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PLEASE HELP US GIVE OUR MISSIONARIES A RAISE!

You know how Solomon described the strength of inter-twining strands that become much stronger when they are woven together. Ecclesiastes 4.12: *And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*

By the same token, we also know that the strongest chain can be broken by just one weak link. Every link bears the strain on the chain. BUT WHAT IF YOU HAVE THREE WEAK LINKS IN THE SAME CHAIN? It will break soon and often until the links are strengthened.

When we talk about the 'MISSIONS-GIVING CHAIN', we mean the missions-giving supplies from us to our missionaries. They depend on us [humanly speaking]. But, there are at least THREE WEAK LINKS that keep breaking and failing to support them adequately.

1 - AN ALREADY-WAY-TOO-LOW SALARY: We give each of our missionaries the same salary: \$1,717.00 per month. That's less than \$430 per week. Way too little. And, we haven't increased their salary in ten years. [I gave you the history of their last increases in the December 2010 issue of the Mission Sheets - also posted on baptistfaithmissions.org/FaithWorks page, January 2011 posts.] I would dare to say that none of us could live on such a modest living wage - and wouldn't want to try. But, our missionaries do. WE SHOULD MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO DO BETTER FOR THEM - but, their salaries come out of the General Fund. And, our monthly General Fund offerings don't presently cover all the necessary disbursements we make to our missionaries on a regularly, monthly schedule.

2 - A STEADILY, PROGRESSIVELY INCREASING COST OF LIVING: We all know how all our living costs continue to not just 'inch up', but skyrocket. We are

presently, here in the US, in a dramatic increase in gasoline prices. Our missionaries have paid WAY more for gasoline than we do - on a daily basis - for years. Everything is going up in price faster than we can keep up with it. Well, try to keep up with the ever-increasing costs of living on the same modest salary you've had for the past ten years! That's what our missionaries are doing. WE SHOULD MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO DO BETTER FOR THEM - AND HELP THEM TRY TO MEET THESE RISING COSTS OF LIVING...but we will have to consistently increase our giving to the General Fund in order to do that. It is just that simple.

3 - A STEADILY, PROGRESSIVELY DECREASING OF THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR AND THEIR LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES: Which means, very simply, that every one of those few dollars we are giving them exchanges for fewer and fewer of their local currencies - which, in turn, are also buying less and less.

WHAT CAN WE DO? What we MUST do is EACH OF US INCREASE OUR PRESENT GIVING FOR THE GENERAL FUND. All the commitments we make to our missionaries are disbursed out of the GENERAL FUND. If our giving to the GENERAL FUND either stagnates, or worse, declines, then we are not only NOT INCREASING OUR GIVING TO THEM, but THE OFFERINGS WE ARE GIVING ARE DECREASING by attrition and erosion. THE CHAIN KEEPS BREAKING!

1 Samuel 25.17: Now, therefore, KNOW and CONSIDER WHAT YOU WILL DO.

A Memorial Tribute To Marie Bratcher



Marie Bratcher

Rev. 14.13: Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

Matthew 25.21: "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord."

Hattie Marie Bratcher, eighty-three, beloved and faithful missionary wife of Brother Harold Bratcher, passed from this life into the Presence of her Lord and Savior in Manaus, Brazil, on February 4th at 10:39 P.M. She had been hospitalized for the four weeks previous to her death.

She was born in Madison County, Kentucky, a daughter of Sherman and Stella Moore. As a young girl, she started attending a newly organized Baptist church in the community of Newby. It was there, on a Sunday morning, that she heard Harold Bratcher, a young preacher from Georgetown College, preach his first sermon at the church. She was one of eleven persons in attendance that Sunday morning.

God, in His Providence, brought Harold and Marie together, and in 1955 they were united in marriage at Newby Baptist Church by Brother Clarence Walker. For the next few years, Brother Bratcher pastored at Newby, then went into full-time evangelism. Next he taught at Lexington Baptist College.

When Brother Bratcher announced that he felt called by God to go to Brazil as a missionary, Marie was not "sold" on the idea. But before they married, she promised

to go with him wherever he felt led of the Lord to go. So they went to Brazil, arriving in 1955 along with their young son, Asa Mark. For the next fifty-two years she labored with Brother Bratcher in the great Amazon Valley of Brazil where they led many people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. They were also used by the Lord to organize several Baptist churches. When they would come to the States on furlough she often traveled with him visiting supporting churches and reporting on the Lord's works in Brazil. She always had a big smile for those she met and was beloved by all for her sweet spirit. She and Brother Bratcher were inseparable in their life and service for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons and their wives, two granddaughters, one grandson, and one sister, Dean Cruse of Richmond, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Joel, and one brother.

Memorial services were conducted in Manaus, Brazil, on Sunday, February 7th. Her body rests in the Saint John the Baptist Cemetery with that of young Joel's awaiting the day when the Lord returns with a shout, the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God. Then all of the dead in Christ will be raised and we will forever be with the Lord.

Memorial offerings can be sent to Baptist Faith Missions, c/o George Sledd, P.O. Box 47180, Lake Monroe, Florida 32747-1280. Please indicate if you want your MEMORIAL GIFT to go toward the General Fund, or if you want it to be a special gift for Brother Bratcher.

Brother Bratcher's Letter...



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Dear Brothers of the Blessed and Sisters of the Savior: March 9, 2011

Permit me to write about a few days in the future. On the 24th of this month, I will be eighty-four years old. I will be happy and grateful with many others here in Brazil and in the USA. However, I will be sad because it will be my first birthday without my dear wife of fifty-six plus years, Hattie Marie Moore Bratcher. I do not want to be guilty of the sin of ingratitude but I haven't answered most of the sympathy cards, e-mails and letters yet, but Asa Mark and I will do so soon. Also, I am sad and happy at the same time today because Stephen will be leaving us tomorrow to return to the States. Asa Mark and I are so thankful to the Lord that he arrived five weeks ago today, and has been such a blessing to us during these difficult times. He also was a blessing to the nine Baptist churches where he preached. He plans to return in June for a two month visit, the Lord permitting. Also I am happy because Asa Mark has been and will continue to be a great blessing to me.

(Please See Bratcher Page Four)

2010-11 THANKSGIVING OFFERING - GOAL: \$100,000.00

At the time of this writing [first of March, 2011], we have received **\$59,718.82**, including your THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS received during February.

GOD BLESS EACH ONE OF YOU WHO HAS GIVEN TO THIS OFFERING

If you have not given a personal offering yet, please do so as the Lord gives you Grace to give! No offering is too small. No offering is insignificant.

You can give your offering designated to **BFM THANKSGIVING OFFERING** through your church, or you can send it directly to our Treasurer for Thanksgiving Offering: Baptist Faith Missions, c/o George Sledd, P.O. Box 471280, Lake Monroe, Florida 32747.

UPDATE: This year's Thanksgiving Offering is down 35% from last year's. And, we needed ALL of last year's \$92,264.30 that we gave. There are very significant sums which are disbursed from these

Thanksgiving Offerings during the year - sometimes thousands of dollars at a time.

For example, last year [2010], we disbursed \$16,000.00 just for furlough transportation expenses. So far here in the first quarter of 2011, we have already disbursed \$9,500.00 for furlough transportation expenses. When we take sums like this out of \$60,000.00 just for one line item [and especially this early in the fiscal year], it doesn't take long to exhaust the supplies.

Besides, each month we disburse an average of \$5,000 per month for other regular support services we provide for our missionaries.

So, WE HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO HELP US MAKE IT THROUGH THE YEAR BY GIVING TO THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING!

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Dear Brethren, March 5, 2011

Beverly has not been too happy with me this month. It seems that I have been traveling most of the time. One time I came in from a trip, spent one day at home and left again. I keep telling her that she should just go with me. The part about all the insects, mud, and sleeping in a tent doesn't help my sales pitch much though.

The main visits this month were to Rodrigues Alves, Foz do Breu, Tipisca (Peru) and Sao Salvador.

The river is finally up nice and high. The long trip to Peru was really easy this time. I even took my bigger boat all the way to Tipisca. Hudson finally got over a bad bout with malaria and was able to go with me.

The congregation at Foz do Breu (The Breu River is the border between Brazil and Peru. The village is right at the mouth of the Breu) is now meeting in the new building, which is still under construction. They are having about one hundred in attendance on Sundays. Even on Wednesday night we had over seventy people. On Sunday they have over 25% of the local population. That isn't bad at all. While there I laid out the last jobs on the construction. We plan to have the dedication in about six weeks. Also, I had three meetings with our two missionaries. Jose Maia works in the Breu with the Caxinaua Indians. Vando works with the locals at Foz do Breu.

Jose Maia went with us on our trip into Peru. On the way up river we were used to save the lives of an Indian family. As we came around a bend we saw flailing in the most turbulent part of the river. A whole family had been in a tiny, rotten canoe and



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Dear Brothers and Sisters, Feb. 27, 2011

Hope all of you are doing great, and that this New Year has been one full of God's blessings. Especially that God has been real in your life each day. We are doing great. The last two months we have had a tremendous amount of rain. Because of all the rain the Sunday morning attendance had gone down. The last three weeks we have had nice sunny days and the attendance is coming right back up again. We have had parents that are coming with their kids on the bus. Pray for these kids and their families. Many of the kids that come are one parent homes. Very sad situations.

gone down just as we were coming along. The story is too long to tell here, but I must mention that God's timing is so precise. A minute earlier and we would have been past them. A minute later would have been too late. They would have been gone. As it was, I pushed my boat as hard as possible to get to them. When I reached out to grab the young mother's hand, her head was just about to go under and I never saw such a look of despair in my life. She was still clutching her baby and trying to keep its head above water. She is probably seven or eight months pregnant. We also managed to get her two little boys out safely. None of us speaks their language, but she was able to thank us in Spanish. By the way, we turned around and took them downstream to their village before continuing our trip upstream.

The visit to Tipisca to visit Tito and the work was pretty routine. They are in their brand new building. We now are working on getting them some pews built. They only have two pews and four benches! Things are a little slow there, but not bad.

The trip to Sao Salvador was great, too. For this trip I took my smaller boat. The river up there is much smaller and crooked. The church there held their first preachers meeting ever. There was a pretty good bunch considering the difficult access. There were about forty preachers. The new brick building, which seats over two hundred, was packed for the three evening services and on Sunday morning there were two hundred and eight present. I preached on Saturday night. There were four who came forward during the invitation that Pastor Moises gave. My message was about missions, but you just never know what the Lord might do with a doctrinal sermon. The



church insisted that I perform the baptism on Sunday morning. I baptized fifteen.

Well I see that this letter is already too long. Besides that, I am leaving on another trip in a couple of hours. Bev is going with me! Yeah! The rest of the news will have to wait until later. Maybe I can share a little more, in a more personal way during our furlough, which is just two short months away! Thanks for all of your prayers and support. God bless you as much as He has us.

In Christ, Mike Creiglow

Please Continue To Pray For Joshua ... Baptize Five Young People ...



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Dear friends and family, March 9, 2011

We've had a lot of rain in the mountains recently, but today the sun is shining in Huanuco! Anita has been fighting a case of the flu that has given her a terrible cough, but she seems to be on the mend, for which we are thankful. We love and appreciate all of you and thank you for your continual prayers and support of our part in the Lord's work here in Peru.

Please continue to pray for our son, Captain Joshua Stanton USAF, as he proudly serves our country as an Air Force pilot in Afghanistan. He has a wife and two small, precious, little girls waiting for him back home. We also ask you to remember my father, Ralph Stanton, in your prayers; he is battling with prostate cancer and not doing very well.

I baptized five young people into the fellowship of the Calvary Baptist Mission-Church a few weeks ago. They ranged from twelve to twenty. Two of them were a young



couple just recently married. Our attendance at this mission continues to grow and we literally filled our rented place to capacity twice during February. The folks are getting anxious about moving to the new property

we hope to buy in the next few weeks. We have been trying to buy this piece of ground for months, but the owner has had to comply with numerous legal requirements in order to get the property legally up to date. It looks like we will be able to make the purchase around the last week of March. After we obtain the property we have an urgent need to build. The folks here are poor, but I have seen them give sacrificially many times. We could really use some help toward this project; it's the Lord's work and HE will



provide, but maybe HE will lead some of you to be HIS means of provision. We are also hoping that we could have a few churches send some mission teams down late this summer or early fall and help us with some of the construction.

My Monday night pastor's class continues to be a blessing. These men study the Word during the week and bring me some very challenging questions each Monday night. Their questions keep me on my knees in prayer and compel me to dig ever deeper into God's Word for the answers. It is a privilege and honor to work with them.

Roosevelt Hermitano, one of our national missionaries, needs help with funds to buy the property for the Cayumba Grande Baptist Mission near Tingo Maria. The owner wants to sell the place so they either have to buy or vacate by the end of April. They have already raised over half of the cost but still need \$1,500.00 in order to have enough. Please pray and give as the Lord leads.

In HIM by HIS grace,
Sheridan and Anita Stanton

Good To Be Back In France ... Many Blessings To Report On ...



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Dear Brothers and Sisters, March 10, 2011

It is good to be back home in France after a month in Chicago. We had a wonderful visit with our daughter Lydia and her husband Adam and their two girls, Anastasia and Margaret.

Margaret was just two days old when we arrived. We thank God for the birth of our 8th grandchild. Unfortunately, as we were leaving France, I came down with a severe chest cold that made the flight and first part of the visit a bit miserable. It is tough to be in quarantine when you have a new granddaughter and only a few days to visit! But, God gave us wonderful bodies that still function marvelously well despite the "fall." After three weeks and hundreds of coughing fits I was able to hold Margaret and help out by washing dishes.

We are thankful beyond our ability of expression for the relationships that our children and their families have with the Lord. This joy contrasts sharply with the people who surround us here. They have no hope. Most people in

France have a comfortable physical existence but no spiritual life.

Here are some blessings that have caused us to rejoice recently: 1. Since I wrote my last letter, Marc has been back to the Sunday meetings. 2. Nicole, an elderly French lady with whom I have corresponded at length about spiritual matters has recently re-contacted us. She is in her eighties. She is a friend of a friend. Initially her friend asked us to contact her as she had many questions about God, eternity and spiritual matters. She writes letters that are usually about a dozen pages long and filled with questions. She lives in the Paris area and we have never met her face to face. You can pray with us for God to open her understanding and enable her to trust Him. 3. Renewed interest by some children who came with their mother when they were younger then stopped coming. They have returned with seemingly greater interest. 4. God has given Judy and I, Philip and Amanda, and Wendy a number of new contacts and opportunities to share the Gospel. 5. Evidence of increased maturity in several of the believers in our group. 6. Philippe, a man who has come for several years has recently seemed to be seeking God's answers. 7. Rosana has professed faith in Christ and asked to be baptized. We have Bible study with her over the internet. She was our neighbor but now lives with her family in Spain.

Our goal is to make disciples who will do the same. Our Lord, who gave us this mandate, enables us to do so. To Him be all the Glory. Thanks for your faithfulness in giving and praying.

With grateful hearts in France,
John and Judy Hatcher

(Please See Barros Page Four)

Contacting Churches To Share Works... Please Pray For Kenya In Our Absence...



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Dear praying friends, March 3, 2011
Another month has come and passed so quickly, and we are so excited to write this update and give you some exciting news concerning our family. This update will share current prayer requests, a family update, and how to pray for us in the days ahead.

On February 21, 2011, Camille Sophia Radford was born. She weighed nine



pounds and thirteen ounces. As far as we can tell she is progressing well and getting good reports from the doctors, for which we thank the Lord. Thanks so much to each one who prayed for my wife as she was pregnant, throughout the pregnancy, and also for the birth of our daughter Camille. What a blessing she already is to our family and we thank the Lord for her. What an honor it is to be a parent and what a responsibility to bring them up in the ways of the Lord. Proverbs 22:6 states, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." What a tremendous promise this is from the Word

of God, and an encouragement. I have also attached a picture of Camille to this prayer letter so you can see her. Please pray for us as a family during this time of adjustments, and also for our daughter McKenna as well.

I am in the process of contacting churches to come and share the ministries in Kenya, so if you would be interested you can email me at: naterad@yahoo.com or call me at: 814-688-4703. We also have a DVD of the ministries, so if you would be interested, please contact me and I will send you one free of charge.

For prayer requests, please pray for the ministries in Kenya in our absence, that they would continue on well. Please pray also that the people would look to the Lord to provide for them and help them with their needs, and to rely on Him. Psalm 62:8 states, "Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah." Please pray for all the ministries, as we are now home for furlough.

Personally, for our family, please pray for our health, that we would stay healthy at this time of the year. Please also pray for our safety as we travel and for our vehicle to do well with the many miles that it needs to go for this furlough. Let's also remember to faithfully pray for our nation as well. May we have time for the Lord we need to have and spend quality time in prayer. A quote I read recently that challenged me is, "If you are to busy to pray, you are too busy." How true this is, and may we be people who pray faithfully.

God bless you all and thanks again so much for your love, support, encouragement, and care. It means more to us than you will ever know. We will keep you updated.

In Him, Nathan and Carrie Radford

Begin Construction On New Church... Projeto Vida Back On The Road...



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Dear Friends, March 10, 2011

We began construction on the new church building two months ago last week. A good friend of ours is a contractor and he is coordinating the project. My ministry team and I, (consisting of two young married couples, one young single man, my wife Charlene and my thirteen year old son, Brennen), are doing all the labor on a voluntary basis. We have had a few members from our former church drop by to help too, but it has been mostly the eight of us digging all the footers, mixing and pouring the concrete, bending and tying the rebar, and the ladies have done their share



of the heavy stuff and also prepared all the meals. I am super proud of the whole team and thank God for their attitudes and effort.

Our first family to attend the new work even dropped by one afternoon and spent three hours digging footers with us. Kiddingly he said that the spot where he was digging was going to be his seating place in the new building. I hated to inform him that where he was working was going to be the handicap bathroom, but at least his sense of belonging was evident. He is yet unsaved, but we are praying for him and his family and loving on them as we have opportunity.

Projeto Vida was back on the road evangelizing this past month. In the month of February we hold a two week long missions seminar where volunteers come in from the surrounding states for classroom instruction and followup with two more weeks of traveling with the teams on their motorhome/buses to minister in the public schools and squares where they put into practice what they learn in the classroom. In this seminar we had over twenty volunteers participating. Some of these participants will stay on for three to six months more during the year as trainees. If they feel led of the Lord and our leaders approve them, then they may also become short-term missionaries with our teams. This is the strategy that we use to build our mission teams and God has blessed us many times through it.

Well, I need to get back out to the construction site. Pray for us. Thank you for your love and support.

In Christ's love,

Bobby, Charlene and Brennen Wacaser

New Church In Foz De Iguaco... Other Works Going Well...



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Dear Friends, March 1, 2011

We praise the Lord and thank Him for each of you who have been our faithful fellow laborers in the many years we have been in Brazil. The number of our days here on earth are coming to the end, but the work of the Lord continues to grow.

The territory of Brazil is larger than the forty-eight continental states of the United States. It is wonderful to know that God has used BFM missionaries to plant churches in over one half of the States in Brazil. That is an area larger than the US from the Mississippi River to the east coast.

There is a price to be paid but nothing in comparison to the price Jesus paid on the cross to save sinners like us. BFM missionaries have suffered strange sicknesses, buried their children, buried their wives and been separated by long distances from their loved ones. To see men, women, and children trust Jesus as Savior is worth the price paid and we rejoice in the sufferings for the Glory of the Father.

NEW CHURCH IN FOZ DE IGUAÇO [ee-gua-soo]. The first week of March a new church was founded in the city of Iguaco. This city is in the western part of the State of Parana. This state is the fourth from the southern tip of Brazil. The history of the

work and its workers is the story of God's Grace. The pastor and wife who started the work and labored for several years are Edson and Maria Jose. They are parents of three children.

Edson was saved in Duartina. This church is forty miles from Garca. Maria Jose was saved in another city fifteen miles from Garca. They met at the Seminary in Garca. Edson was called to preach at about age twelve. At that time, Maria, our adopted daughter, was working in the church at Duartina where Edson had been saved. He felt called to preach at about twelve years of age. Maria began teaching him how to study the Bible, and at fourteen, he began preaching. Edson is Maria's son in the faith. The new church in Iquaco has another mission point.

WORK IN URAI AND AREA: Marcio is doing a good work as pastor of the Urai Church. He preaches at the church in Rancho Alegre. Young people care for the work in Susumo Mission, and they have services in a village called Duzentos. There are seven young people who are working in congregations and growing in grace.

WORK IN THE CORNELIO PROCOPIO AREA: The Seminary is going well and the church has Congregations in Terezinha and Congoninhos. God has raised up a group of faithful men here in this part of Brazil. Their wives and children are godly and faithful. They are some of the most wonderful Christians we have ever known.

Fellow laborers, you can be proud and thankful to have a part in His work here. We sincerely thank you for your prayers and support.

John and Alta Hatcher



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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.

Surfing The Net? Wandering In Cyberspace?

Then Visit Our Revived, Revamped and Relunched Website at:

www.baptistfaithmissions.org

Here you will find information on Doctrinal Beliefs, Missionaries and Fields of Service, Directors, Contacts and Current Activities. Check it out.

Baptist Faith Missions

FEB. 2011 OFFERINGS

GENERAL FUND

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH.....	100
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL.....	100
Aldridge, Randy & Melody, Morton, IL (Giving Friends).....	80
Anderson, Mike & Pam, Hurricane, WV (Giving Friends).....	200
Baker, David & Leota, Simpsonville, SC (Giving Friends).....	35
Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY (Giving Friends).....	58
Beautiful Garden Baptist Church Manaus, Brazil.....	200
Beech Grove Baptist Church Crab Orchard, KY.....	30
Beech Grove Baptist Church Lancaster, KY.....	352.41
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenite, NC.....	400
Berry Baptist Church, Berry, KY.....	400
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN.....	475
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL.....	610
Bible Baptist Church, Portage, IN.....	150
Bluegrass Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....	25
Bohon Road Baptist Church Harrodsburg, KY.....	300
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV.....	100
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY.....	1,864.28
Calvary Baptist Church, Uniontown, KY.....	396.50
Cedar Creek Baptist Church Cedarville, WV.....	100.00
Casada, Mark & Cheryl, Manhattan, KS (Giving Friends).....	50.00
Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church McDermott, OH.....	81.00
Crooked Fork Baptist Church Gassaway, WV.....	70.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL.....	806.25
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN.....	275.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Irvine, KY.....	200
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO.....	539
Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY.....	500.00
Faith Missionary Baptist Church Leighton, AL.....	200.00
First Baptist Church, Science Hill, KY.....	75
Friend In Virginia.....	410
Giving Friends.....	950
Goldfloss Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC.....	25
Goodsprings Baptist Church Rogersville, AL.....	1,509.49
Grace Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY.....	50.00
Grace Bible Mission, Crystal Springs, MS.....	200.00
Grimes, Melvin & Margaret, Evans, WV (Giving Friends).....	100.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church Normantown, WV.....	1,800.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Marengo, OH.....	22.00
Hatcher, John and Alta, Urai, Brazil (Giving Friends).....	30.00
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....	1,075.00
Hunter, Ada, Coffeen, IL (Giving Friend).....	40.00

BRATCHER

(From Page One)

I praise the Lord that over a thousand people went to the church during the two days that Marie's body lay in state. There were over one hundred twenty cars in the funeral procession to the cemetery and over three hundred attended Marie's Memorial Service at the Comunhao Baptist Church, on Sunday evening, February 13th. Marie's body was laid to rest in the St. John the Baptist Cemetery, in the grave of her youngest son, Joel Harold Bratcher, who was buried there forty years ago. By the grace of God I am weeping less and praising the Lord more. I know that she is with the Lord, but I still miss her very much. May the Lord be with me until we meet again. She will not return to me, but one day I shall go to her in Heaven. When I arrive in Heaven, I want to see my Savior, first of all. "I shall

Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, MI.....	500.00
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church Tuscumbia, AL.....	70.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL.....	60.00
Keen, Victor & Leanore, Chester, NJ (Giving Friends).....	200.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI.....	1,646.80
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI (From Youth).....	2.75
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY (Giving Friend).....	35.00
Liberty Missionary Baptist Church Mt. Zion, WV.....	100.00
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH.....	50.00
Matthews Memorial Church Stevenson, AL.....	50.00
Mathis, Vernon & Lois, Lexington, KY (Giving Friends).....	250.00
Morris, Byron & Alma, Wichita, KS (Giving Friends).....	100.00
Mount Calvary Baptist Church Charleston, WV.....	700.00
Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church Grafton, OH.....	500.00
Osborn, Marilyn, Evansville, IN (Giving Friend).....	50.00
Redding, Warren & Barbara, Atlanta, GA (Giving Friends).....	200.00
Rocky Springs Missionary Baptist Church Piney Flats, TN.....	250
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV.....	1,607.00
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC (Giving Friend).....	250
Southside Baptist Church Winter Haven, FL.....	125.00
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV (Giving Friend).....	100.00
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church Ironton, OH.....	9,137.29
Texas Giving Friends.....	2,000.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church Lexington, KY.....	622.25
Union Baptist Church, Russell Springs, KY.....	50.00
Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, KY.....	10.00
Watkins, Bert & Louise, Richmond, KY (Giving Friends).....	60
West Virginia Friends.....	100.00
Wood, Neree, Columbia, SC (Giving Friend).....	50.00
York, Doris, Princeton, KY (Giving Friend).....	225.00
Total.....	34,085.02

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN.....	19
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO.....	500.75
Total.....	519.75
IN MEMORIUM	
Carver, Louie & Mary, Simpsonville, SC In Memory Of Marie Bratcher.....	50
Overbey, Dale & Doris, Van Buren, AR In Memory of Rosston & Maude Duncan.....	200
Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY In Memory Of Marie Bratcher.....	250
Total.....	500

know Him; I shall know Him, when redeemed by His side I shall stand. I shall know Him by the prints of the nails in His Hands."

Also I am thankful that Pastor Dave Parks has been a great blessing to me by words, letters, and offerings. To all of you who have sent us offerings, Asa Mark and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts. "The Lord buried the worker, but the work goes on." Thus, "the work must go on till the final battle for Christ is won." Permit me to thank my only living brother, Charles Bratcher, and his wife, Reva, of Frankfort, Kentucky, for his many calls, and to Marie's only sister, Deane Cruise of Richmond, Kentucky. Pray for all of those mentioned in this letter. I thank all who are praying for us. Praise God that we'll never have to say goodbye in Heaven.

Yours in the Service of the Savior,
Harold and Asa Mark Bratcher

BIBLES FOR INDIA

Barnett, Clarence & Oietta, Fiat Rock, MI.....	20
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY.....	100
Grooms, Mary, Lucasville, OH.....	20
Jumbuin, Raphael, Frankfort, KY.....	50
Kinnett, Charles & Doris, West Harrison, IN.....	50
Ojibwe Baptist Church, Rosebush, MI.....	100
Owens, Evelyn, Lexington, KY.....	20
Reese, Patty Lou, Mt. Vernon, KY.....	80
Todd, Larry, Chattanooga, TN.....	10
Weir, Gary & Lisa, Marion, OH.....	10
Total.....	460

CAR FUND

Branson, Daniel and Patricia, Allen, KY.....	25
Total.....	25

H. H. OVERBEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church Ironton, OH.....	100
Total.....	100

NATHAN RADFORD

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH Support.....	100
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH Carrie Radford.....	25
Allbritton, Tommy & Barbara, Scott Depot, WV Salary.....	60
Anonymous, Support.....	710
Anonymous, Salary.....	300
Anonymous, As Needed.....	100
Anonymous, Salary.....	200
Bakker, Jason & Julie, Chambersburg, PA Salary.....	50
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL As Needed.....	50
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV Support.....	60
Bush, Dale & Pamela, Richmond, KY Personal.....	50
Bush, Dale & Pamela, Richmond, KY Salary.....	50
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV Special Offering.....	300
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC As Needed.....	77.27
Cullen, Tom & Laura, Letart, WV Salary.....	50
Danielson, Betty, Titusville, PA, Salary.....	20
Danielson, Rodney & Anne, Piano, TX Support.....	225
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV Support.....	100
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV Support.....	100
Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH Support.....	100
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV Salary.....	75
God's Lighthouse Church, Cross Lanes, WV Salary.....	50
Grace Baptist Church, Lima, OH, Salary.....	250
Grace Missionary Baptist Church Rogersville, TN, Salary.....	50
Harper, David, Concord, NC, Support.....	25
Harrah, Tryone, Loretta, Poca, WV, Salary.....	50
Hernandez, Paul & Anne, Youngsville, PA Support.....	50
Kibby, Bart & Frances, Pittsfield, PA Salary.....	150
Kincaid, John & Jane, Scott Depot, WV Support.....	50
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY, As Needed.....	25

BARROS

(From Page Two)

is covered and needs a drop ceiling put in because of the doves that like to live in the open area. They leave the area very dirty and also they have lots of lice. We had some ceiling given to us so we should be able to get the drop ceiling done very soon. With the ceiling in, the area can be used much more.

We want to thank all of you for your prayers and support. You all are important in our ministry. God bless each of you.

Odali and Kathy Barros

Lemkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV Salary.....	10
Lewis, Lowell & Sue, Milton, WV, Salary.....	35
Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV Hospital Fund.....	100
Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV 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 Support.....	150
Nizio, James & Victoria, Dearborn, MI Children.....	19
Nizio, James & Victoria, Dearborn, MI Salary.....	30
Parker, Steven, Burlington, IA, Salary.....	10
Ripley Tabernacle Baptist Church, Ripley, WV Support.....	50
Rollins, David & Patricia, Hurricane, WV Salary.....	50
Russell, Suzie, Nitro, WV, Support.....	200
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, IN Salary.....	100
Sheriff, Richard & Laurie, Clarendon, PA Support.....	100
Smith, Doug & Anna, Hurricane, WV Salary.....	30
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV As Needed.....	100
Teays Valley Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV Support.....	100
Wade, James, Abingdon, VA, Salary.....	50
Wright, Randy & Teresa, Hurricane, WV Support.....	138
Total.....	5,164.27

ODALI BARROS

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH Support.....	100
Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA, Support.....	200
Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY Salary.....	25
Bethel Baptist Church, Fackler, AL Support.....	110
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL As Needed.....	200
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY Alpha & Omega.....	140
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC As Needed.....	77.27
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS Salary.....	197.41
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY Alpha & Omega.....	55
Liberty Missionary Baptist Church Mt. Zion, WV, Alpha & Omega.....	25
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY As Needed.....	75
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, IN Alpha & Omega.....	100
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, KY Alpha & Omega.....	50
Total.....	1,354.68

HAROLD BRATCHER

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH Support.....	100
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL As Needed.....	100
Bratcher, Debra, Mesquite, TX, Personal.....	75
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY Personal.....	200
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY Poverty Relief.....	100
Clarksville Baptist Church, Richmond, KY Poverty Relief.....	100
Colliver, Karen, Lexington, KY (Memory Of Marie Bratcher) Love Offering.....	35
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC As Needed.....	77.28

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Crab Orchard Friend, Personal.....	150
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	
Salary.....	100
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY, Salary.....	100
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, KY	
Support.....	30
Grace Baptist Church, Fairbor, OH	
As Needed.....	50
Hambrick Horace, Mrs. Georgetown, KY	
Personal.....	200
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	
Salary.....	100
Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY, Personal.....	100
Sagendorf, Art & Cathy, Brandon, FL	
Funeral Expense.....	25
Tapestry SS Class, Heritage Baptist Church Lexington, KY, Funeral Expense.....	100
Total.....	1,742.28

MIKE CREIGLOW

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
New Work.....	100
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN, Gas.....	62
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	
As Needed.....	200
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	
Andrew Creiglow.....	150
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	
Andrew Creiglow.....	100
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.28
Elizabeth Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	
Support.....	50
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	
Food Pantry.....	197.41
Faith Missionary Baptist Church	
Leighton, AL, Outreach Expense.....	305
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH	
As Needed.....	50
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL	
Andrew Creiglow.....	20
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	
Andrew Creiglow.....	135.15
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	
Personal.....	300
Proctor, Evelyn, Clermont, FL, Support.....	50
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, IN	
Salary.....	50
Total.....	1,846.84

JOHNA HATCHER

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
Building.....	100
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	
As Needed.....	100
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.28
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	
Salary.....	25

HENSLEY

(From Page Six)

Some of our roads are asphalt, some dirt, and the rest are holes with a little road around them. So you can see as the rain continues the roads become worse. The repair bills keep mounting — however, the ministry goes on. Pray with us for our vehicles and transportation needs. One of the greatest is a bus. Please pray that we would receive offerings sufficient to buy one. As you can imagine with the increase in members we need a bus to bring all of them to church and have run out of room for Sunday School classes. We are in dire need of building more rooms in which to have Sunday School. So pray for this need also.

Another AWESOME blessing I've been having is on Friday nights a "Servants Class" for five men. I have used all the qualifications and references for deacons as a basis for this class. They as well as I are receiving a great blessing from this class. I hope to complete this class this week or next.

Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church	
Oldtown, KY, Salary.....	100
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	
Salary.....	50
Grace Baptist church, Fairborn, OH	
As Needed.....	50
Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL	
Salary.....	15
Spicer, Hubert & Emogene, South Bend, IN	
New Work.....	300
Spicer, Keith & Dee, Gray, TN	
New Work.....	300
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church	
Ironton, OH, Marie.....	150
Wood, Neree, Columbia, SC, As Needed.....	150
Total.....	1,417.28

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
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.27
Guthrie, Larry, Athens, GA	
Michael Samples.....	100
Hatcher, Judson, Lexington, KY	
Training-New Norks.....	303
Life Church Of Athens, Athens, GA	
Michael Samples.....	500
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	
Mission Team.....	100
Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL	
Salary.....	10
Trinity-Northbrook Baptist Church	
Cincinnati, OH, Seminary-Manaus.....	140
Total.....	1,490.27

JOHN MARK HATCHER

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
Support.....	100
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.27
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	
Personal.....	475
Everman, Arthur & Pattie, Corsicana, TX	
As Needed.....	25
Gerig, Galen & Tamara, Columbus, OH	
Salary.....	50
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH	
As Needed.....	50
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL	
As Needed.....	20
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	
Salary.....	100
Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL	
Salary.....	30
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	
As Needed.....	75

This will possibly open the door for some of these men to serve as deacons in the future.

Well it seems all I have been doing in this letter is telling of our needs and prayer requests. Permit me to put one more in front of you all; our son-in-law and daughter are looking at another place to serve the Lord and Savior. Pray for Walmir and Mary as they are considering where the Lord wants them to serve. Also pray for Mary as her due date for our third granddaughter, Ashley, is at the end of March. I am going to be a grandpa again for the third time. What an AWESOME blessing.

As I close this letter I ask that you keep praying as that is what keeps us going spiritually and keep giving as that is what keeps us going financially. Also think of coming down as that is what keeps us going emotionally.

Just remember that we can add some water to the beans and throw a few more grains of rice in the pot so a few more people at the table is not a problem. Hope to see you here in Brazil soon.

In His service, Aj and Barbara Hensley

Webb, Norma, Newburgh, IN, Salary.....	65
Total.....	1,067.27
A.J. HENSLEY	
Alexander, John & Sharon, Cedar Creek, TX	
Salary.....	75
Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach VA, Personal.....	100
Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY	
Salary.....	25
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	
As Needed.....	50
Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA	
Support.....	150
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.27
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	
Salary.....	197.41
Plug, Billie & Sorta, Chesapeake, VA	
New Church.....	240
Giving Friends, Support.....	50
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	
Personal.....	15
Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church	
Beattyville, KY, Personal.....	100
Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, KY	
School.....	60
Joiner, Charles & Kandace, Bonaire, GA	
Vocational 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	
New Work.....	50
Second Baptist Church, Warner Robins, GA	
Support.....	36.08
Suburban Christian Church, Virginia Beach, VA	
Special Project.....	325
Thompson, Paul & Virginia, Winchester, KY	
Feed The children.....	100
York, Hershael, Frankfort, KY, New Work.....	50
Total.....	2,225.76

SHERIDAN STANTON

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
Building.....	70
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
New Works.....	70
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	
As Needed.....	200
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.27
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	
Personal.....	197.41
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, Oldtown, KY, Salary.....	100
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH	
As Needed.....	50
Grace Baptist Church, Oneco, FL	
Building Fund.....	150
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Wyandotte, MI	
Mission Fund.....	125
Kentucky Friends, Personal.....	50
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Belleville, MI	
Support.....	100
Restoration Church, Dickson, TN	
As Needed.....	100
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	
As Needed.....	100
Rye Patch Baptist Church, Ludowici, GA	
Personal.....	200
Shawnee Baptist Church, Louisville, KY	
Support.....	50
Victory Baptist Church, New Salisbury, IN	
Support.....	50
Total.....	1,689.68
BOBBY WACASER	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
Support.....	100
Bell Shoals Baptist Church, Brandon, FL	
Support.....	300
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	
As Needed.....	250

Calvary Baptist Church, Piqua, OH	
Salary.....	50
Clark, William & Jennifer, Brandon, FL	
Project Vida.....	25
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.27
Fellowship Baptist Church, Brinson, GA	
Support.....	50
Flores, Esther, Valrico, FL, Project Vida.....	25
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	
Salary.....	50
Lazzara, Richard, Brandon, FL, Support.....	21
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	
Salary.....	100
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	
As Needed.....	100
Total.....	1,148.27

ROBERT TATE

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
Support.....	100
Anonymous, Salary.....	300
Anonymous, USA Housing.....	100
Anonymous, Personal.....	100
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	
As Needed.....	100
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WV	
Support.....	60
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	
Special Offering.....	300
Calvary Baptist Church, Piqua, OH	
Salary.....	50
Calvary Baptist Church, West Branch, MI	
Support.....	250
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.27
Cornerstone Baptist Church, Columbus, OH	
Support.....	100
Covenant Baptist Church, Dayton, OH	
Support.....	300
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook, OH	
As Needed.....	310
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook, OH	
Salary.....	500
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church	
Oldtown, KY, Salary.....	100
Franklin Street Baptist Church, Hamilton, OH	
Support.....	40
Geister, Robert & Marian, Alger, MI	
Personal.....	25
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH	
As Needed.....	50
Kahut, Donald & Cynthia, Xenia, OH	
Personal.....	100
Liberty Missionary Baptist Church	
Mt. Zion, WV, Support.....	25
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	
Salary.....	100
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	
As Needed.....	100
Robishaw, Eugene & Eleanor, Prescott, MI	
Personal.....	25
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV	
As Needed.....	300
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, IN	
Salary.....	120
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV	
As Needed.....	100
Union Baptist Church, Englewood, OH	
Salary.....	100
Total.....	3,832.27

JUDSON HATCHER

Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA, Personal.....	200
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	
Salary.....	50
Giving Friends, Support.....	50
Mundy, Billie & Evelyn, Godfrey, IL	
Salary.....	10
Smith, Darwin & Cathy, Lexington, KY	
Salary.....	25
Total.....	335
Grand Total.....	59,003.64

Traveling Presenting Works... Ministry Methods And Principals...



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March 10, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from Dayton, Ohio. The last number of weeks have seen us traveling to various churches and presenting our work. It has truly been a pleasure to revisit the churches we have been to so far. Since I last wrote we have visited Union Baptist in Union, Ohio; Rosedale Baptist in Rosedale, West Virginia; Buffalo Baptist in Buffalo, West Virginia; Cornerstone Baptist in Cincinnati, Ohio; Covenant Baptist in Dayton, Ohio; Emmanuel Baptist in Salyersville, Kentucky; and Storms Creek Baptist in Ironton, Ohio. We have been so well received and loved in each of these churches. What a joy it is to see and meet God's people in various states of our great country. I love to experience the love that exudes from all God's people in these various places. If you are thinking that you and your church are the only ones left that are serving Christ and worshipping the Lord, don't despair. There are many others, brothers and sisters in Christ and sister churches that are holding strong just like you! Thank you to all the churches we have visited so far. Thank you for allowing us to share with you our ministry, our burden and our struggles. It is a privilege to me to be able to minister in this way.

As I have stated in my last couple of letters, while I am home on furlough I want to explain some of my ministry methods and principles, or, in other words, some of my thinking and my approach to church planting in Kenya. Two months ago I explained why I CAN'T buy property and build church buildings. Last month I explained why I CAN'T pay the pastors of any of the churches. This month I want to briefly explain why I CAN'T transport people back and forth from church services or other ministry events. Some of you might be thinking, "What? How can you not do that?!" I understand your potential shock. I would have been shocked if I heard a missionary say this three years ago. However, my short experience in Kenya has changed my mind. Yes, I could use my vehicle and spend most of the morning

transporting people to the church meeting. Yes, using this method I could probably fill the house much quicker and easier. But think about this. What happens if I start a new church this way? The people will become dependent immediately and from the very beginning will depend on and expect this ride to the meetings. Then what happens why I finally say, "Okay, church, I'm ready to move on and start a new church in a different area?" Well, I think you can figure out what happens next. The church dies! Why? Because nobody that was receiving rides to church will come anymore. Either it is now too far for them to get to the meetings themselves or they get mad because they believe the rides are "owed" to them. Either way the people stop coming and the church suffers or dies.

The other reason I see why transporting people to church meetings in Kenya is a bad idea is because of one of the main purposes the Lord had in starting His churches in the first place - FOR COMMUNITY AND ONE ANOTHERING. I believe that a church of Jesus Christ should be a close knit community that loves and serves one another; that knows one another and minister to one another's needs; that share the same community and thus the same problems. If people are shipped in from distant communities then these things will never happen. If they are not able to walk to the meeting themselves or get there on their own in some other way, then the church becomes nothing more than something they attend once or twice a week for a service and then they go home. The rest of the week they are not able to communicate with the rest of the congregation or serve one another in any way whatsoever. This is not the Lord's idea of a body working together. No, for a congregation to function as a community of Jesus Christ they need to be able to meet together on their own without outside transport and all live relatively close together. In other words they need to walk or ride their bikes. Don't worry, though, they are quite used to this mode of transportation already.

Beloved, we just so much want to follow the models, methods and principles that we find in the New Testament. I am not the master builder. But I can try and follow the ways of the master builder in my own ministry. May the Lord bless this work.

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

Sorry For The Late Update... Churches And Missions Blessed...

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Dear friends,

March 10, 2011

First, my apologies, for the long delay in writing and updating the news. Thanks for your commitment and prayer on our behalf even with little or no news updates. We have been busy about our Masters business. The past months have been very busy. Mostly I thank the Lord for looking after us and blessing the preaching of the Gospel.

Churches and Missions are being blessed. Following is a summary of churches started and growing in several states in Brazil. I have listed them by city and state. Each church has a pastor and steady preaching and spreading of the Gospel. Boa Vista, Roraima - four churches. Belem, Para - two churches. Macapa, Amapa - one church. Sao Luis, Maranhao - one church. Fortaleza, Ceara - one church. Xorozinho, Ceara - one church. Natal, Rio Grande do Norte - two churches. Joao Pessoa, Paraiba - one church. Porto Velho, Rondonia - two churches. Manaus, Amazonas - twenty-seven churches.

There have been many hurdles in the past months. In some, God has given victory, in others, Grace to endure. We are blessed, as the Lord has saved many through the preaching of the gospel and then called some to the ministry of preaching, teaching and starting churches.

The pastors and teachers here in Manaus at the home church, seminary and missions training have had a difficult year. Pastor Neto, who was heading up national missions, had injuries in both knees, taking nearly twelve months to recover; he has now gone to pastor one of our churches in Boa Vista. Pastor Nildo, who is in charge of urban missions, had two heart attacks and

is recovering as I write. Pastor Michael (our son-in-law) had back injury and has been bedfast for the most of the last year - he is now recovering from back surgery. Then, of course, Pastor Judson, our son, is in the US on furlough. Many adjustments have been needed; and in all, God has given grace and encouragement to each of his servants. Certainly, this refocuses our minds to understand that in all things we are dependent on Him. To God be all the glory for all he accomplishes, and for the joy of being servants at his disposal, despite our human frailties.

We just arrived from the youth college and career camp. There were one hundred forty-eight campers on this five-day retreat. The theme of the preaching and teaching was holiness in all areas of our life. We also celebrated the baptism of campers. It was a great celebration and God's Word, as always, stirred the campers to renew their minds and hearts in Christ.

Wanda has physical therapy three times a week and is doing well. We celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary this month of March. Wanda has been and is a great companion and encourager. We are ever thankful to God and full of joy for the wonderful family he has entrusted to us.

We appreciate your continuous support in prayer and assistance with our daily bread and needs. We joyfully thank God for each of you and your generosity. Pray for us on your every remembrance of us. Pray that the preaching of the gospel and forming of new churches shall in no way be hindered. Pray that many will be saved for the glory of our beloved God and Father. God bless you richly. We send you our love and thanks.

Paul and Wanda Hatcher

Visited States For A Few Weeks... Vehicle And Transportation Needs...



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Hi friends and family, March 11, 2011

I like to sit on the front porch in the mornings and drink my coffee, read my Bible, pray and anticipate the activities of the day. As I am looking at the road in front of the house this morning I see two branches (creeks), one on each side of the road. Instead of the river (the road being completely covered with water), yes it is raining again. Whatever the plans for the day are it is a must that you include rain as a possibility for the day. Enough about the weather, this is the day that the Lord has made! Let us be glad in it.

We were in the States for a few weeks with a seriously ill brother. He had had a stroke and was undergoing surgery and the family was called in because of the seriousness of the situation. Well we arrived as soon as we could, but we were late and we found my brother dismissed from the hospital and at home. When we as a family, (four brothers and families), arrived at his home his countenance completely changed. When we entered he was down in the dumps but upon seeing us he became chipper and sat up immediately. Insisted that we sit down around him with gestures because he could not speak. How AWESOME is our God. So instead of a final farewell we had a wonderful family reunion. And on top of being able to minister and pray for him we just had an

awesome time together. And that is how it is with problems sometimes: He takes the bad and turns it into blessings.

Sorry that we were unable to visit with you all this time but this was such a quick trip and was dedicated to family. We are looking forward to coming home and spending time with all of you soon.

Thanks to all of you for your prayer support for the new work. It is growing and lives are being changed. On our return we had a baptism and sixteen new converts were baptised on Saturday night and were added to the church role on Sunday. Since we started last year that makes twenty-three new brothers and sisters added to God's Kingdom. We still have several more for baptism and are planning another baptism this month. Awesome is it not?! We are now above sixty members and are averaging in the eighties for our principal service. We feel the Lord's presence with this new church start. We are planning to organize this mission work into a church in April. Keep on praying for this work and for the organization meeting in April. Don't forget to pray for the Vocational School, we are working on the dormitory for the boys and the work is going slow. But we are not discouraged, because we know that God is with this work too. Also continue to pray for the orphanage; the couple that was interviewed before we left has accepted the invite to come and be the parents at the orphanage. They will be coming as soon as they can finish some things that they had committed to do. And the judge has said that as soon as there are parents there he has children to put in the orphanage.

As we work here we have a few basic needs. With all the expenses for our van and truck, it is becoming a real challenge to keep up financially. These vehicles are being used daily in our ministry and the roads are becoming a true challenge for the vehicles.

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2010-11 THANKSGIVING OFFERING GOAL: \$100,000.00

Please give as generously as you can to help us reach our goal of \$100,000.00 for our 2010-11 THANKSGIVING OFFERING. Offerings received thus far during November are \$25,400.57. We recognize that many of you are giving or sending your Thanksgiving Offerings during this month. We thank you each one for remembering our missionaries' on-going needs.

\$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.