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# 50th ANNUAL SPRING MISSIONS CONFERENCE

It still isn't too late to plan to join us for our SPRING MISSIONS CONFERENCE. The program, travel directions, and motel accommodation recommendations are all posted on our BFM blogsite at <http://www.faith-works.blogspot.com>. Our purpose for all our Conferences is to stir up mutual participation in our missionary fellowship. FELLOWSHIP is mutual INTEREST, INVESTMENT, and INVOLVEMENT in a common activity. That is what Baptist Faith Missions is. We will also give you the latest updates and reports concerning our missionaries' ministries and needs and how we can all work together to strengthen their hands and encourage them.

## All Services Going Well...

## Please Continue To Pray For Us...



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Dear Brothers of the Blessed and Sisters of the Savior: March 8, 2010

This Mission Sheets month began January 10th and ends today, March 8th. Today Marie and I are remembering that on March 8th, 1960 our second son, Stephen M. Bratcher, was born in the "Santa Casa de Misericordia" hospital here in Manaus. We praise the Lord for him, his wife, Salette, and their son, Stephen Matthew. The three of them live in Ocala, Florida, U.S.A. You will notice that this Mission Sheets month is actually two months. We have already more than once asked the Lord and now our readers to forgive us. During this period, I preached twenty sermons at the 24th of March Baptist Church where at present I am the only pastor, and two sermons at the

Comunhao Baptist Church, in the absence of their pastor, Dr. Asa Mark Bratcher, and one at the Mount of Olives Baptist Church with Pastor Enedson and one hundred eighty-three others present. The other sermon with twenty present was preached in the home of Sister Joana Rodrigues Braz, an invalid member of the 24th of March Baptist Church. We heard seven others. Five of the seven were preached by Pastor Ediberto, who about a month ago resigned as co-pastor to move his residence to Parana da Eva, to serve as pastor of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church. He will continue for at least six months as president and moderator of the 24th Church. He is also to preach at least once a month. Pray for him as he and his wife live in the interior and their three children will live in an apartment here in Manaus.

On the 21st of February, the church was blessed by Pastor Ediberto baptizing thirty year old Julio in the baptism of the 24th Church. After the baptism, I asked all the twenty-five members present to remain in the auditorium to celebrate with me the Lord's Supper. Some twenty-four non-members went with Pastor Ediberto to hear a sermon by him. Also when I gave the invitation after the sermon and before the baptism, several members made a rededication and a former member, Sister Ana, forty-eight years old, was received again by her statement that she was living as a single person after being divorced. On the 31st of January, a thirty-two year old mother of two daughters made a profession of faith. Pray for Leticia Oriente da Silva as she cannot be baptized at the present.

Also on Sunday, the 14th of February, I preached at both services to a reduced number present. It was the Sunday before Carnival, a national holiday in Brazil. Many believers in the churches in Manaus leave the city to places for spiritual camps. Carnival is a time for the manifestations of the flesh with the Lord forgotten about.

Please continue to pray for us and for Dave Parks who labors very much in the interest of Baptist Faith Missions. We are planning to write the next Mission Sheets letter around the 8th of April, the Lord willing. Continue to pray for us and give to the regular fund and our designated offerings.

We thank all of you. May the Lord Bless you is our prayer.

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

## Hosted Training Retreat...

## Visiting Works Around Brazil...



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Dear Brethren, March 17, 2010  
Bev and I hosted another training retreat this month. This time we had six more couples in our home.

February was the big youth camp. There were over eighty teens in attendance and half of these were unsaved. There were eleven professions of faith. My son, Andrew, and my son-in-law, Dauro, head up the team that takes care of camp now. Since they have set up their system, the workload is much smaller on the leaders and things flow much more smoothly. They have had fewer discipline problems as time has gone by.

I have been back to Guajara for a couple more visits. They are filling their little building almost every service. This month they had another five or six professions of faith. There were eighteen baptized in February.

We have also been making more frequent visits to Rodrigues Alves and Pe da Terra. The works are going well, but we are looking for workers for both. I have had several meetings with a number of workers who may be changing location or just getting started as full time workers. Keep praying.

Hudson and Eliesio have been down river to check in on our new works. There were several more professions of faith. They are both having some health problems: Eliesio caught malaria, but is recovering. Hudson however, is not well at all. He has been in and out of the hospital with gall stones and severe gastritis. He went back into the hospital this morning for surgery. He lost fifteen pounds in one week. He has really suffered. Pray for him. He is my right hand man on my river trips. My church and my family does not allow me to travel alone anymore. Hudson is almost always with me on the river, so we need to stay healthy.

Things are going very well at church. There were two saved in our last Sunday afternoon service and then three more in the evening service. I have had a terrible cold over the past ten days, but I was still able to preach. Of course, as soon as I come out from behind the pulpit the cough grabs me again. We had over six hundred present Sunday morning when we had our monthly baptism and Lord's supper service. I was going to perform the baptisms, but because of my cold, I asked my son-in-law, Pastor Dauro, to fill in. Well as it turned out, he broke my record for most baptisms in one service. I had performed fifty-two. Dauro baptized sixty!

Well right now I am in one of those phases when I am working very long hours, but don't seem to be getting much accomplished. I suppose that it will pay off eventually. Continue to pray for Bev and me.

Thanks for all of your prayers and support. God bless you as much as He has us.

In Christ, Mike Creiglow



Many that came to be baptized during our monthly baptisms.

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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**

## Special Prayer Request ... Very Busy In The Lord's Work ...



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Dear Friends, March 15, 2010  
February just flew by without braking! It seems like it was just a few weeks ago I was writing January's report. Sorry to be late getting this out. Anita and I are fine and super busy in the Lord's work here in



Sheridan and Anita enjoying some ice cream in Lima, Peru.

Huanuco, Peru. Most of February was spent getting ready for another Institute class I taught last week. (I will write about that in March's newsletter).

The Calvary Baptist Mission that I am pastoring has shown some growth both numerically and spiritually this past month; for this we praise the Lord. I do have an urgent prayer request for this mission work. Our contract runs out the first of April on the building we have been renting and the owner wants to almost double the rent. We must move and at this point it seems better to buy a piece of property and build rather than continue to rent somewhere else. This work has grown sufficiently the past three years and I do not doubt it will continue on until the Lord's soon coming. We need your help! Most suitable lots are running around \$20,000.00 (twenty thousand US dollars). I know the United States is in a deep economic recession at this time, but our Lord is never in a recession. As I have said before, this is the time for God's people to shine and show this lost and dying world that our trust is in our heavenly Father, the All-powerful, Creator of the universe. Please pray about this and give as the Lord leads. Until next month.

In HIM by HIS grace,  
Sheridan and Anita Stanton

## Mostly Rainy Here In Kenya ... Four Pastors Start Driving School ...



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Greetings from East Africa: March 12, 2010

Hello dear friends in the United States. I understand that many of you have had quite a snowy winter. Well, while it has been snowing on you, it has been raining on us. January is usually rainy here but this year December, January, and February have been mostly rainy. The roads have turned muddy again, my guard dogs sit at the door of the house and whimper to get in, and my car has sprung a leak somewhere, meaning every time it rains the driver's side seat is soaking wet and water drips on me from the roof when I am driving. Am I getting any sympathy? Probably not, given all the many feet of snow most of you have received over the past three months.

Things are going fairly well here. I preached last Sunday on, "The Sheep Which Was Lost" from Luke 15. I would have rather entitled my sermon "The Lost Sheep," but I couldn't figure out how to say "The Lost Sheep" in Swahili because as far as I know there is no adjective in Swahili for "lost." Thus, I had to use the passive voice of the verb and had to say, "The Sheep Which Was Lost." I enjoyed very much preparing for and preaching this message and prayed and prayed that: 1) It would be understood by the people that came; and 2) That the Lord would use the message to draw a lost soul to Jesus Christ for salvation. The Lord answered at least half of my prayer as I believe the message was well understood by the congregation. However, as far as I know, no souls were gloriously converted on Sunday. I know, however, that the Lord can still be working in

the hearts of my hearers and so I will continue to pray for those who heard, knowing that God's word does not return to him void but accomplishes the purposes for which he sent it out. I know I'm supposed to be satisfied with God's timing in all things (this is good and proper theology, I know), but does anyone else get discouraged when they don't see God moving in the hearts and lives of people the way you would like to see it? Gracious me, I know that no good missionary is supposed to ever get discouraged, but I sure would like to see God doing great things in the hearts and lives of his people and in the lost. Pray with me towards this end, won't you? (And, of course, pray that I would accept God's timing in all things as well).

The four pastors here have started their driving school to learn to drive their pikipiki (motorcycles). None of them have a drivers license so this was the necessary first step for them to start their taxi business. I think their driving test is sometime next week so by the time you actually get this update they should have already taken and passed their test and received their drivers licenses. After that I will be able to look into getting their motorcycles so that they can start their businesses and bring in an income to support their families. This whole program is one of the necessary steps we need to take to get these pastors and their churches independent of the missionary. I hope to continue working with them over the next nine months to bring them to a place where they can function without missionary support and intervention. I don't mind continuing to teach and guide them but I want them to function as independent, self-sufficient New Testament churches by the time I leave on furlough in December of this year. We still have a lot of work to accomplish to get them to this point, but with the Holy Spirit's help we can do even this.

Until next month, beloved, may God's peace and joy be with you.

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

## Pastor Shares Great News From Brazil ... Still Working With NFL Players ...



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Dear Friends, March 15, 2010

Our co-pastor, Oseias, recently wrote from Brazil sharing the great news that four adults were baptized and two more surrendered their life to Christ during the baptismal service. He also told us how thrilled he is with the supportive participation of the members in general.

We have received invitations to personally share what God is doing in our part of the world from several churches here in the USA, but we still have some dates available. Contact us at the above location if you would like to have us come share with you or your church.

I am still working with the NFL players on the dates for their visit to Curitiba, Brazil, to share the gospel through football among the upstart Brazilian Football League. This is an amazing ministry opportunity that we want to take advantage of while we have it.

Since arriving in the States, I have had a few "adventurous challenges." While working to help my dad in his scrap yard, I accidentally let a three hundred pound metal ramp fall on my shin and foot. I ended up with nine stitches and a foot that was swollen for a few weeks. I also suffered an accident in a newly purchased (used) car a week after the purchase. It was totaled, but thankfully no one was injured. Maybe it's because I have been out of the country so long I have lost touch with how things are done here. I only know that I am thankful for God's constant protection.

Our son, Brennen, has been eating up the opportunity to play soccer in the U.S. He has played in Brazil since he was six years old; he's now twelve. His school team went undefeated and won the championship trophy. Now he is playing for a local soccer club and he really enjoys it. I am the loud and proud soccer dad on the sidelines yelling at the top of my lungs, but we both have had the opportunity to share our relationship with Christ through our contacts at the practices and games. It is one type of "natural evangelism" that we try to teach to our people in our ministries in Brazil.

We thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

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



Bobby, Jessica and others visiting Starbucks for the first time.

## A Thank You From Jessica Wacaser ...

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all for providing the H. H. Overbey Funds for my education. I am very grateful. I am in my second semester of college and also getting prepared for a mission trip to Brazil as a translator. I'm excited to see what God has planned and how He is going to use me. Once more, thank you for your concern and generosity. May God bless.

Jessica Wacaser

**Psalm 67:1-2:** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.



Jessica with her dad, Bobby Wacaser.

## 2009-10 THANKSGIVING OFFERING UPDATE

God bless each one who has given - and you who continue to give - to our THANKSGIVING OFFERING. With the offerings reported this month, [\$1,638.00 - see the Offerings Report pages in this issue], our new updated total to \$91,960.01. We are praying and hoping that still others of you will contribute over the weeks to come and that we can reach our \$100,000 Goal!

THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING IS USED TO DISBURSE THOSE COMMITMENTS WE HAVE MADE TO OUR MISSIONARIES FROM THE GENERAL FUND WHICH ARE NOT SUPPLIED BY OUR MONTHLY OFFERINGS TO THE GENERAL FUND.

## Sowing The Seeds Of The Gospel... Celebrate Thirty-Seven Years Of Marriage...



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Dear Co-Laborers, March 8, 2010

I will start by encouraging you to attend the Spring Conference in Lexington, Kentucky. We were able to be there in 2009 for the first time in ten years and it was a great blessing to us.

As Marianne was leaving yesterday, she inquired about our neighbors across the street. They have moved back to Germany. Though they attended for some time, none of them made a profession of faith. Marianne, who is originally from Germany added, "They are much more likely to encounter Christians who will witness to them in Germany than here." How true this is. The total number of individuals who are members of Baptist churches (of all stripes) in France is about 3,000. Most French people will not knowingly meet a Baptist person in their lifetime. In Germany there are 300,000 members of Baptist churches. Please pray for the people who live in France. Outside the Muslim countries, France is one of the most spiritually needy countries. In fact, a good number of the Christians in France are not French people, but immigrants.

So, we continue to sow the seeds of the Gospel. Many have heard the Gospel and a few have responded. The believers of the congregation here in Tournefeuille show signs of growth and some are helping with the teaching. As in the United States and around the world, they are not immune from

satanic attacks. But, if they are really God's children, greater is He that is in them than he that is in the world. Last week, Veronique, who was saved and baptized three years ago, called to have us come and visit. She had really gotten sidetracked from her walk with the Lord and this was an answer to prayer. What is happening in Mazere, L'Union, Plaisance du Touch, Porto, and Seville, encourages us. These and other places are getting a gospel witness because the Lord has placed us here, opened doors and moved you to support us. Our (you and us) labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Last Friday the family that host the Children's Bible Club in L'Union hosted a pot luck supper for the parents of the children who come to the Bible Club. This gave us the opportunity to get better acquainted with these parents. About half



John and Judy with family this past Christmas.

of them are not saved. The lady who hosts this club also wants us to have a Vacation Bible School at her home this Spring. This lady is saved but not baptized and her husband is not saved.

Judy and I celebrated thirty-seven years of marriage yesterday. It has been a wonderful partnership. It is really wonderful to have a spouse who loves the Lord and is serving along with you. It is also a great blessing to have all of our children actively serving the Lord.

Thank for your faithful support,  
John and Judy Hatcher

## MONTHLY GENERAL FUND SOLVENCY

THANK YOU! THANK YOU, GIVING FRIENDS! Our February offerings to the Monthly General Fund totaled \$30,502.72 [see the Offerings Report printed in this issue]. We always recognize that THE MONTHLY GENERAL FUND OFFERING IS WHAT IT IS...BECAUSE YOU WHO GAVE IT - DID SO! And, we bless God for you. Every one of your names - and each of your offerings is an occasion and subject of personal thanksgivings to God.

This month's GENERAL FUND offering was a few thousands of dollars less than what we need to sustain to meet our missionaries' ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE TRANSACTIONS disbursements each month. [January=\$38,258.30; February=\$40,343.05] We really need to maintain at least \$40,000.00 per month in GENERAL FUND offerings to maintain a monthly GENERAL

FUND SOLVENCY - and then that will free up our THANKSGIVING OFFERING funds to supply the other support services and benefits we commit to our missionaries over the course of the year.

EVERY MONTH OF THE YEAR WE WORK OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND. The General Fund is the main contribution source and stream to keep our missionaries on their fields and 'keep the lights on' for their ministries. Even if we maintain what we have committed to our missionaries - it is still so modest that it doesn't really cover their essential needs. BUT, WE CANT CONSIDER INCREASING OUR ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE COMMITMENTS TO THEM WITHOUT AN INCREASE OF THE MONTHLY GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS.

*"Now, therefore, KNOW and CONSIDER WHAT YOU WILL DO..."*

## Please Pray For New Works Here... What A Blessing It Is To Be A Parent...



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Dear praying friends, March 3, 2010

Another month has come and passed so quickly and we thank the Lord for His care for us, for His protection, and also for His many blessings He has given us. Psalm 116:12 says, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" We thank the Lord for His many blessings, and also thank the Lord for each of you, who pray for us, encourage us, and support us in the work here in Kenya. This update will share current ministry progress as well as share prayer requests.

The work in the village of Rafiki is continuing well and we thank the Lord for this. I am now teaching on the church and also preaching the Word of God. I thank the Lord for those who have been coming to learn and study the Bible. Beginning the work has not been easy, and has had many challenges, but I thank the Lord for His faithfulness and help. Please continue to pray for this work as it continues to develop, and also for the people, that God would use His Word to change their lives. In the Lord's plan and timing, I desire to have a church in Rafiki, so please pray for this work there. Please also pray for me as I go out in the community to visit and also share the Word of God with the people. I have truly seen the importance of prayer, relying and trusting the Lord to do His work. Corrie

Ten Boom once said "Don't wait until you are ready to pray. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A man is powerful on his knees." What a challenge this is to each of us, to regularly pray, wherever the Lord has us to serve Him.

The Annex prison ministry is also continuing well. I thank the Lord for the chaplains there and for the cooperation they have had in the work. We are now half-way through the course "Firm Foundations" and the men seem to be really learning and growing spiritually. We have learned much together and the men seem to be getting a solid foundation of teaching from the Word of God. We also have the chairs now built and put in the building and we thank those who donated for this need. The men are very grateful to each of you who pray for them, as many feel forgotten. May God bless each of you for your prayers and assistance with this ministry.

In family news, Carrie and McKenna are continuing well. Carrie continues to go to the district hospital to provide the mothers and babies with supplies that are much needed here. So many have been helped through donations to this ministry, and we thank each of you for your sacrificial giving. McKenna is now almost two years old and really growing and developing. What a blessing it is to be a parent, but also what responsibility is involved in raising her. Please pray for both Carrie and I, that we would be the parents that God would have us to be.

In closing I will end with a verse that has challenged me personally and I hope will challenge you also wherever the Lord has you in service to Him. It is Psalm 37:5, which says, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass."

Until next month,  
Nathan and Carrie Radford



Nathan and Carrie in front of the Kitale main prison.

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**www.baptistfaithmissions.org**

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Nathan and Carrie Radford  
Roger and Julie Tate

#### IN FRANCE:

John M. and Judy Hatcher

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FEB. 2010 OFFERINGS

GENERAL FUND

A Giving Friend.....	800
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH.....	100
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL.....	100
Anonymous.....	100
Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY (Giving Friends).....	58
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY.....	536.93
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenite, NC.....	400
Berry Baptist Church, Berry, KY.....	400
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN.....	475
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL.....	735
Bible Baptist Church, Portage, IN.....	150
Bohon Road Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY.....	350
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV.....	100
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY.....	1,552.39
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY.....	259.74
Carver, Louie & Mary, Simpsonville, SC (Giving Friends).....	15
Casada, Mark & Sheryl (Giving Friends).....	115
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, WV.....	100
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC.....	850
Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, Modernott, OH.....	80
Creiglow, Bobby, Science Hill, KY (Giving Friend).....	500
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV.....	70
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL.....	960
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN.....	325
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Irvine, KY.....	200
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY.....	500
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Leighton, AL.....	200
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY.....	1,168.15
Godbey, Wayne & Louise, Waynesburg, KY (Giving Friends).....	25.00
Goldfloss Baptist Church, Winston Salem, NC.....	25.00
Goodsprings Baptist Church, Rogersville, AL.....	1,237.60
Grace Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY.....	50.00
Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Springs, MS.....	100.00
Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV (Giving Friends).....	100.00
Harbor View Missionary Baptist Church, Harbor View, OH.....	50.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Normantown, WV.....	1,200.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Marengo, OH.....	40.00
Hatcher, John & Alta, Urai, Brazil (Giving Friends).....	30.00
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....	1,000.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI.....	500.00
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculumbia, AL.....	70.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL.....	60.00
Keen, Victor & Leanne, Chester, NJ (Giving Friends).....	200.00
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL (Giving Friends).....	160.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI.....	480.62
Lamb, Linda, Brookville, PA (Giving Friend).....	1.00
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY (Giving Friend).....	30.00
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH.....	50.00
Matthews Memorial Church, Stevenson, AL.....	50
Mathis, Vernon & Lois, Lexington, KY.....	200.00
Morris, Byron & Alma, Wichita, KS (Giving Friends).....	100
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV.....	700.00

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Libert Miss Baptist Church).....	200.00
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Dawson Baptist Church).....	250.00
Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Grafton, OH.....	500.00
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI.....	560.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Normantown, WV.....	100.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist church, Lawrenceville, GA.....	25
Proctor, Evelyn, Clermont, FL (Giving Friend).....	53.00
Ranson, Joseph & Vinila, Culloden, WV (Giving Friends).....	100.00
Redding, Warren & Barbara, Atlanta, GA (Giving Friends).....	200.00
Riverview Baptist Church, Apple Grove, WV.....	400.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats, TN.....	250
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV.....	1,500.00
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC.....	1,100.00
Sample, Timothy & Ruth, Grand Rapids, MI (Giving Friends).....	20.00
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC (Giving Friend).....	250
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL.....	175
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV (Giving Friend).....	200
Stalnaker, Judith, Normantown, WV (Giving Friend).....	300
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH.....	3,981.29
Texas Giving Friends.....	1,000.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....	474.00
Turner, Richard & Lisa, Forest, VA (Giving Friends).....	100.00
Union Baptist Church, Russell Springs, KY.....	50.00
Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, KY.....	10.00
Virginia Giving Friend.....	410.00
Wannanville Baptist Church, Stevenson, AL.....	100.00
Watkins, Bert & Louise, Richmond, KY.....	60
West Virginia Giving Friends.....	100.00
West Virginia Giving Friends.....	100.00
Wood, Neree, Columbia, SC (Giving Friend).....	50.00
York, Doris, Princeton, KY (Giving Friend).....	225.00
Total.....	30,502.72
<b>THANKSGIVING OFFERING</b>	
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN.....	110
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO.....	1,528.00
<b>IN MEMORIAM</b>	
Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY In Memory of Ed Mayfield.....	200
Creiglow, Bobby, Science Hill, KY In Memory of Emma Kirkman.....	100
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook, OH In Memory of Emma Kirkman.....	500
Overbey, Calvin & Doris, Van Buren, Ar In Memory of Richard P. Hallum.....	150
Taylor, Perry & Sylvia, Honea Path, SC In Memory of Emma Kirkman.....	50
Total.....	1,000.00
<b>BIBLES FOR INDIA (In Memory Of Louis Maple)</b>	
Anonymous.....	5
Scott Family, McKinney, TX.....	10
Bethany Baptist Church, Melbourne, FL.....	10
Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY.....	25
Bryan, Nina, Hooven, OH.....	5
Clays Mill Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....	302
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Wyandotte, MI.....	20
Ojibwe Baptist Church, Rosebud, MI.....	40
Owens, Evelyn, Lexington, KY.....	20
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, FL.....	25
Reese, Patty Lou, Mt. Vernon, KY.....	80
Reynolds, Norma, Lexington, KY.....	25

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mims, FL.....	92
Total.....	659
<b>CARFUND</b>	
Branson, Daniel and Patricia, Allen, KY.....	25
Total.....	25
<b>H.H.OVERBEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b>	
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, OH.....	100
Total.....	100
<b>NATHAN RADFORD</b>	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH, Carrie Radford.....	25
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH Support.....	100
Anonymous, As Needed.....	300
Anonymous, Salary.....	300
Anonymous, As Needed.....	1,285.00
Bakker, Jason & Julie, Chambersburg, PA Salary.....	50
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL As Needed.....	57
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV Support.....	60
Bush, Dale & Pamela, Richmond, KY As Needed.....	50
Cullen, Tom & Laura, Letart, WV Salary.....	50
Danielson, Rodney & Anne, Piano, TX Salary.....	75
Danielson, Betty, Titusville, PA Salary.....	20
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV Support.....	100
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV Salary.....	100
God's Lighthouse Church, Cross Lanes, WV Salary.....	100
Goshen Baptist Church, Kentuck, WV Support.....	25
Grace Baptist Church, Lima, OH Salary.....	250
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Surgoinsville, TN, Salary.....	50
Harper, David, Concord, NC Support.....	25
Harrah, Tryone & Loretta, Poca, WV Support.....	200
Hernandez, Paul & Anne, Youngsville, PA Support.....	50
Kibby, Bart & Frances, Pittsfield, PA Salary.....	150
Kincaid, John & Jane, Scott Depot, WV Support.....	50
Lemkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV, Salary.....	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
Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL, Expenses.....	40
May, Brian, New Haven, WV Support.....	75
Minturn, Timothy & Jody, Winfield, WV Prison Ministry.....	175
Mitchell, Matthew & Holly, Ossian, IN Salary.....	200
Mitchell, Matthew & Holly, Ossian, IN Hospital.....	100
Nizio, James & Victoria, Deaborn, MI Salary.....	30
Nizio, James & Victoria, Deaborn, MI Children.....	11
Open Door Bible Church, Culloden, WV Salary.....	210
Parker, Steven, Burlington, IA Salary.....	10
Phalen, Larry & Naomi, Concord, NC Salary.....	30
Ripley Tabernacle Baptist Church, Ripley, WV, Support.....	50
Rollins, David & Patricia, Liberty, WV Salary.....	100
Russell, Anthony & Amy, Snoqualmie, WA Hospital.....	25
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, IN As Needed.....	100
Sheriff, Richard & Laurie, Clarendon, PA Support.....	100
Smith, Doug and Anna, Hurricane, WV Salary.....	30
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV As Needed.....	100

Teays Valley Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV Support.....	100
Vandenburg, Clyde & Carolyn, Pittsfield, PA Support.....	25
Victory Baptist Church, Cross Lanes, WV Support.....	200
Wade, James, Abingdon, VA, Salary.....	50
Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, WV Support.....	145
Wright, Randy & Teresa, Hurricane, WV Support.....	138
Total.....	5,851.00
<b>MIKE ANDERSON</b>	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH Support.....	100
Anonymous, Salary.....	300
Anonymous, As Needed.....	200
Ayers, David & Betty, Knoxville, TN Support.....	150
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV Support.....	114
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, St. Albans, WV, Support.....	100
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV Salary.....	100
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA Salary.....	50
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Surgoinsville, TN, Salary.....	50
Lemkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV Salary.....	10
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, Salary.....	100
Neidlinger, James & Ann, Nitro, WV As Needed.....	25
Pack, Joe L., South Charleston, WV Salary.....	10
Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Tornado, WV, Salary.....	50
Riverside Baptist Church, Stanville, KY Salary.....	25
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, IN As Needed.....	50
Smith, Richard & Marcie, Ripley, WV Salary.....	25
Tyler, Ken, Greer, SC, Salary.....	25
Wade, James, Abingdon, VA, Personal.....	100
Total.....	1,584.00
<b>ODALI BARROS</b>	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH Support.....	100
Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA, Support.....	200
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL As Needed.....	207
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY Alpha & Omega.....	140
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS Salary.....	256.77
Mt. Pisgah Bap. Association, Normantown, WV (Liberty Miss Baptist), Alpha & Omega.....	50
Richiand Baptist Church, Livermore, KY As Needed.....	75
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, IN Alpha & Omega.....	100
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Alpha & Omega.....	5
Warren, John & Vickie, Evansville, IN Alpha & Omega.....	50
Total.....	1,183.77
<b>HAROLD BRATCHER</b>	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH Support.....	70
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, Support.....	150
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL As Needed.....	100
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY Poverty Relief.....	100
Clarksville Baptist Church, Richmond, KY Poverty Relief.....	100
East Nitro United Baptist Church, Nitro, WV Support.....	25
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS Salary.....	100
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY, Salary.....	100
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, KY Special Offering.....	1,395.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH As Needed.....	50.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC Salary.....	100

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Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church,  
Beattyville, KY, Personal.....100.00  
**Total.....2,390.00**

**MIKE CREIGLOW**

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH  
New Work.....70  
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN  
Boat Gas.....55  
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL  
As Needed.....200  
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL  
Andrew Creiglow.....157  
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN  
Support.....25  
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY  
Andrew Creiglow.....100  
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS  
Food Pantry.....256.77  
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Charleston, WV  
Support.....50  
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Leighton,  
AL, Outreach Expense.....200  
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH  
As Needed.....50  
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL  
Andrew Creiglow.....20  
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI  
Andrew Creiglow.....50  
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY  
As Needed.....25  
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church,  
Dearborn, Heights, MI, Support.....125  
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, KY  
Personal.....300  
Proctor, Evelyn, Clermont, FL, Support.....53  
Riverview Baptist Church, Apple Grove, WV  
As Needed.....50  
**Total.....1,786.77**

**HAROLD DRAPER**

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH  
New Work.....70  
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL  
As Needed.....200  
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, OH  
Salary.....34  
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church,  
Oldtown, KY, Salary.....100  
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH  
As Needed.....50  
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, IN  
As Needed.....150  
**Total.....604**

**JOHN A. HATCHER**

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH  
Building.....70  
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL  
As Needed.....100  
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL  
Salary.....25

Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church,  
Oldtown, KY, Salary.....100  
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA  
Salary.....50  
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, KY  
Support.....30  
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH  
As Needed.....50  
Mundy, Billy & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL  
Salary.....20  
Spicer, Hubert & Emogene, South Bend, IN  
New Work.....300  
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church,  
Ironton, OH, Marie.....150  
Wood, Nerec, Columbia, SC, New Work.....100  
**Total.....995**

**PAUL HATCHER**

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH  
Seminary-Manaus.....100  
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL  
Seminary-Manaus.....60  
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL  
As Needed.....100  
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN  
Support.....25  
Guthrie, Larry, Athens, GA  
Michael Samples.....100  
Life Church Of Athens, Athens, GA  
Michael Samples.....250  
Mundy, Billy & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL  
Salary.....10  
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston,  
WV, Mission Team.....100  
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston,  
WV, Brazil Church Plants.....975  
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston,  
WV, Salary.....100  
Trinity-Northbrook Baptist Church,  
Cincinnati, OH, Seminary-Manaus.....30  
**Total.....1,850.00**

**JOHN MARK HATCHER**

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH  
Support.....70  
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN  
Personal.....545  
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA  
Salary.....50  
Gerig, Galen & Tamara, Columbus, OH  
Salary.....30  
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH  
As Needed.....50  
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL  
Personal.....20  
Mundy, Billy & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL  
Salary.....35  
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY  
As Needed.....75  
Riverview Baptist Church, Apple Grove, WV  
As Needed.....50

Warren, John & Vickie, Evansville, IN  
As Needed.....50  
**Total.....975**

**A.J. HENSLEY**

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington,  
KY, Support.....333.34  
Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia  
Beach, VA, Support.....100  
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL  
As Needed.....50  
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS  
Salary.....256.77  
Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church,  
Beattyville, KY, Personal.....100  
Holbrook, Timothy & Sherry, Winchester, KY  
For Edson.....100  
Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, KY  
Vocation School.....50  
Joiner, Mr. & Mrs. Bonaire, GA  
Vocation School.....50  
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY  
Personal.....25  
Mt. Eden Baptist Church, Hawesville, KY  
School.....150  
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, KY  
Personal.....300  
Poe, Dane & Connie, Lexington, KY  
A.J. Mission.....50  
Riverview Baptist Church, Apple Grove, WV  
As Needed.....50  
Second Baptist Church, Warner Robins, GA  
Support.....59.95  
Suburban Christian Church, Virginia Beach,  
VA, Special Projects.....325  
Thompson, Paul & Virginia, Winchester, KY  
Feed The Kids.....100  
York, Hershael, Frankfort, KY  
New Work.....50  
**Total.....2,150.06**

**SHERIDAN STANTON**

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH  
New Work.....70  
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH  
Building.....70  
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington,  
KY, Support.....250  
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL  
As Needed.....200  
Durrum, Anthony & Linda, Winter Springs,  
FL, As Needed.....200  
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS  
Personal.....256.77  
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church,  
Oldtown, KY, Salary.....100  
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH  
As Needed.....50  
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Wyandotte,  
MI, As Needed.....128  
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY  
Personal.....75  
Kentucky Friends, Personal.....50  
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Belleville, MI  
Support.....100  
Old Mount Zion Church, Wayne City, IL  
Support.....200  
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY  
As Needed.....100  
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Piney Flats,  
TN, Support.....50  
Rye Patch Baptist Church, Ludowici, GA  
Personal.....400  
Shawnee Baptist Church, Louisville, KY  
Support.....50  
Victory Baptist Church, New Salisbury, IN  
Support.....50  
**Total.....2,399.77**

**BOBBY WACASER**

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH  
Support.....70  
Bell Shoals Baptist Church, Brandon, FL  
Support.....300  
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL  
As Needed.....250  
Calvary Baptist Church, Piqua, OH  
Salary.....75  
Fellowship Baptist Church, Brinson, GA  
Support.....50  
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA  
Salary.....50  
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston,  
WV, Salary.....100  
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY  
As Needed.....100  
Riverview Baptist Church, Apple Grove, WV  
As Needed.....50  
**Total.....1,045.00**

**ROBERT TATE**

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH  
Support.....70  
Anonymous, Personal.....100  
Anonymous, As Needed.....100  
Anonymous, Salary.....200  
Anonymous, Salary.....300  
Anonymous, As Needed.....200  
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL  
As Needed.....100  
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV  
Support.....60  
Calvary Baptist Church, West Branch, MI  
Support.....250  
Cornerstone Baptist Church, Columbus, OH  
Support.....100  
Covenant Baptist Church, Dayton, OH  
Support.....300  
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook, OH  
Salary.....570  
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church,  
Oldtown, KY, Salary.....100  
Franklin Street Baptist Church, Hamilton, OH  
Support.....50  
Geister, Bob & Marian, Alger, MI  
Personal.....25  
Kahut, Donald & Cynthia, Xenia, OH  
Personal.....100  
Messer, Jason & Cynthia, South Vienna, OH  
Personal.....100  
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston,  
WV.....Salary 100  
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association,  
Normantown, WV (Libert Miss Baptist),  
Salary.....50  
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY  
As Needed.....100  
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV  
As Needed.....300  
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, IN  
As Needed.....150  
Skidway Baptist Church, Prescott, MI  
Salary.....50  
Union Baptist Church, Englewood, OH  
Salary.....100  
**Total.....3,575.00**

**JUDSON HATCHER**

Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia  
Beach, VA, Personal.....200  
Mundy, Billy & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL  
Salary.....10  
Smith, Darwin & Cathy, Lexington, KY  
Salary.....25  
**Total.....235**

**Grand Total.....60,549.09**

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## Brother Creiglow's Report...



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Dear Brethren, March 3, 2010  
As all of you know, after Betty and I returned from serving as missionaries to Brazil for many years, we served as field representatives for Baptist Faith Missions for five or six years until Betty got so sick that I had to give up the job. I was asked to continue to write a Mission Sheets letter each month to keep all of you informed as to the progress of her illness. After Betty's death I spent two months in Brazil seeking the Lord's will for the rest of my life. Upon my return I informed

Brother Parks that I had come to the conclusion that it was not the will of the Lord for me to work in Brazil. At that point David asked me to work with him to take part of the load from his shoulders, and I have agreed to do that. I have said all of that to say this: since I am neither missionary nor field representative, should I continue to write a Mission Sheets letter, and David requested that I continue since I will be working with him in the promotion of the work of BFM.

I am also now free and available to visit any church or pastor that might want my services, in whatever manner I may be able to serve my Lord and His churches. I am now serving as associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Science Hill, Kentucky, and the church is okay with my serving in these other ministries.

If any pastor or church should be interested in my services, you may contact me as listed above.

In His service,  
Bobby D. Creiglow

## B.F.M. - Our Purpose and Mission

*Baptist Faith Missions assists Baptist churches to send God-called missionaries to fulfill church-planting missions in the nations of the world.*

*We believe that "essential Great Commission missions" is to preach the Gospel, evangelize, baptize disciples, establish Baptist churches, and train the disciples to obey everything that our Lord Jesus Christ has commanded.*

*While we believe that all other outreach ministries and services may accomplish good works and meet worthwhile social and spiritual needs, we believe that our purpose, scope, and focus should concentrate on essential Great Commission Gospel missions.*

**PRAY FOR YOUR BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS  
COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS AND ALL OF YOUR  
BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS MISSIONARIES.**

### 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.

## PERSONAL NOTE OF APPEAL

*From Giving Friends Who Wish To Remain Anonymous  
To All Churches and BFM Contributors:*

The Lord has laid this burden on our heart. We appreciate all the support the churches and individuals do for the missions. But we are asking each church and individual to go \$1.00 farther—that is—on a weekly basis add this \$1.00 more to your mission contribution. If a church with fifty members would do this, it would mean \$200.00 more per month and \$2,400.00 more per year.

Imagine what this would mean to the General Fund if sixty, seventy, eighty or one hundred members added the extra \$1.00 each week: **OUR GENERAL FUND COULD GROW BY \$120,000!**

Please pray and try to meet this goal over what you now contribute. If we each sacrifice something small, then God can do something mighty.

## - PLEASE NOTE -

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## \$50,000.00 MONTHLY GENERAL FUND GOAL

Please continue to concentrate your giving to the General Fund which supplies the monthly commitments we have made to our missionaries. Without sufficient General Fund offerings, the base support for our missionaries' essential needs is deficient.

## 2010 SPRING MISSIONS CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE THEME: "FILLING THE EARTH WITH HIS GLORY!" - Habakkuk 2.14

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea."

This exact, precise language is repeated again in Isaiah 11.9: *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.* [You will find other abbreviated expressions of this same theme in Psalm 72.18-19, Isaiah 6.3 and 40.5.]

The prophets are not just using eloquent literary flourishes when they speak with such soaring words like 'as the waters cover the sea.' They are speaking under the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit, and they are communicating to us what God's own covenant purposes are for the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

They are describing in figurative terms REAL, CONCRETE MISSIONS ACTIVITIES that will have the effect of COVERING and SATURATING the populated world with the KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S GLORY. God is declaring to them...and to us...that the day is coming when the Good News of His Glory will be witnessed and proclaimed to EVERY NATION ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH. [See Revelation 14.6-7].

This 'knowledge of the glory of the LORD' is the Gospel we have been commissioned by Jesus Christ to preach to every creature under Heaven [Mark 16.15; Colossians 1.23].

It is the Gospel of Christ's Kingdom; it is the Gospel of God's Grace; it is the Gospel of the New Covenant; it is the Gospel of GOD'S GLORY IN JESUS CHRIST.

God has commanded us to FILL THIS DARKENED WORLD WITH THE LIGHT OF HIS GLORY IN THIS GOOD NEWS! 2 Corinthians 4.3-6. But even if our Gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL OF THE GLORY OF CHRIST, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants

for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF GOD IN THE FACE OF JESUS CHRIST.

If anyone doubts that this Old Testament promise is a MISSIONS MANDATE and another expression of Jesus Christ's Great Commission ['As you are going, MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS...'] - then read Isaiah 11.10, which immediately follows God's Missions Purpose Statement in Isaiah 11.9: *'And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious.'*

What 'day' does Isaiah foresee here? 'In that day' is OUR DAY - THE GOSPEL-DAY - THIS 'DAY OF SALVATION'. We know that promise is fulfilled and enacted by New Testament Gospel missions because Paul interprets it that way in Romans 15.12, [in fact, the whole chapter], where he is relating for us what inspired and motivated him to FILL THE THEN-KNOWN EARTH WITH THE GLORY OF JESUS CHRIST IN THE GOSPEL.

And Paul summarizes his whole ministry purpose, goal, and itinerary: so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the Gospel of Christ' [verse 19].

Listen to all these powerful MISSIONS MANDATES that propel us into all the nations of the earth to COVER THE EARTH WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST'S GLORY...AS THE WATERS COVER THE SEA. (Matthew 24.14, John 17.17-23, Acts 17.22-34, Romans 1.5; 1.13-16; 16.25-27, Revelation 14.6-7.

So, THAT IS WHAT THIS CONFERENCE IS ALL ABOUT. THIS IS WHAT BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS IS ALL ABOUT. This is what MISSIONS is all about. This is what THE GOSPEL is all about. This is what THE MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCHES is all about. "FILLING THE EARTH WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S GLORY."