total. I also told you that we would keep the Thanksgiving Offering open indefinitely as long as you are giving to it. Well, some of you did continue to give to the Thanksgiving Offering right on up through the middle of this year. **THANK YOU, GIVING FRIENDS! THE TOTAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING IS: \$64,650.57.**

## 2008-09 THANKSGIVING OFFERING: \$100,000.00 GOAL

Begin planning right now - if you haven't already purposed - to give a very generous offering to our **2008-09 THANKSGIVING OFFERING. PLAN AHEAD** and then **WORK YOUR PLAN** methodically and systematically between now and then to help us reach our goal of \$100,000.00 for our **THANKSGIVING OFFERING.**

**"THERE IS MORE THAN ONE WAY TO ..."** How would you complete that cliché? The most usual way would be with the words: **"skin a cat."** Frankly, I have never skinned a cat by even one method and it has never crossed my mind to even inquire about how many different ways a cat can be skinned. But, I do want you to think in terms of **"THERE IS MORE THAN ONE WAY TO GIVE TO MISSIONS."** The most usual and customary method is to give **PERSONAL OFFERINGS** - either by adding them to your church's regular offering to the BFM GENERAL FUND, or by giving directly to the BFM Treasurer. But, our **"TEXAS GIVING FRIENDS"** have been giving regular monthly offerings for several years now by another creative method of giving. Periodically, they contribute a number of blue-chip stock certificates to BFM. Those stocks are deposited into an interest-bearing investment account. Every month, an offering amount is disbursed from that account to the BFM Treasurer. When the value of the last contribution of stock certificates is depleted, they just send some more.

These dear **"TEXAS GIVING FRIENDS"** wish to remain anonymous and we will respect their wishes, but, they would also like to inspire others by their example to do as they have done. They have been faithfully giving offerings to BFM for over forty years.

Other Giving Friends have given properties to BFM. Still other Giving Friends have contributed personal investment accounts and even retirement accounts to meet the on-going needs of our missionaries.

**"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart."** **THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS YOU - TO ALL OF OUR BELOVED AND GENEROUS GIVING FRIENDS!**

In Him, Dave Parks



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## Back In Brazil ... Busy Preaching And Helping ...

Dear Fellow-Laborers in Christ, July 8, 2008

This has been an action packed month. It started out with our arrival here in Sao Paulo, Brazil. I accidently left Ursula's handbag in the arriving baggage area with all of her medicine in it. It had over a thousand dollars worth in it. They would not let me go back in and get it. I was able to get them to call Delta Airlines and I described it to them and they found it sitting right where I left it. It is a miracle somebody did not walk off with it. I bowed my head and thanked the Lord!

Since arriving we have been very much involved with the work.

We are preaching in several of the works and helping out in the building projects. Next month we will give a report concerning that. We have two of our preacher's wives who are sick. Pastor Edvan's wife in Novo Diamantino has the leprosy. We have been buying her medicine and it is healing up well. They expect her to make a full recovery. Pastor Miqueas Santos's wife is still hanging on and putting up a fight against the cancer she has had to deal with for the past five years. It looks like she is beginning to lose the battle. We are trying to get some funds together to help her in this critical phase.

Today I went to a market to buy some bananas. While there a young girl and her little brother approached me and asked for help to buy her family some rice. I asked her if she was not just asking for money to buy a popsicle. She started to cry and said that her dad had died last month and her mother was left alone to take care of six children. She explained to me that they had not eaten in two days and her baby brother only had two bottles of milk yesterday and none today. I could tell she was telling me the truth.

What would you do if this happened to you? Here is what I did. I bought a large bag of rice, beans, bananas, milk for the baby, the largest bag of washing powders they had, (her mother washes clothes to make money to feed her children), a large bag of baby diapers, and took them to the bus stop and put them on the bus for home. I also drew a map for her and her family to find our church in Jardim Fortaleza. I explained to her that my Lord Jesus Christ gave me a heart of compassion since

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## Community Here Is Growing ... Meetings In Member's Homes ...

Dear Friends, July 6, 2008

Our community is still growing at an incredible rate. Our subdivision, (called a "bairro," in Portuguese), began in 1993 as a cow pasture. Now we have over 130,000 living here, with new additions every day. In fact, the Department of Urban Development has over 200 apartment complexes under construction which will house an additional 30,000 people within the next six months. We constantly receive visitors in our church services who are new residents in these buildings, but we don't want to sit back and wait for "church folks" who have moved near us to visit. We go out to reach those who wouldn't normally attend church services. The mission field has come to us and we hope to take advantage of this situation.

One of the ways that we work to maintain and develop fellowship and personal growth among our growing congregation is by having small group meetings in the homes of the members on different weeknights. These small, and rather informal, meetings provide opportunities for folks to share personal needs and prayer requests. Here our members also encourage one another with testimonies of God's provisions. They also provide opportunities for neighbors and friends to visit and get to know some of our church members before coming to our regularly scheduled services. We have several new converts in our church today who began their contact with us through these small group meetings in a member's home.

We began the construction of our men's dormitory for our evangelism team, Project Life, this past month. A special thanks goes to Ahava Baptist Church in Plant City, Florida for their huge participation in this needed project. When our three teams return to the home base for repairs and maintenance these dorms will be a tremendous relief to the pastor's wives who usually provide room and board. We now have thirty-six full-time members on the Project Life ministry team.

Charlene coordinated a tremendous outreach event for couples early last month. We had a total of seventy-two married folks present for a couples meeting. I brought the message, but Charlene did all the organizing, serving and decorating that was involved in pulling off this successful event. More than half of those present were non-church members. We shared the gospel and provided biblical teaching on how to have a happy marriage. Our next couples' meeting will be in August and we already have visitors from our last event making reservations to attend. I thank God for this wonderful partner that He has given me for her sweet spirit and faithful help in ministry.

I'm certain that you are aware of the decreasing value of the US dollar in the world markets. This translates into less money for us. Not because we receive less offerings, but because what we receive buys less. We also have a loss of buying power due to the inflation within our own country of Brazil. So, we are getting hit from two directions: 1) We receive less buying power; and 2) what we buy costs more. I share this to say how grateful we are, first to God, because He faithfully meets our every need, and secondly, to those who have remained faithful in contributing to us personally, and to you who have begun to contribute recently. May the name of Lord be praised for His grace and provision.

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



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## Youth Group Working Hard ... Daughter And Husband Coming ...

Dear friends, July 5, 2008

Hope all is well with you. We are doing fine. Things around here are calm. I have not written lately because there has not been any changes in the situation here. The judge still has not started hearing anyone yet. So as we wait to see the outcome of all this we stay busy with other things.

Here at the home there are thirty-four people. There are some

adults and the kids that have turned eighteen that are here with us. There are

five that I have become their legal guardian. Some of the older ones that are still here are the ones that are in college. They help here and we pay for the college. There are six in college right now. Since the place is so big it takes several people to keep it up.

The church is using the part of the building where the school was. We have done several events in the church and have many plans for different ways to evangelize to the kids in the neighborhood. There are new houses going up all around us. It has been interesting to see how the area around us is really growing.

The leaders that work with our young teens have been making new plans to reach out to their school friends. This last Saturday they a special supper. It was really cute. Pray for the group because it is a much needy age to work with.

The youth group has also been working hard. They have done some special events to reach out to the junior and senior high kids. There are so many kids in this city. The enemy offers them so many things that attract this age. Unfortunately in these days, the moms and dads are too busy to teach their kids the right way to live. So that leaves doors wide open for the things of this world. Last night six of our youth went to almost all the schools in town to invite them to come to youth meeting on Saturday. Please continue to pray for these ministries.

We want to thank those of you who have been faithful in your prayers and support. Knowing that we have friends praying for us is a great inspiration. So many of you have written or called us and given encouragement. What a blessing. May God richly bless each of you.

As we wait to see what God has in store for us we will keep on serving Him in as many ways as we can. The command is to preach the Gospel to all and

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## Brother Creiglow's Report . . .

Dear Brethren, July 3, 2008  
For the past six or seven weeks I have been teaching a class on Bible Basics each Sunday night, and that series will continue for the next five weeks. I hope the classes are being helpful to all that attend. I do know it is very good for me, even if it does not help anyone else. The classes last about forty-five minutes and before class starts, all get a copy of my notes if they want them. These classes are held during the normal worship service.

After six months Betty's leg has healed enough that she is permitted to walk on it, and around the house we do not use the wheelchair for her to get around. She does very little walking unassisted, and may never get any better. Our daughter, Brenda, came to visit us this past week bringing with her, two of her sons and two of her grandchildren. Of course Betty did not know any of them and five minutes after they were gone, she did not remember them having been here.

June has come and gone and I hope each of you have given a special offering for Founders Month. If you have not, it is not too late to do so. In fact, I have not yet sent mine in. This offering is always very important to our missionaries this time of the year.

The Lord continues to bless Betty and me.

In His Name, Bobby D. Creiglow



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## Please Pray For Anita . . . Travel Expense Need Met . . .

Dear friends, July 8, 2008  
Greetings to all of you in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior! It seems that I have felt HIS presence this past month closer to me than perhaps ever before in my life. It is hard watching someone you love so dearly suffer so much with the awful side effects of chemotherapy treatment for cancer. It leaves Anita so weak and sick for about two weeks of the three weeks between treatments. She has only about one week of feeling somewhat strong enough to leave the house. But through all of this her faith in the Lord has remained strong and her passion to return to the Lord's work in Peru has not weakened. Her love and concern for others has not diminished either; she still finds time to call other cancer patients she has

met to encourage them. Her next and last chemo treatment will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. After about four to six weeks of recuperation the doctors have a mastectomy planned and then possibly six weeks of radiation treatments to follow the operation. We don't have dates yet for the operation so we will keep everyone posted when we have that information. Thank you all so much for your prayers, cards, e-mails, phone calls and love gifts. It is an awesome experience knowing that you are loved by so many people. Every day at least one card comes in the mail with expressions of concern and encouragement. Truly we serve a great and loving God!

We would also like to thank each one that responded to last month's letter concerning help for my travel expenses. The need was more than met and the surplus will be used to help some of our national missionaries in Peru and also to cover some extra medical expenses that our insurance will not cover. Thanks again for each of you that helped us with this need. The travel expenses are for my upcoming three week trip back to Peru. I will leave one week after Anita has her last chemo treatment and be back before her surgery. When we left Peru in January for a six month furlough, we had planned to return the 9<sup>th</sup> of July. We made financial arrangements for our utility bills and national workers up until the end of June. So I need to go back and make new arrangements and also to get two new building projects started. Enough funds have been received to help the Grace Baptist Church in Huanuco start their new building and also the Jordan Baptist Church in Lima is now ready to begin construction on their new meeting house. God has been so good to help us be able to help these works. The work in Peru is growing and maturing for which we are thankful.

Speaking of new works; we still have the need of helping the Faith Baptist Mission in Oxapampa with the need to purchase property. The total cost of the property is still \$10,000.00. To date I have received \$1500.00 designated for this project. Would anyone like to take this on as a mission project? Pastor Carlos Gonzales is the faithful national missionary that started this work and keeps it going. He lost his wife, Maria, last year to stomach cancer, but he and his grown children continue on in the work. Oxapampa is in an area of Peru where we have never had a work before. It is the middle city of three small cities located in a large semitropical valley. Just recently the government built a decent highway allowing travel to Oxapampa possible. The small city has no airport or waterways and travel is only by land.

In HIM and for HIS glory, Sheridan and Anita Stanton



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## New DVDs Of Our Ministry . . . Works In Kenya Doing Well . . .

Dear praying friends, July 2, 2008  
Another month has come and passed so quickly and there are many items to update each of you about. My wife and I both thank the Lord for His many blessings that He gives to us each day and for health and strength to serve Him, whether here in the States or overseas in the ministry in Kenya. Psalm 116:12 states, "What shall I render unto the LORD for all His benefits toward me?" Truly the Lord has been good to us and truly blessed our country. May we never forget all the blessings He gives to us each day.

This past month was a very busy one for me. I traveled for most of the month visiting churches and individuals in many states. Although it was difficult to be away from my wife and daughter, the Lord was so good to give me the health and strength that I needed for the month. McKenna is doing well and developing well also. She seems to be very healthy and we are so grateful for this. She is growing very rapidly, and really is a well-behaved baby. Please continue to pray for McKenna and her development, that she would continue to progress well.

We are currently in the process of making new DVDs of our ministry. All of the ones that we had made previously have been taken and we should have new ones available soon. If you would desire a DVD of our ministry in Kitale, in both the prison and hospital ministries, please email or write us, and we would be happy to send you one free of charge. We believe that seeing the ministry is as important as hearing of it, so this would be no problem to send one to you.

At present, we have heard of no problems in the hospital or prison ministries in Kitale. We thank the Lord for this and we hope that the Kenyans we have left in charge of the ministries would continue to be faithful to the Lord. Proverbs 20:6 states, "Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?" Faithful has been defined closely to loyalty, which implies a firm resistance to any temptation to desert or betray. We hope and pray that each national would remain loyal to the Lord and His work, and that they would personally inherit rewards for remaining faithful to the work of the Lord. Romans 14:12 says, "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." May each of us take this very seriously and remain steadfast in our commitment to serve Him.

In conclusion, in regards to our support needs, we still need around \$150 a month, as some previous support has ceased. We are praying and trusting the Lord for this need, and we believe by



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## Barb Returns To Brazil . . . Visitation/Evangelism Going Well . . .

Dear friends, July 8, 2008  
It is amazing how time flies when you are having fun. Thank the Lord our Saviour that we can enjoy working for His kingdom here in Brazil. We have had homecomings, workings and lots of visitation going on this month. The blessing have been showering down as God has been keeping us busy.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, Barb was visiting the States to spend some time with her mother and our ever growing and lovely granddaughter. Barb got back home here on the 20<sup>th</sup> and I have to say, I missed her and am relieved to have her back home with me. She was thrilled to have spent the time with family and friends back in the States and I am glad God granted her traveling mercies to be back here with me.

We have continued working on the school property this month as well. The foundation and plumbing are in place and we have concreted in the side corridors and area behind where the dormitory will be. As in all things in Brazil, there are unexpected things that come up and you have to step back and punt. What we thought would take two truck loads of dirt to fill in the foundation and level the ground around the foundation turned into seven loads of dirt. In all things give thanks to God and we give thanks that the foundation got filled so we could pour the sub-floor and the dirt got leveled so we could pour concrete over it as well. We have continued to do some cleaning up and preparing as well as we will be receiving a group from Lexington at the beginning of July and we hope to have them help out with several things at the school property. We have also made some great progress on the office/classroom area on the school property as well. One of the shipping containers we have is being converted into an office/classroom area and we have the drywall up and even have the beginning of a ceiling in place. In the states we use drywall for all kinds of construction and it is readily available. Here in Brazil it is just now coming into a time of being used so I am glad to see some materials that I am very used to using.

Our big events this month have been the visitation/evangelism that has taken place both outside and inside our town. First, on a Sunday, we traveled to our mission point in Natividade da Serra where Pastor Jorge and Sister Alda are in charge. Our van left Caraguatatuba at about six in the morning with the capacity of sixteen in it. We left so early so we could spend the entire day in Natividade. We got to the church in time to participate in the morning service where Pastor Waldir preached that service. In the afternoon, we prepared evangelism materials and split the group up with some of the members of the church in order to go around town inviting the townspeople to the evening's service. As we visited, we shared the good news as the Holy Spirit opened the doors. One thing you have to know is that Natividade da Serra is a very, very Catholic town so we were worried about the resistance we may encounter. Thanks be to our Lord and Saviour we were well received. We had a full church for the evening service; around fifty-three including our sixteen folks. I preached the service that night, some of our young folks played a special on the clarinet, saxophone and recorder. The group also shared special music and we were blessed to see three more souls enter the kingdom of heaven. AWESOME!! Three gentlemen accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour. After the service, one of these gentlemen made a commitment that he was going to purchase a piece of land for the church so that a building of our own could be built and we could stop having to pay rent. The land he is interested in donating to the church is on the same street just closer to town. We went and prayed in front of the property to ask God's blessing over everything. We also started our visitation and evangelism in town as well. We started in the community of Olaria where we have a building for the congregation. This visitation was on a Saturday and went along with the fact that we have service at that church on a Saturday night. We had about twenty church members going around inviting the community to the church service and sharing the gospel where the opportunity arose. That evening we had a special service in Olaria as the youth of our home church decided to come help with the service. It was standing room only that evening and as our Lord was praised in worship and the preaching of His word, we saw another soul come to be saved. AWESOME!!! As these first two visitation/evangelism visits have gone so well, we are in prayer that our visits in July to Salesopolis and the community of Barranco Alto and Morro de Algodao prove to be as fruitful. Please keep these four men in your prayers as well as our efforts in reaching those who don't have Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

As you are in prayer over these men and these works, we continue to covet your prayers over the situation of the weak dollar not only here in Brazil, but in the world. As in all things, we know that we serve a living God and He is capable of all things if we just ask. God continues to provide strength and workers for the harvest here in Brazil and we are hoping that you along with us will ask Him to supply our need.

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

In His service, A. J. and Barb

## DRAPER

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he had saved me from my sins and that's why I was helping her. I hope you are not thinking that I am praising myself for this good deed. We have helped hundreds in this same way in the past thirty years and you by your support to our work have had a part in it.

When I got married I had to learn to share my resources, time and love. When I came to Brazil I realized just how spoiled and selfish I was. It took a while, but I learned to really give and not expect anything in return. Today after I did that I rejoiced and shouted all the way home thanking the Lord for giving me the opportunity to witness and show compassion. Brothers and Sisters I know that gas is over \$4.00 a gallon and the economy is not too good. Let us trust in our great God and give more to missions, not less! We will be blessed by it.

God bless you all and we appreciate all that you do.

Yours in Him, Harold and Ursula Draper

## BARROS

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that is what we are going to do. Some times we don't understand God's plans but that is not up to us any way. We must learn to trust in HIM fully and know that His plans will not be changed. We can be used by HIM or GOD will use someone else.

We are excited that our daughter, Kathy Lee, and her husband, Dan, will be coming to work with us here. They are already working on their support. The Lord willing they should be here before the end of the year.

Odali and Kathy Barros

faith that the need will be met in His time. 2 Corinthians 5:7 says, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." A well-known quotation on faith is "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." May we each be willing to "take the first step" with whatever God calls us to do, and trust Him to bring everything together in His plan and purpose for our lives. May God bless each of you as you continue to serve Him in the States, as we serve overseas in Kenya.

Until next month, Nathan and Carrie Radford

### Moving or Getting A New Address?

You can help keep our cost down and assure that you do not miss any issue of the "Mission Sheets" if you will notify us of any change of address. When writing please include your old and new address.

### AVOID CAPITAL GAINS TAXES

If you would like to help BFM through donations of appreciated real estate, stocks, bonds, mutual funds and avoid capital gains taxes, please call BFM for detailed information.



## Baptist Faith Missions JUNE 2008 OFFERINGS

### GENERAL FUND

Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL.....	100
Aldridge, Randy & Melody Morton, IL (Living Friends).....	150
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, KY.....	30
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY.....	803.17
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY.....	1,664.97
Berea Baptist Church, Hildentite, NC.....	300
Berry Baptist Church, Berry, KY.....	400
Beithel Missionary Baptist Church, Bristol, TN.....	180
Beverly, Lyle & June, Belpre, OH (Living Friends).....	120
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN.....	475
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL.....	299
Bible Baptist Church, Portage, IN.....	150
Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY (Living Friends).....	100
Bohon Road Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY.....	250
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV.....	100
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV.....	1,300.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY.....	1,963.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY.....	100.00
Careno Baptist Mission, Manaus, Brazil.....	25.00
Casada, Mark & Sheryl, Manhattan, KS (Living Friends).....	100.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV.....	200.00
Charity Baptist Church, Frametown, WV.....	300.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC.....	640.00
Cornerstone Missionary Bap. Church, Modernst, OH.....	77.00
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV.....	70.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL.....	1,275
Elgin Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL.....	345.07
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN.....	479.05
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Irvine, KY.....	200
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, Oklahton, KY.....	526
Faith Baptist Church, Kirkville, MO.....	532
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY.....	500
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Leighton, AL.....	200
First Baptist Church, Science Hill, KY.....	75
First Baptist Church, Lucasville, OH.....	1,000.00
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV (Living Friends).....	25
Global Baptist Church, Golf, IL.....	250
Goldfloss Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC.....	25
Goodsprings Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL.....	655.88
Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Springs, MS.....	220
Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV (Living Friends).....	100
Guthrie, Larry, Athens, GA (Living Friends).....	100
Harbor View Missionary Bap. Church, Harbor View, OH.....	70
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV.....	1,500.00
Hatcher, John & Alta, Ural, Brazil.....	30
Hunter, Lewis & Ada, Springfield, IL (Living Friends).....	40
Hutchison, Chip & Karen, Princeton, KY (Living Friends).....	50
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI.....	50
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculum, AL.....	60
1-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, SC.....	25
Jenkins, William & Sonora, Apppling, GA (Living Friends).....	100
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL.....	60
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL (Living Friends).....	160
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI.....	494.2
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY (Living Friends).....	50
Lumpkin, Mary Beth, Palmyra, TN (Living Friends).....	30
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH.....	50
Maple, Grace, Miles, IL (Living Friends).....	600
Matthews Memorial Church, Stevenson, AL.....	50
Morris, Byron & Alma, Wichita, KS (Living Friends).....	30
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV.....	700
Moyers, Nolan & Willadene, Frametown, WV (Living Friends).....	100
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Dawson Baptist Church).....	250
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Liberty Miss Baptist Church).....	100
Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Grafton, OH.....	300
New Hope Miss. Bap. Church, Dearborn Heights, MI.....	266
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....	230
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Normantown, WV.....	200
Outreach Baptist Church, Danville, KY.....	120
Proctor, Evelyn, Clermont, FL (Living Friends).....	155
Redding, Warren & Barbara, Atlanta, GA (Living Friends).....	200
Riverview Baptist Church, Point Pleasant, WV.....	200
Rocky Springs Miss. Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN.....	200
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV.....	1,000.00
Rosemont Bap. Ch., Winston-Salem, NC (Spec. Off.).....	1,000.00
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC.....	900
Sample, Timothy & Ruth, Grand Rapids, MI (Living Friends).....	100
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC (Living Friends).....	250
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL.....	175
SP, VA Giving Friend.....	100
Stalnaker, Judith, Normantown, WV (Living Friends).....	300
Storms Creek Miss. Baptist Church, Ironton, OH.....	6,991.45
Templeman, Carl, Valparaiso, IN (Living Friends).....	25
Texas Giving Friends.....	700
Union Baptist Church, Russell Springs, KY.....	50
Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, KY.....	10
Victory Baptist Church, New Salisbury, IN.....	25
Virginia Giving Friend.....	410
Watkins, Bert & Louise, Richmond, KY (Living Friends).....	60
W.K.&W., Richmond, KY (Living Friends).....	25
Wood, Nerece, Columbia, SC (Living Friends).....	50
York, Wallace & Doris, Princeton, KY (Living Friends).....	200
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>35,846.79</b>

### IN MEMORIAM

Parker, Joann, Georgetown, KY, In Memory Of Mike Benson.....	25
Richland Bap. Ch., Livermore, KY, In Memory Of Dorothy Hock.....	40
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>65</b>

### BIBLES FOR INDIA (In Memory Of Louis Maple)

Faith Baptist Church, Cartersville, GA.....	4
Kreger, Mike & Kathy, Pleasant View, TN.....	50
Mize, Shad & Brooke, Cartersville, GA.....	20
Moon, Rhonda, Sterling Heights, MI.....	100
Pearson, Richard & Angela, Kingston, GA.....	30
Rebboth Bible Baptist Church, Jackson, KY.....	30
Reese, Patty Lou, Mt. Vernon, KY.....	70
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY.....	25
Seale, Brack & Geraldine, Beattyville, KY.....	50
Smith, John, Jackson, KY.....	30
Temple Baptist Church, Craigsville, WV.....	26
Tipton, Mr. & Mrs. Jim, Lexington, KY.....	25
Weitz, Mike & Linda, Cincinnati, OH.....	15
Williams, Dwight & Alice, Craigsville, WV.....	12.2
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>487.2</b>

### CARFUND

Branson, Daniel & Patricia, Alien, KY.....	25
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>25</b>

### ILL OVERBEY SCOLARSHIP FUND

Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH.....	100
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>100</b>

### WEST INDIES FUND

New Hope Missionary Baptist Ch., Dearborn Heights, MI.....	19
Emmanuel Jaggersnauth.....	19
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>19</b>

### HOME MISSIONS

Harmony Baptist Church, Marengo, OH.....	40
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>40.00</b>

### NATHAN RADFORD

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....	100
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Carrie Radford.....	25
Bakker, Jason & Julie, Chambersburg, PA, Support.....	50
Bible Baptist Church, Belva, WV, Support.....	50
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	23
Black, Gary & Sandra, Scott Depot, WV, Salary.....	400
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV, Salary.....	60
Calvary Baptist Ch., Hurricane, WV, Special Offering.....	300
Cullen, Tom & Laura, Letart, WV, Salary.....	40
Danielson, Betty, Titusville, PA, Salary.....	20
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV, Support.....	100
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV, Salary.....	100
Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH, Support.....	100
Fazzini, Marie, Dowagiac, MI, Support.....	10
Furnas, Grand & Linda, Crestwood, KY, Support.....	60
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Salary.....	75
God's Lighthouse Church, Cross Lanes, WV, Support.....	50
God's Lighthouse Church, Cross Lanes, WV, Personal.....	500
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentucky, WV, Support.....	25
Grace Baptist Church, Lima, OH, Salary.....	250
Grace Miss. Baptist Church, Sargonsville, TN, Salary.....	50
Handman Fork Bap. Ch., Normantown, WV, As Needed.....	100.00
Harper, David, Concord, NC, Support.....	25
Harris, Ruby, Charleston, WV, Support.....	10
Leavittsburg Baptist Church, Warren, OH, Salary.....	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, Hospital.....	100
Loosenort, Kurt & Virginia, Grand Rapids, MI, Salary.....	100
May, Brian & Janet, New Haven, WV, Salary.....	75
Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL, Exp.....	20
McKinney, Robert & Rebecca, Fairborn, OH, As Needed.....	1,200.00
Minturn, Tim & Jody, Nitro, WV, Prison Ministry.....	150
Mitchell, Matthew & Holly, Fort Wayne, IN, Salary.....	250
Mitchell, Matthew & Holly, Fort Wayne, IN, Hospital.....	50
Nizio, James, Dearborn Heights, MI, Salary.....	10
Nizio, Victoria Dearborn Heights, MI, Salary.....	10
Otterbein Un. Meth. Ch., Pittsfield, PA, Support.....	2,500.00
Parker, Steven, Burlington, IA, Salary.....	10
Phalen, Larry & Naomi, Concord, NC, Salary.....	50
Rawley, Philip & Sarah, Rockwall, TX, Salary.....	150
Ripley Tabernacle Missions Fund, Ripley, WV, Support.....	50
Rollins, David & Patricia, Liberty, WV, Salary.....	50
Rosemont Baptist Ch., Winston-Salem, NC, Support.....	200
Russell, Anthony & Amy, Fort Worth, TX, Hospital.....	50
Smith, Doug & Anna, Hurricane, WV, Salary.....	30
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV, As Needed.....	100
Stalnaker, Ron & Gina, Glenview, WV, Salary.....	100
Stalnaker, Ron & Gina, Glenview, WV, Hospital.....	100
Standale Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, MI, Salary.....	600
Teays Valley Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV, Support.....	100
Van Meter, Terry & Lisa, Campbellsville, KY, Support.....	100
Wade, James, Abingdon, VA, Salary.....	100
Wells, James & Jill, Nitro, WV, Where Needed.....	25
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV, Support.....	125
Wright, Randy & Teresa, Hurricane, WV, Support.....	100
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>9,318.00</b>

### MIKE ANDERSON

Adams, W.H. & Arbia, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....	25
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....	100
Bible Baptist Church, Creedmoor, NC, Support.....	190
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	200
Calvary Baptist Ch., Hurricane, WV, Special Offering.....	300
East Nitro United Baptist Church, Nitro, WV, Support.....	25
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV, Support.....	114
Emmanuel Miss. Bap. Ch., Oldtown, KY, Helio Fund.....	100
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV, Salary.....	100
Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH, Support.....	100
Faith Miss. Baptist Church, St. Albans, WV, Support.....	100
Fazzini, Marie, Dowagiac, MI, Support.....	10
Fellowship Baptist Church, Vienna, WV, Support.....	100
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary.....	50
Furnas, Grant & Linda, Crestwood, KY, Support.....	60
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV, Salary.....	75
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentucky, WV, Salary.....	50
Grace Missionary Bap. Church, Sargonsville, TN, Salary.....	50
Harris, Ruby, Charleston, WV, Support.....	10
Jackson, L.R. Culloden, WV, Salary.....	200
Jenkins, William & Sonora, Apppling, GA, As Needed.....	50
Keeling, Pamela, Eleanor, WV, Miss Ministries.....	30
Lemkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV, Support.....	10
Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL, Exp.....	40
Minturn, Tim & Jody, Nitro, WV, Medical Missions.....	100
Mount Calvary Baptist Ch., Charleston, WV, Salary.....	100
Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Chesapeake, OH, Salary.....	60
Neidlinger, James & Ann, Nitro, WV, As Needed.....	25
Open Door Bible Church, Culloden, WV, Support.....	105
Pack, Joe, S. Charleston, WV, Salary.....	10
Pleasant Grove Bap. Church, Lawrenceville, GA, Support.....	25
Pleasant Hill Miss. Bap. Church, Tornado, WV, Support.....	50
Pleasant Hill Miss. Baptist Church, Tornado, WV, Salary.....	50
Rawley, Philip & Sarah, Rockwall, TX, Salary.....	450
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, As Needed.....	75
Riverside Baptist Church, Stanville, KY, Salary.....	25
Rocky Spr. Miss. Bap. Ch., Piney Flats, TN, Support.....	50
Seventh Street Bap. Church, Cannelton, IN, As Needed.....	50
Smith, Richard & Marcylyn, Ripley, WV, Bible College.....	25
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV, As Needed.....	100
Tyler, Ken & Kay, Greer, SC, Support.....	25
Wade, James, Abingdon, VA, Personal.....	200
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV, Support.....	125
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3,739.00</b>

### ODALI BARROS

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....	100
Atlantic Shores Bap. Ch., Virginia Beach, VA, Support.....	200
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	358
Calvary Bap. Church, Richmond, KY, Alpha & Omega.....	140
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC.....	662.62
(VBS Offering), Alpha & Omega.....	662.62
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Salary.....	201.88
Hodge, Joseph & Frances, Rockledge, FL, As Needed.....	2,900.00

Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Stephanie Parker.....	50
Midkiff, Geneva, Boonville, IN, Alpha & Omega.....	55
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Assoc., Normantown, WV (Liberty MBC).....	25
Alpha & Omega.....	25
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI, Stephanie Parker.....	19
New Life Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Alpha & Omega.....	110
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, As Needed.....	75
Seventh St. Bap. Ch., Cannelton, IN, Alpha & Omega.....	100
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, As Needed.....	25
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH.....	150
Stephanie Parker.....	150
Warren, John & Vickie, Evansville, IN, Alpha & Omega.....	50
W.K.&W., Richmond, KY, As Needed.....	25
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>4,876.50</b>

### HAROLD BRATCHER

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....	70
Ashland Avenue Bap. Church, Lexington, KY, Support.....	82.67
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	100
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY, Poverty Relief.....	100
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY, Personal.....	100
Clarksville Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Poverty Relief.....	100
Edwards, Wilgus & Maria, Booneville, KY, Salary.....	10
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Salary.....	100
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed.....	50
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC, Salary.....	100
Hilltop Miss. Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY, Personal.....	50
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, OH, Salary.....	100
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, As Needed.....	75
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, As Needed.....	25
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,062.67</b>

### MIKE CREIGLOW

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, New Work.....	70
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN, Gas Money.....	50
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	200
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, Andrew Creiglow.....	123
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN, Salary.....	25
Calvary Bap. Ch., Richmond, KY, Andrew Creiglow.....	100
Creiglow, Mr. & Mrs. Harold, Chandler, TX, Andrew Creiglow.....	50
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL, Gas.....	25
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Food Pantry.....	201.88
Faith Missionary Bap. Church, Leighton, AL, Personal.....	200
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed.....	50
Grace Miss. Bap. Church, Columbia, TN, Personal.....	2,000.00
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL, Andrew Creiglow.....	20
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI, Andrew Creiglow.....	50
Osborne, Gayle & Marilyn, Chandler, IN, Plane Tickets.....	50
New Hope Miss. Bap. Ch., Dearborn Heights, MI, Support.....	275
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Salary.....	100
Pleasant Ridge Bap. Church, Lexington, KY, Personal.....	200
Proctor, Evelyn, Clermont, F, Support.....	90
Riverview Baptist Church, Point Pleasant, WV, As Needed.....	50
W.K.&W., Richmond, KY, As Needed.....	25
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3,864.88</b>

### HAROLD DRAPER

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, New Work.....	70
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	220
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH, Salary.....	20
Chapel Hill Bap. Ch., Nicholasville, KY, As Needed.....	100
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, KY, Support.....	30
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Support.....	50
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS, Personal.....	201.88
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed.....	50
Hardman Fork Bap. Ch., Normantown, WV, As Need.....	1,100.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC, Salary.....	100
Jenkins, William & Sonora, Apppling, GA, As Needed.....	50
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Belleville, MI, Support.....	100
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, As Needed.....	75
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV, As Needed.....	300
Seventh Street Bap. Church, Cannelton, IN, As Needed.....	150
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, As Needed.....	25
Southside Baptist Ch., Winter Haven, FL, Support.....	125
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV, As Needed.....	100
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>2,866.88</b>

### JOHN A HATCHER

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Building.....	70
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	200
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN, Support.....	125
Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY, Alta's Birthday.....	100
Brown, Margaret, Lookout, WV, Personal.....	40
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary.....	50
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, KY, Salary.....	30
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed.....	50
Jenkins, William & Sonora, Apppling, GA, As Needed.....	50
Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL, Salary.....	10
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, As Needed.....	25
Storms Creek Miss. Bap. Church, Ironton, OH, Marie.....	150
Wood, Nerece, Columbia, SC, As Needed.....	150
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>

### PAUL HATCHER

Addyston Bap. Ch., Addyston, OH, Seminary-Manaus.....	100
Ahava Baptist Ch., Plant City, FL, Seminary-Manaus.....	60
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	100
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN, Salary.....	25
Emmanuel Bap. Ch., Evansville, IN, Seminary-Manaus.....	25
Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL, Salary.....	10
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, As Needed.....	25
Trinity-Northbrook Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH.....	30
Seminary-Manaus.....	30
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>370</b>

### JOHN M. HATCHER

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Support.....	70
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL, Salary.....	25
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN, Personal.....	750
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA, Salary.....	50
Gerg, Galen & Tamara, Columbus, OH, Salary.....	30
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, As Needed.....	50
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL, Personal.....	20
Mount Calvary Bap. Church, Charleston, WV, Salary.....	100
Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL, Salary.....	10
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY, As Needed.....	75
Riverview Bap. Church, Point Pleasant, WV, As Needed.....	50
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC, As Needed.....	25
Warren, John & Vickie, Evansville, IN, As Needed.....	50
W.K.&W., Richmond, KY, As Needed.....	25
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,340.00</b>

### A.J. HENSLEY

Adams, W.H. & Arbia, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....	25
Ashland Avenue Bap. Ch., Lexington, KY, Support.....	181.67
Atlantic Shores Bap. Ch., Virginia Beach, VA, Support.....	100
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL, As Needed.....	50
Callan, Thomas, Virginia Beach, VA, Support.....	60
Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA, Support.....	150





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## Winter In Brazil ... Works Going Well ...

Dear Friends, July 2, 2008  
As most of you are enjoying summer weather, here in South Brazil our winter is beginning. Thankfully, for we who are old, it does not snow or get down to freezing very often. When the sun comes out bright and warm most folks like to be in the sunlight since our houses do not have heating systems. We are like the alligators that get out on the warm riverbanks after three or four days of cloudy weather.

Yesterday, Alta and I went to the city of Sao Sebastian and made visits from house to house telling people, who wanted to hear, how to be saved. This city is fifteen miles farther than Assai where we have been working for two years. The week before we drove to the city of Santa Cecilia do Pavao and spent a part of a day visiting. This town is about twenty-five miles farther than Assai. The Lord willing, we plan on spending one day a week visiting in each of these cities. Pray the Lord will open doors and hearts in these places.

Pray for the city of Assai. We have been in this city two complete years and there is not one baptized believer. Of the eight or ten persons who have made profession of faith there is not one who attends. Yesterday we signed a contract for one more year on the building we rent.

**OTHER WORKS GOING WELL** - The work in Urai is going well. There have been several young people saved. Four of our five young men are preparing for the ministry. The missions at Sussumu and Rancho Alegre are going well. The Tabernacle Baptist Church in the Cornelio Procopio area is maintaining its outreach in three other areas.

Alta continues to help teachers with their lesson preparation for teaching Sunday School and with music orientation. Marcio, the pastor at Urai, and his wife, Carol, work untiringly with the young people.

The work in the region of Marilia is progressing well. The church has begun three new works and have bought property in the city of Pompeia. They have permanent work in the cities of Pompeia and Antonieta.

Pray for us. Old age has arrived; it has made a difference. The anguish of the end and of knowing that people are dying and going to hell is not the greatest phase of life. For these things Jesus came to earth and we are thankful.

Young people, give your lives to Him for the greatest purpose there is: To honor the Father by taking the message of the cross of Jesus to those who are lost.

In His Love, John and Alta Hatcher



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## Attended Family Reunion ... Faithful Sister Passes Away ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: July 6, 2008

This is our first letter we are writing from Lexington Kentucky, in the USA. We - Marie, Asa Mark, and I - left Manaus at 5:00 pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June. We arrived at the Lexington airport at 8:30 pm on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We were welcomed by our son, Stephen M., and our grandson, Stephen Mathew, by Pastor Mickey Hyder, and his son, Matthew, by my brother, Charles, and his wife, Reva, and their daughter Caroline Sue, and their granddaughter, Amy Lowell, and Brother Patrick Prather, member of Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Kentucky.

Since arriving, we have been asked more than once, "Did you have a good trip?" Yes, we did. We estimate that four hundred people from ten or twelve different Baptist churches of the Amazon told us "Boa Viagem" - thus wishing us a good trip.

This Mission Sheets month began June 10<sup>th</sup> and finished today, July 6<sup>th</sup>. During this period I preached three sermons. On Wednesday night the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, I preached my last sermon in Portuguese at the 24<sup>th</sup> of March Baptist Church.

We were expecting fifty people to be present, and behold, there were one hundred-sixty present! The New Jerusalem Baptist Church rented a bus and made the trip from Parana da Eva to Manaus. Some forty-four people came on the bus. It took them three hours to make the trip. There were perhaps nine more Baptist churches represented at our final service.

Several special numbers were sung by members of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, at least one solo by one of the male members of the 24<sup>th</sup> of March Baptist Church, and two other sisters in the Lord sang - one member and one non-member. Then I preached. After that, supper was served to all who stayed. While we were eating supper, it rained and some of those eating got wet and then the lights went out for about thirty minutes. We got home and to bed around 11:30 pm.

We are indebted to many of our brothers and sisters in the Lord, especially my co-pastor of the church, Ediberto Rebeiro da Silva. Pray for him as he now has the responsibility of the 24<sup>th</sup> of March Baptist Church and the interior church, the New Jerusalem Baptist Church.

The first sermon I preached in English was on Monday night the 16<sup>th</sup> of June during the Bratcher-Porter reunion held at the Rough River Dam Park in Grayson County, Western Kentucky. The leader, Charles Bratcher, also asked me to bring the second night's program to a close with a ten-minute sermon and a short prayer. I did as he asked.

The third sermon was this morning at the Heritage Baptist Church of Lexington where Dr. Greg Waltermire is the pastor. He and nine other members left yesterday to visit missionary A. J. Hensley. Besides us five Bratchers, some thirty-five more Bratchers or Porters attended the four-day reunion.

We five Bratchers arrived back in Lexington around noon on the 19<sup>th</sup>. On the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup>, we five drove to Richmond where we received from the Ladies Prayer Group of the Clarksville Baptist Church, at the home of Mrs. Ella J. Casey, a good supply of groceries to help us get started.

During this Mission Sheets month, we heard seven sermons preached. Two of the seven were delivered by Asa Mark. On the 15<sup>th</sup>, at the David's Fork Baptist Church, Mickey Hyder, pastor, and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Clarksville Baptist Church, Bradford Johns, pastor. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, we heard at Heritage Baptist Church the pastor, Dr. Greg Waltermire, preach. On the 25<sup>th</sup>, one of the laymen at Trinity Baptist Church, brought a devotional message after supper and before a time of prayer. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, we heard both messages at Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Pastor David E. Prince. Tonight we heard Dave Parks at Thompson Road Baptist Church. We are arriving at the end recording events not mentioned as yet.

On the 21<sup>st</sup>, Stephen M. and Stephen Matthew, [both were a blessing to us], left us to return to their home in Ocala, Florida. On Sunday night of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, the three of us attended the Glen's Creek Baptist Church, Dr. Mike James, pastor, where I gave a report of our work in Manaus and then Asa Mark gave a more detailed report. On the 24<sup>th</sup>, Asa Mark who helped us during our flight from Manaus to Lexington and here in the US as well, left us to return to Manaus. On the morning of the 26<sup>th</sup> and again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, Brother Lewis Markham helped me buy groceries and medicines. On the 27<sup>th</sup>, Ann Burris of Heritage and Mrs. Nancy Hunter visited us. Ann Burris has several times been a blessing to Harold and Marie Bratcher. On the 30<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Ediberto Ribeiro da Silva phoned us from Manaus and informed us that Sister Aurea Belem Fragosa died on the 15<sup>th</sup>. She is now "absent from the body, present with the Lord." On the morning of July 1<sup>st</sup>, Dave Parks - the Lord bless him - spent more than two hours with us filling out our insurance forms and personal information for Marie and myself in preparation for our consultations with Dr. Grigsby [cardiologist] and Dr. William Reynolds [optometrist].

We thank the Lord and all of you readers of the Mission Sheets for the blessings we've received.

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



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## Whirlwind Of Activity ... Difference In Cultures ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, July 10, 2008

In 1 Kings 19 we read the story of God visiting Elijah. If you remember the story you know that Elijah experienced a "great and strong wind," an earthquake and fire. The Bible says the Lord was not in the wind, the earthquake or the fire, but visited Elijah with a "still, small voice." Well, I sure hope God visits his people even in the whirlwind, when the earth is quaking, and when there are multiple fires to put out because that's where we currently find ourselves. Since the last week of language school life has been a whirlwind of activity - Preparing to leave Tanzania, the trip through Nairobi and then on to Kitale, learning where things are and how they work in Kitale, learning to drive, visiting the churches and meeting the people, moving out on our own and learning to live and take care of ourselves in Africa. While I know that God visited Elijah in a still, small voice, I also know he has been with us through the wind, earthquake and fire. We have had some difficulties and we don't have a clue what we're doing yet and absolutely everything is new to us. It's like I've been reborn and I have to learn everything anew, from driving to talking and from shopping to eating (better make sure you filter that water, wash those fruits and vegetables in chemicals, and cook that meat properly).

On top of all I've said above we have the task of trying to know our new culture and how the Kenyan people think. I'm just beginning to understand the vast differences between American and African thought patterns. I'll give you two examples. First, I'm currently reading a book entitled *African Friends and Money Matters*. About a third of the way through the book I took it in frustration to Julie and said "I don't know if I can read this book." The book tries to describe how Africans think about and use money. It is so vastly different from the way I think about and use money that it seems absolutely and completely backwards. However, reading the book has made me question some of the money practices in our own culture and has shown me that in many ways the African way of using money is more Biblical than mine, especially in their generosity towards friends and those in need and their refusal to hoard and amass possessions. Second, I was in a meeting with Mike and the Kenyan pastors and the subject of canvassing the areas around the churches was brought up. In the States, when you canvass an area and nobody is at home at a particular house, you simply leave some information about your church and a gospel track at the door for them to read later. This usually doesn't cause any problems (unless someone wants to be belligerent). However, the Kenyan pastors informed us that leaving information at a house where nobody was currently at home was a bad idea. Why? Because the people will be suspicious of you and the church, will associate you with other organizations and groups, combine your information with others, and ultimately could accuse you of devil worship. This obviously is a problem. It all sounds crazy to me and probably you as well, but they all agreed this was true.

God has so much to teach us "newbie" missionaries. We want so much to reach these people with the love and gospel of Jesus Christ. We want to see many of them saved and joyful in Jesus Christ and churches organized. It still seems like an impossible task and apart from the working of God's Holy Spirit, it is. However, you know that Jesus said, "with God all things are possible." Please continue to pray with us that God would be pleased to do these things in East Africa, even through our weaknesses. May God's peace and joy be with you.

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



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## Welcome Roger And Julie Tate ... Worker Caught Stealing ...

Dear Praying Friends, July 3, 2008

We hope that each of you had a Happy Fourth of July! We need to really thank our Lord for His protection and blessings on the United States of America for these many, many years. As we see the last days coming and our freedoms eroding, we need to be more diligent in continuing to serve our Lord as we have opportunity. Times are getting worse, and the enemy is gaining more territory. We have the responsibility to tell as many as we can about our wonderful Savior and His love, and how that they, too, can have a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ as the times get harder before our Lord returns.

June was a great month for us as we welcomed our partners who will be working with us here to Kenya. We had a big party on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. We brought our three churches together to welcome Roger and Julie Tate, and their children, Emily, Amy, and Josiah. I preached the sermon that Sunday, and after a film presentation of creation through the life of Christ in the Swahili language, Roger gave the invitation in Swahili. Two people received Christ as their Savior that Sunday!

Roger and Julie and family stayed with us for two weeks, and just this week, moved to another rental house in the area. We really enjoyed having them with us and helping them to get acclimated to Kitale. Their children are a delight and have already made some Kenyan friends. We are so excited about the possibility of working together with them and seeing what God will do through us.

I taught in our Bible Institute this month for the first time this year since our return from the States. God has given us six good men who desire to follow Him and be used for His glory. In our Bible Institute, we have many who are interested in attending, but they have two wives, and are not eligible to be used in the pastorate. I have purchased some discipleship materials and plan to use these in the churches for those who want to be taught more about God's Word, even though they are not eligible to be pastors. Also, there may be some ladies who desire to know more about the Bible, so these courses will benefit them.

Pam is excited about the community ministries. She loves to teach three classes each week in the areas around our churches. Her biggest class is out in the country where our Wananchi Baptist Church is located. Last week, the pastor put chairs out in front of the mud room where we rent each month and forty people came to hear the teachings about the importance of good nutrition in helping people who are affected by AIDS. So, it seems that the community is interested. Jared, one of our pastors, and the person in charge of community education, incorporates teachings from the Bible with each lesson, as he works with Pam to help her. Jared works with Pam, as well as myself, in translating the lessons into Swahili. This is very time consuming, but worthwhile, so that the local people can understand in their own language.

We had a huge disappointment this month. Our house girl who had worked with us for eleven years, was caught stealing from us. We had suspected that she was stealing after we returned from the States and discovered some of our food was missing. Pam had put money back to buy a new washing machine and it was taken. Also, we had saved to pay our rent and the money was discovered missing.

When we were gone for a day out of town, Pam left some money by our bed to see if our house girl would take it, and she did. She did not admit taking the money until Pam questioned her about it a few days later. So, I talked to a lawyer here and he suggested that we report her to the police. She denied taking the money when she was questioned by the police, but they suspected that she had taken it after they talked to our other workers. The police asked that she be kept in a holding cell for two days and questioned. After this time she still denied taking the money, but the police felt that she should be arrested and jailed, since they did not believe her story. We decided to let her go and forgive her as we felt that Christ would do this. So, she has lost her job, but is forgiven, and we are praying that she will someday repent and return all the money. We still love her and we are praying for her. We still want to be her friends.

We hope that each of you will have a great summer. We thank you for your continued support and prayers. Thanks to each of you who e-mail us and send cards of encouragement. You are a big part of our support team so that we can minister here. Until next month, may our Lord richly bless you.

Your servants in Kenya, Mike and Pam

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