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"And...they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how He had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles." –Acts 14:27

## Judy Celebrates Sixtieth Birthday ... Judy's Mother's Day Letter ...



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Dear Brothers and Sisters, May 1, 2013

April 11th was Judy's sixtieth birthday. We have had the privilege of spending a good many of those years together. The scriptures say that "A wife of noble character is her husband's crown" and "a prudent wife is from the Lord." I can undoubtedly affirm this tidbit of truth in testifying of God's blessings on my life through Judy. When I was not yet a teenager, my mother emphasized in our family devotional time that we should pray for a spouse from the Lord. I began doing this on a regular basis and God fulfilled my request. So, if you are not yet married and want to be, I suggest that you ask God.

Just after I wrote the above paragraph, Dave Parks reminded us that this month, in honor of mothers, we were going to ask the missionary wives to write a few lines. So, I will let Judy share her thoughts.

Bonjour and merci from Tournepieu, France. Each morning John and I thank God for you who give so sacrificially so we can share the gospel in France. Many of you we will never have the privilege of meeting until we are together in heaven, but know that today we are thankful for your many years of support. In my philosophical moments I ponder, "What influenced me, a common Kentucky girl from a not so known small

town on the south side of the Ohio river to be a missionary in France?"

The answer is simple, my parents, Jim and Pansy Foster. How? By living out Christ in their lives.

What I learned from my parents... love the Lord your God with all your heart... it wasn't just what they said, it was the way they lived. One of my earlier memories is of waking each morning and seeing my mom in her chair and my dad in his chair both reading their Bibles. God's Word was important.

Often I would hear my parents talking in their room as if someone else was there. One night, on peeking into my parents' room, I saw them knelt by the bed, my dad's arm around my mom, praying. "God's will" was something active. You follow His path because He is good and He loves you, even when it meant blessing your nineteen year old daughter to go to Brazil six weeks after marrying John Hatcher! (John wasn't the question, Brazil was too far for an overnight visit.) Twenty-five years later, when I told my mom that we believed that God was leading us to France, her words were, "If that is what God wants, that is what we want." My mom had just been diagnosed with cancer.

Love your neighbor...even though my dad pastored the First Baptist Church, Garrison, Kentucky, and later Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, Kentucky, it was after I was grown. My parents had a lumber and hardware store. At times this meant being kind to those who were demanding, being "at your service" whenever, and paying off bills that were owed by someone else. I saw "love covers a multitude of sins" in action! Visiting the sick, nursing homes and giving a helping hand to those in need was just what you did because it was the right thing to do.

I was given "missionary eyes." Often in the evenings I would sit with my mom looking at the Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia. We would examine far away lands. The question would usually arise, "Do these people know about Jesus?" Often the answer was, "No, not unless someone goes and tells them." Closer to home, my dad spoke of the areas in eastern Kentucky with no gospel witness. Whether across the sea or across the street, it was emphasized that people need the Lord.

Often people ask, "What can we do for you?" Moms and dads, live Christ before your children, give them missionary eyes, grandparents, share with your grandchildren what great things God had done in your lives, aunts and uncles, influence your nieces and nephews to follow God wherever He leads, Sunday School teachers and neighbors, share the love of Christ with the children whose lives you touch. With God's help we can pass on what has been so freely given to us.

With love and thanksgiving,  
Judy and John Hatcher



Judy with granddaughters who live in France, Amanda their mother and wonderful missionary, and Amanda's mother, Lisa Fallwell, who is visiting her family in France.

## 'MOTHERS IN ISRAEL' SPECIAL EDITION!

In this issue – read, honor, and pray for our Missionary-Wives...

KATHY BARROS • BEV CREIGLOW • ALTA HATCHER • JUDY HATCHER  
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"MOTHERS IN ISRAEL" Judges 5:7 - Deborah, the judge, called herself "a mother in Israel". She was not referring to her biological children because we don't have written record, at least, that she and Lapidoth had any biological children. But, she was 'a mother in Israel' because of the spiritual leadership and nurturing she demonstrated during this time of spiritual declension. She provided the leadership of conviction, moral courage, and inspiration to trust and obey God – and she influenced and strengthened many.

So have our missionary-wives who have as faithfully and valiantly served with their husbands to be mothers, not only to their own children and families, but to countless others also. So, in keeping with the Mother's Day tradition we observe here in the States, we have asked our beloved missionary-wives to write this month's letters from their own distinctive perspectives. This is our way of recognizing them, honoring them, and rising up with their husbands and children to bless them! Proverbs 31:10-31

## Mother's Day Letter From Julie Tate ...



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When Dave asked us ladies to write the newsletter this month in honor of Mother's Day, I struggled with what to say because there is too much to say. So, let me share just a couple of joys and struggles that I face here in Kenya as a missionary woman/wife/mother.

One of my absolute favorite things about living on the mission field here in Kenya is being among a multitude of people groups and nationalities. In the States, I knew a few isolated people who were not native to our country; but, in Kenya, my family has had to learn to co-exist peacefully and respectfully with people of many diverse ethnic groups: South Korean, Pakistani, Norwegian, Icelandic, German, Swiss, Swedish, Jewish, French, English, Danish, Indian, Tanzanian, not to mention the different tribes of Kenya with their unique cultures. There is so much beauty in living among these different cultures, because it's just a little taste of Heaven. Don't get me wrong; I love America. I love our American heritage, and I want my children to treasure it as much as I do. But, America is not all there is in this world; we are really only a small portion of it. I am so thankful God has given Roger and I – and our children – the opportunity to learn to love the diversity of people and cultures God has put on the earth. I am also thankful for the occasion it brings to grow, stretch, be humbled, and learn to extend mercy and grace in the midst of many challenging differences. It's amazing how people can be so alike and yet so different at the same time! One of my favorite memories was when all our friends here in Kitale gathered around to wish Emily well as she left to go to boarding school for 9th grade. In our cozy living room were people from five different countries – including our Muslim friends from Pakistan and our Jewish missionary friends from Israel, peacefully together in the same room.

There are also many challenges. It is difficult living in a culture where finding trust-worthy people is a bit like looking for a needle in a haystack. It is difficult sticking out like a sore thumb, being stared at, and being seen as a potential resource rather than as a real friend or even as a fellow human

being. It's difficult watching my children try to develop friendships only to have the Kenyan children bribe them and use them. It makes us all deeply thankful for the few real friendships they have.

But the most difficult challenge for me right now is getting ready to send Emily off to college. Here in just a few months, we will leave for furlough as a family of five knowing that when we return, there will be only four of us. In the middle of July, Emily will graduate from high school and then will have only a few weeks at home with us. Those weeks will be filled with a lot of "lasts." She may never be here again. She won't come home for Christmas, Spring break, or summer break. She can't come for weekend visits – she'll be 8,000 miles away, and a round-trip ticket is over \$1,000.00. Grandparents and other family and friends will be doing all the things for her that we, her parents, should be doing. We've already had some lasts: this past Christmas was likely the last Christmas she'll have with us at home – the last time decorating the tree together, the last time taking silly family pictures in front of our own tree, never getting to hike on Mt. Elgon again, never staying at Hampton House in Nairobi together again, never again seeing people who have come to be like family to her, not having family game and movie night together...and it goes on. There is high likelihood of not getting to know her future husband well, not being able to spend time with grandchildren and getting to know them. So many things I don't feel quite ready to sacrifice. Actually, I don't feel ready at all. And she is only the first; this will be the path for all of my children. In fact, it will start almost as soon as we return to Kenya because Amy will then – Lord willing – begin attending Rift Valley Academy (another challenge in Kenya is schooling; Kenyan teachers cane children, beating them even over the head and shoulders with rods) which means she will be away from home nine months out of every year. It is suddenly very clear to me the degree of sacrifice being a missionary will entail in this area, and my mother's heart hurts.

But God...He is good. He is faithful, and He is true. He is my all-in-all and the treasure of my heart. He is my comfort and my stay. When all the props are stripped away – the malls, the entertainment, the distractions of Western living...I see all the more...He is my living tower, and He is the Lover of my soul. He is the Lover of my children's souls. Ultimately, it is He, and not I, who ensures their lives and their paths. This is an area you can really pray for us right now; all of us, Emily, Amy, and Josiah included. We're all hurting a bit right now.

Julie Tate

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## Alta Hatcher's Mother's Day Letter . . .



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It was a joy to see each of you that were present at the Spring Missionary Conference at Thompson Road Baptist Church. We enjoyed the preaching and also enjoyed the wonderful meals the dear women prepared. Thank you Brother Dave Parks and your church.

Since we were only going to be in the States a week we informed our eleven grandchildren who live in the States and other close friends and relatives to meet us at the

conference in Alexandria, Kentucky, where John's invalid brother lives, or in Florida where John's sister lives. All but two were able to be at one of the locations. What a joy to see them!

John had his eighty-eighth birthday April 30th while we were at the conference. Also I enjoyed the special hour I had speaking to the women who were present at the conference.

We rejoice that God has given us fifty-eight wonderful years as missionaries with BFM in many places in Brazil. We are in Brazil because you have supported us and our three children, Paul and Wanda, John Mark and Judy and Odali and Kathy, also our grandson Judson and Raquel. Thank you.

Pray God will give us health and spiritual guidance to serve Him until we go to be with Him in Heaven or He comes for all of us who have trusted Jesus as our Savior.

Thanks again for your support and prayers. May God bless each of you.

Alta Hatcher

## Beverly Creiglow's Mother's Day Letter . . .



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I really had no idea what I was getting into when I married Mike! Visiting another country was always something I wanted to do, but living in another one is a completely different story.

I grew up in city where there was running water, electricity, and telephone service 24 hours, paved roads, (cars, of course) and plenty of grocery stores. Even way back then there was a variety of products.

When I arrived in Cruzeiro do Sul in 1971, there was a huge difference. Just for starters, electricity was only from 6-10 pm and there was no running water. Drinking water had to be carried in by a man who had pole across his shoulders, balancing two five gallon cans of well water. Rain water was caught off the roof for baths, etc. At that time I think there were only two or three bricked roads, dust in the dry season and mud in the rainy season. Only two seasons here.

It took me a while to adjust to this very different kind of life. There were many ups and downs. Insects galore! I never knew ants or caterpillars could be so harmful. Ever touch a fuzzy caterpillar that releases its

"fuzz" in to your hand? It can be so painful and then itch for days. Then there are tarantulas, roaches and stink bugs that release oil that can burn you like a third degree burn. I finally did learn (and am still learning) what is hands off!

It can be depressing when you see everyone talking with their biological families; Dad, Mom, sisters and brothers. Mine were a few thousand miles away. I only get to see them every few years. Church became my family. Thank the Lord for them! I now have many "adopted" sisters, brothers and daughters. I've been asked if I'd ever want to return to the USA to live. I answer; ONLY if I can take my whole church family with me!! There is no church I have ever visited that comes close to First Baptist Church of Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre. I love my church.

My four children were born here. I am glad I raised them here without people breathing down my neck about how I could discipline them. I home schooled all of them through high school and then they took the GED. They learned two languages and two different cultures, besides many other advantages. Mike and I "adopted" a few sons, one of them being Odali Barros. Jader and Carlos are orphaned brothers who came to live with us as teens. They spent five years in our home and became brothers to my own children. My grandchildren call all of them uncle. Today Odali is a missionary and ran a children's home for years. Adam is the IT manager for a court house in CA. Monica is an office manager for a law firm in KY. Andrew owns River Craft that builds aluminum canoes and boats. Crissy, besides being a pastor's wife, manages an English school. Jader graduated from law school and Carlos is a pilot. These last four still live in Brazil. They all make their mother (and Dad) proud.

I don't know where or what I would be doing today if I had not come to Brazil. The Lord knew though and wanted me here with Mike. I do my best to support him in all he does. I'm his full-time wife and part-time secretary. Brazil is my home for now and probably will be until I die.

Thank you for your support and prayers,  
Beverly Creiglow



Left to right, top row: Adam, Monica, Andrew, Cristina  
bottom row: Odali, Carlos, Jader

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## Kathy Barros Writes For Mother's Day . . .



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Dear Friends and supporters, May 4, 2013

Chosen to have a different life. The example I had of a mother who loved the Lord and was devoted to His work is a great blessing. My mother showed her love to God by caring for her family and the ministry as best she could. The phrase "what ever you do, do it as unto the Lord" is how she lived. I am thankful that I was taught that to be in God's service was a blessing. It saddens my heart when I hear people say, "the last thing I want to be is a pastor's wife." It is not the easiest job in the world, but the eternal earnings are far more than what you can imagine. We will have the privilege to enjoy the results in heaven. I guess one of the things that runs through my mind many times is the surprises that we will have in heaven. We will then know the lives of people that we were given the privilege to touch and were not even aware of. But then again we may be saddened by knowing that we could have done more.

My life has been far from a normal life. But I would not change it for anything. God has been there for us at all times. His faithfulness has been so evident in our lives and in our family. Being a mother to so many was some times scary. I always asked God to help me to do and say the right things. Not always so easy when you're dealing with children that you have no idea what they have experienced and what their family life was.

Depending on God for direction was vital in every sense of the word. I look back and see the ways that God led me in doing so many things that could only come from Him. I'm glad He could use me. God was faithful and has blessed us with six children that love the Lord. The oldest three are married and serving the Lord. A while back I was talking to Amelia about the difficulty of teaching children now in days. I was blessed to hear her say, "Mom, the most important thing you taught us was biblical principals that we needed to live by." Loving the lord has to be more than just an obligation it has to be a way of living, a life style. There is a verse that always gets my attention;

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. Deuteronomy 7:9

You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. Exodus 20:5-6

As a mother and wife I always try to remember that God has more to offer than He wants to take away. The choice is ours. It is so easy to get caught up in the things of this world and forget that this world is not our HOME. "Thousand generations!!!!" That is lots of generations.

What are we leaving for our generation, blessing or curses? God even makes the curses so much less than the blessings. May God continue to help us stay strong and remember that He is Lord!

Love,

Kathy Hatcher Barros

## SPRING MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The Lord attended with us and blessed us with His Presence and grace during our Spring Missions Conference. We want to thank all of you also who attended with us and prayed for us during this time of fellowship, preaching of the Word, and encouragement to commit ourselves to partnering together to help our missionaries fulfill their callings to 'go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.'

Our special thanks also to the forty pastors and preachers who attended during the course of the Conference. We hope each one will help us carry the burden and need of our missionaries back to your churches and increase our prayer and financial support to supplying their needs. These pastors-preachers represented eight U.S. states: KY, TN, OH, IL, IN, WV, MI, and FL. Two states in Brazil were also represented: Amazonas and Sao Paulo.

In addition, five nations were represented by the missionaries who have served there, either presently or formerly.

The Lord gave to every one of our 10 preachers and presenters Spirit-filled messages from His Word. The Holy Spirit 'fleshed out' the prayer-theme of our Conference 'O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years' from Habakkuk 3:2. He 'fleshed out' this theme by giving all our speakers a burning revival message from His Word; and then by sending them to us to deliver those messages; and then

by convicting our hearts to receive them into our own lives and ministries. May He continue to 'flesh out' His Word through us all as we obey His Word and carry out His Great Commission to fulfillment in our own generation.

YOU are the ones who make our Conference services what they are. We in our host churches can plan the services and provide the accommodations to make your attendance as comfortable and enjoyable as we can, but it is your attendance and presence that makes the Conference. May God bless you as much for attending as you blessed all of us by your presence.

CONFERENCE OFFERING- We designated the \$1699.00 in offerings given during the Conference services toward May's General Fund supplies to help provide our missionaries' Essential Maintenance Transactions. These are the essential expenses incurred each month to cover their salaries, housing and ministry allowances, hospitalization, and correspondence costs. These are their essential living and ministry needs.

CONFERENCE CDs - If you would like to receive copies of the audio CDs from the Conference messages, you may contact Doug Cornish, our media guy, at dougkyc@aol.com

CONFERENCE RECAPS - Also, if you haven't done so - you may go to our website baptistfaithmissions.org or to our Facebook to search for detailed descriptions and recaps of all the sessions and services during our Conference.

### MISSIONARIES' FURLOUGH SCHEDULE

Harold Bratcher is retiring from active and faithful missionary service in Manaus, Brazil, and is relocating to live here in the States. He is selling his home in Manaus and is seeking to purchase a home here. If you wish to contact him before he establishes a permanent address, you may contact him at: 859.277.3716 / 1012 Balsam Drive, Lexington KY 40504 / or through his email address: harold\_bratcher@yahoo.com

TATES AND RADFORDS - their plans at present are to be coming to the States in September and October respectively. You may correspond with them concerning any prospective plans you would like to make with them. Roger Tate rojuta@gmail.com & Nathan Radford naterad@yahoo.com



## Carrie Radford Writes For Mother's Day ...



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Greetings to all our friends and family!  
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We pray you are all doing well! The missionary ladies were asked to write this month's prayer letter to share some of our thoughts and insights as moms and wives on the missions field. To write all that's on my mind would take too much space, so I will try to be concise!

Living on the missions field has its share of joys as well as times of struggle and heartache. One of the nicest things of living where we do is that we have a wonderful missionary community, especially with the Tates here as well. We support each other, cry with each other, care for each other and pray for each other. Nathan and Roger are a great team working to minister to the Kenyan people. They both bring different strengths to share with each other and learn from each other. Julie is like a sister to me and I treasure her. I'm so very thankful that we are able to all be here together.

As a mom raising our girls on the mission field, I'm very thankful that our girls will grow up with a large world view. They will have experience with other cultures (not just Kenyan culture, but insight into Indian and other European cultures as well) and flexibility to adapt to different circumstances. I pray they will develop hearts to serve the Lord and other people. I pray they will have thankful hearts for all the Lord has done for them.

One of the biggest blessings I have personally is to be home with the girls and care for them. I started some homeschooling with McKenna this past year for preschool and am looking forward to ordering her kindergarten curriculum. I count it a huge privilege to homeschool both McKenna and Camille. My prayer is that I will be vigilant

to use the opportunities the Lord gives for teaching and discipling both girls.

However, along with these many blessings also come some definite struggles and heartaches. For the girls to learn flexibility and adaptability means they have to experience great changes in their young lives. The missionary community here is always changing, people always coming and going. Sometimes there may be a family here with younger children for our girls to play with for a few months and then they leave and our girls are left without playmates again until someone new comes. The girls are always saying "hello" and "good bye," which is difficult for little ones to understand. Most days they are home with me all day with little interaction, if any, with other kids their age.

One of our biggest prayer requests is that families with young children would move to our area. But the Lord knows what we need, and especially what our girls need, so we trust in Him to provide. Not always an easy thing to do!

Another difficult thing for our girls (actually, our whole family!) is separation from family at home. Family at home misses the girls. They miss seeing the cute things the girls say and do, they miss the milestones the girls have here, birthdays, Christmases and other holiday celebrations. Our girls miss relationships with grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. McKenna tells me almost daily that she misses family at home. And that breaks my heart. One thing that has helped with this is the opportunity to skype. It's amazing how much technology has improved the lives of missionaries! We are very thankful for this service. But while it opens a window between our family here and family at home, it is just a brief window that closes when the session is done. We are really looking forward to furlough and being able to spend time with our families in the States.

Well, I could continue sharing my heart and thoughts for several more pages, but I must close for now. Thank you for allowing me to share with you some of my joys and struggles as a wife and mom here in Kenya. May the Lord bless each of you and your families as you serve Him wherever you are.

In Christ,  
Carrie Radford

## Mother's Day Letter From Charlene Wacaser ...



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As a missionary's wife, I am having the privilege of spending Mothers' Day in Brazil for the 25th time. For the first 5 years I celebrated this day by sending a Mothers' Day card to my own mother in Georgia, USA, since I myself had no children. In 1992 the Lord tremendously blessed me by bringing our beautiful Brazilian daughter, Jessie, into our lives. I then was able to celebrate Mother's Day by sending and receiving love and cards.

Five years later, the Lord blessed me again by sending us a beautiful Brazilian son, Brennan. All the joys and trials of motherhood, dealing with our children's sicknesses, teaching them to know the Lord and love and follow Him, and watching their physical and spiritual growth are gracious gifts of God to me. My own mother who had loved me and strived to care for me passed away in 2001. My husband, Bobby, and I had had the joy of hearing her share that she had surrendered her life to Jesus Christ just a few years before and her transformed life truly indicated that her conversion was real. Jessie and Brennan both got to know their "Nanna" before she went to be with Christ.

When we came to Brazil I had no idea what the Lord had in store for me in the area of being a mother. Bobby and I had been married for five years, but had no children. I didn't feel like anything was missing at first because I ministered to kids almost daily. But just as I began to feel a maternal longing for my own, the Lord brought Jessie and Brennan into our lives. Many of the children that we ministered to and disciplined in the early years have now become mothers and fathers themselves and we now see their children coming to Christ and following him.

As this Mothers' Day comes and goes, I do miss my own mother, but I rejoice that the Lord has blessed me beyond my greatest dreams. He has made me a mother with my own children and has given me children who have their children. Recently while visiting our new neighbors, we met a dear lady named Hilda. From the very first visit she took us into her home as if she were my mother. We visit her regularly and each visit she hugs and kisses us just as if we were her own children coming home from a trip. We have been witnessing to her and praying for her to come to know Jesus Christ just like my own mother did before she passed away. We believe that the Lord brought us here for that purpose. Just as Jesus told his disciples that whoever leaves mother or father, brothers or sisters for his sake and for the Gospel, they would receive a hundred-fold in this life, I am actually experiencing this in my own life. I am so grateful and thankful to have the privilege to serve the Lord in this field where He has called me on this Mothers' Day, and every day.

Charlene Wacaser

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We are making our website more and more our primary source of information for all things BFM. We are updating and refreshing it every few days — and more added features are on the way. We will be telling you more about them as we roll them out. I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank Jason Estes for his

personal contributions of time, expenses, and expertise to rebuild and host our website. And, also, I want to thank Sarah Wainright for her service posting our missionaries' newsletters [and all our other news and updates] and for adding a whole lot of color, variety, spiff, and attractiveness to her posts. Thanks, Jason and Sarah!

## BFM on YouTube

We are launching a BFM YouTube Channel to post videos to update you and provide clips from our missionaries and events. You will find links to these YouTube clips on our BFM website FaithWorks Blog page and also on our Facebook posts as we upload them.

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### WE COULD NOT FULLFILL OUR BASELINE COMMITMENTS TO OUR MISSIONARIES

#### AGAIN THIS MONTH OF MAY

When we don't receive sufficient General Fund offerings to cover the \$46,000+ commitments we make to our missionaries each month just for salaries, expense allowances, hospitalization, and correspondence — then we have no other choice but to reduce the amounts of those commitments we disburse that month.

But, we are thankful that we didn't have to reduce their commitments as much this month as last month. This month, we reduced their baseline commitments by only \$238.84 which was equitably and proportionately distributed among them.

This month, also, we applied the \$1699.00 offerings which was given during the Spring Missions Conference to their Essential Main-

tenance disbursements. Thanks to everyone who contributed to those offerings.

If you are not contributing to the General Fund, would you consider doing so regularly? Even if you want to help perhaps your 'favorite' missionary, by contributing to the General Fund, you are helping us supply the Essential Maintenance Transactions commitments we have made to them...so we won't have to reduce them again.

'Thank You!' to everyone of you who does contribute to our monthly General Fund. You are not only supplying the essential needs of these servants of the Lord — but you also daily increase many thanksgivings to God for you!



Baptist Faith Missions

APR. 2013 OFFERINGS

GENERAL FUND

Addyston Bap. Church, Addyston, OH..	100.00
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
(Auditorium Class).....	137.00
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
(Berean Class).....	73.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL.....	100.00
Alexander, Denzel, Melbourne, FL	
(Giving Friend).....	50.00
Anonymous.....	2,500.00
Anonymous.....	225.00
Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY	
(Giving Friends).....	170.00
Balmer, Thomas & Judith, Pedro, OH	
(Giving Friends).....	200.00
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenite, NC.....	425.00
Berry Baptist Church, Berry, KY.....	400.00
Beverly, June, South Charleston, WV	
(Giving Friend).....	200.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN.....	550.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, PA.....	888.00
Bible Baptist Church, Portage, IN.....	160.00
Bluegrass Baptist Church, Lexington, KY.....	25.00
Bohon Road Bap. Ch., Harrodsburg, KY.....	350.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV.....	160.00
Calvary Bap. Church, Richmond, KY.....	1,848.26
Calvary Bap. Church, Uniontown, KY.....	541.20
Carver, Louie & Mary, Greer, SC	
(Giving Friends).....	25.00
Casada, Mark & Sheryl, Manhattan, KS	
(Giving Friends).....	50.00
Cedar Creek Bap. Ch., Cedarville, WV.....	100.00
Cedar Grove Baptist Church	
Stamping Ground, KY.....	158.33
Conner, Samuel & Martha, Cannelton, IN	
(Giving Friends).....	20.00
Crooked Fork Bap. Ch., Gassaway, WV.....	393.40
Dowell, Carolyn, Crab Orchard, KY	
(Giving Friend).....	100.00
East Keys Bap. Church, Springfield, IL.....	730.00
Emmanuel Bap. Ch., Bellbrook, OH.....	1,050.00
Estes, Jason, Giving Friend.....	50.00
Faith Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO.....	584.00
Faith Miss. Bap. Church, Leighton, AL.....	200.00
First Bap. Ch. Of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV.....	125.00
First Baptist Church Of Siloam	
South Shore, KY.....	574.18
Foster, Peggy, (Giving Friend).....	150.00
Friend In Virginia.....	500.00
Goldfloss Bap. Ch., Winston-Salem, NC.....	25.00
Goodsprings Bap. Ch., Rogersville, AL.....	467.71
Grace Baptist Church, Beattyville, KY.....	50.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church	
Normantown, WV.....	3,000.00
Hatcher, John & Alta, Urai, Brasil	
(Giving Friends).....	30.00
Hatcher, Paul, Newburgh, IN	
(Giving Friend).....	300.00
Hensley, A.J. & Barbara, Caragatatuba, Brasil	
(Giving Friends).....	60.00
Heritage Bap. Church, Lexington, KY.....	1,868.53
Highpoint Bap. Church, Alexandria, KY.....	24.00
Immanuel Bap. Church, Riverview, MI.....	200.00
Isbell Chapel Bap. Ch., Tuscumbia, AL.....	125.00
Jones, Michael, Giving Friend.....	50.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL.....	105.00
Kangas, Donald, Murfreesboro, TN	
(Giving Friend).....	10.00
Keen, Victor & Leanoire, Chester, NJ	
(Giving Friends).....	300.00
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL	
(Giving Friends).....	160.00
Kirkman, Paul, Fairborn, OH	
(Giving Friend).....	100.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI.....	649.00
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY	
(Giving Friend).....	50.00
Liberty Miss. Bap. Ch., Spencer, WV.....	100.00
Mansfield Bap. Temple, Mansfield, OH.....	50.00
Matthews Memorial Ch., Stevenson, AL.....	50.00
Morris, Byron & Alma, Wichita, KS	
(Giving Friends).....	110.00
Mount Cal. Bap. Ch., Charleston, WV.....	700.00
Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church	
Grafton, OH.....	200.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn	
Heights, MI.....	420.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church	
Normantown, WV.....	100.00
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, FL.....	842.86
Redding, Warren & Barbara, Cumming, GA	
(Giving Friends).....	200.00
Rosedale Bap. Church, Rosedale, WV.....	1,600.00
Seventh St. Bap. Church, Cannelton, IN.....	120.00
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC	
(Giving Friend).....	700.00
Southside Bap. Ch., Winter Haven, FL.....	25.50
Stalnaker, Audra, Normantown, WV	
(Giving Friend).....	300.00
Storms Creek Missionary Bapstist Church,	
Ironton, OH.....	3,177.72
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mims, FL.....	400.00
Tate, Norman & Mary, National City, MI.....	100.00

Union Bap. Church, Russell Springs, KY.....	100.00
Valley View Bap. Church, Richmond, KY.....	10.00
Watkins, Bert & Louise, Richmond, KY	
(Giving Friends).....	60.00
Whaley, Lois, Winston-Salem, NC.....	200.00
Wood, Neree, Columbia, SC	
(Giving Friend).....	50.00
York, Doris, Princeton, KY	
(Giving Friend).....	250.00
Total.....	31,352.69
IN MEMORIUM	
Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY, In	
Memory Of Dora Rogers & Ruth Potts.....	100.00
Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY	
In Memory Of Derek Gilpin.....	100.00
Orrick, Jim, Pewee Valley, KY	
In Memory Of Irene Orrick.....	50.00
Overbey, Calvin & Doris, Van Buren, AR	
In Memory Of Homer Crain.....	50.00
Overbey, Calvin & Doris, Van Buren, AR	
In Memory Of Sidney Fisher.....	50.00
Total.....	350.00
BAPTIST FAITH MISSION SPRING	
CONFERENCE 2013	
Offerings Given For General Find at Spring	
Missions Conference.....	1,699.00
Total.....	1,699.00
H.H. OVERBEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church,	
Ironton, OH.....	100.00
Total.....	100.00
BIBLES FOR INDIA (Louis A. Maple	
Memorial Fund)	
Beech Grove Bap. Church, Lancaster, KY.....	50.00
Branson, Daniel & Patricia.....	20.00
Jones, Marilyn, Dayton, OH.....	10.00
Knight, Steven & Brenda, Harrisburg, IL.....	500.00
Ojibwe Baptist Church, Rosebush, MI.....	1,045.00
Ojibwe Baptist Church, Rosebush, MI.....	957.50
Purity Baptist Church, Maysville, KY.....	125.00
Reese, Patty Lou, Mt. Vernon, KY.....	80.00
Riverview Baptist Church, Aberdeen, OH.....	141.00
River City Baptist Church, Louisville, KY.....	50.00
Shultz, Jerry & Doris, Beaver Dam, KY	
(Cedar Ridge Farm).....	100.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mims, FL.....	21.00
Todd, Larry, Chattanooga, TN.....	5.00
Twelve Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, MI.....	40.00
Wagner, Hannah, Warren, MI.....	40.00
Wampler, Martha, Lexington, KY.....	25.00
Weitz, Michael & Linda, Cincinnati, OH.....	20.00
Williams, Lois, Clarksville, TN.....	10.00
Total.....	3,239.50
ODALI BARROS	
Adams, W.H. & Arbia, Lexington, KY	
As Needed.....	50.00
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
Support.....	100.00
Atlantic Shores Bap. Church, Virginia Beach, VA	
Support.....	200.00
Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY	
Salary.....	25.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	
As Needed.....	211.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	
Alpha & Omega.....	140.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.27
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	
Salary.....	227.96
Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	
Alpha & Omega.....	15.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	
Salary.....	50.00
Liberty Missionary Bap. Church, Spencer, WV	
Alpha & Omega.....	25.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, IN	
Alpha & Omega.....	100.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL	
Support.....	25.50
Total.....	1,246.73
HAROLD BRATCHER	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
Support.....	100.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.28

Dowell, Carolyn, Crab Orchard, KY	
Support.....	100.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	
Salary.....	100.00
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church	
Oldtown, KY, Salary.....	100.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH	
As Needed.....	50.00
Total.....	527.28
MIKE CREIGLOW	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
New Work.....	100.00
Anonymous, Medical Missions.....	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN	
Boat Gas.....	105.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	
Andrew Creiglow.....	161.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	
As Needed.....	200.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, KY	
Andrew Creiglow.....	100.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.28
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	
Food Pantry.....	227.96
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook, OH	
Salary.....	150.00
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Leighton, AL	
Special Offering.....	605.00
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Leighton, AL	
Salary.....	200.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH	
As Needed.....	50.00
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL	
Andrew Creiglow.....	20.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, MI	
Andrew Creiglow.....	52.00
Osborne, Marilyn, Evansville, IN,	
Support.....	50.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	
Personal.....	300.00
Proctor, Evelyn, Clermont, FL, Support.....	50.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, IN	
Salary.....	50.00
Total.....	2,548.24
JOHN A. HATCHER	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
Building.....	100.00
Anonymous, Personal.....	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	
As Needed.....	100.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.28
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, IL	
Salary.....	25.00
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church	
Oldtown, KY, Salary.....	100.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	
Salary.....	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH	
As Needed.....	50.00
Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church,	
Ironton, OH, Marie.....	150.00
Wood, Neree, Columbia, SC	
As Needed.....	150.00
Total.....	852.28
PAUL HATCHER	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
Seminary-Manaus.....	100.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, FL	
Seminary-Manaus.....	60.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
Seminary-Manaus.....	77.27
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook, OH	
Salary.....	150.00
Guthrie, Larry, Athens, GA	
Michael Samples.....	100.00
Life Church Of Athens, Athens, GA	
Michael Samples.....	250.00
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	
Mission Team.....	100.00
Trinity-Northbrook Bap. Ch., Cincinnati, OH	
Seminary-Manaus.....	40.00
Total.....	877.27
JUDSON HATCHER	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
Support.....	70.00

Atlantic Shores Baptist Church, Virginia	
Beach, VA, Personal.....	200.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	
Salary.....	50.00
New Hope Bap. Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	
Support.....	100.00
Smith, Darwin & Cathy, Lexington, KY	
Personal.....	25.00
Total.....	445.00
JOHN MARK HATCHER	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
Support.....	100.00
Anonymous, Personal.....	50.00
Beverly, June, South Charleston, WV	
Expenses.....	100.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.27
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, IN	
Personal.....	900.00
Evans, James & Carolyn, Evansville, IN	
Personal.....	100.00
Gerig, Galen & Tamara, Columbus, OH	
Salary.....	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH	
As Needed.....	50.00
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL	
As Needed.....	20.00
Mount Calvary Bap. Church, Charleston, WV	
Salary.....	100.00
Shofner, Frank & Sylvia, Evansville, IN	
Personal.....	140.00
Warren, John & Vickie, Support.....	50.00
Webb, Norma, Newburgh, IN, Personal.....	60.00
Total.....	1,797.27
A.J. HENSLEY	
Anonymous, Bibles For Indians.....	50.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	
Support.....	166.66
Atlantic Shores Bap. Ch., Virginia Beach, VA	
Personal.....	100.00
Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY	
Two Chairs.....	80.00
Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY	
Salary.....	25.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	
As Needed.....	50.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.27
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	
Salary.....	227.96
Flug, Jerry & Billie, Chesapeake, VA	
Chairs.....	100.00
Flug, Jerry & Billie, Chesapeake, VA	
Salary.....	100.00
Gerth, Arthur & Brenda, Versailles, KY	
Work Fund.....	30.00
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FOUNDER'S DAY OFFERING	
Reminder: One of the reasons we were able to carry our missionaries' Essential Maintenance Transactions through last year [2012] without reducing their standard baseline commitments [after having to make significant reductions in January and February] is because of THE 2012 FOUNDERS DAY OFFERING	
June has traditionally been the month when we remember and recognize the Founders of BFM – and also to honor the faithful missionaries who have served...and are serving...over our 70+ years of ministry!	
We are asking you again for a special Founders Day Offering We want to make our Founders Day Offering an annual event to help us continue to provide for our missionaries' needs. Nothing we ever ask for or do is for any personal benefit to any of us – but everything is so we can continue to meet the commitments we have made to our missionaries so they can continue their daily ministries unhindered and undistracted by a lack of financial supplies.	
All we are asking you to do is to give your church the opportunity to give to a specially-announced and designated Founder's Day Offering. Or, if your church does not participate in the Offering, then please consider giving a special gift over and above your regular giving to the General Fund. All offerings received for the Founder's Day Offering will be used to go toward meeting our missionaries' needs for monthly General Fund supplies to help fund our standard commitments we have made to them for their essential living expenses.	
Will you pray and ask the Lord what He wants you to give – and plan to participate with your church in a fellowship-wide Founders Day Offering?	

KEEP UP WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING

AS IT HAPPENS!

You can keep up with what is happening in BFM as it happens by logging on to our website regularly, and especially the FaithWorks blog page. As our missionaries write their monthly newsletters, they are immediately posted there as we receive them.

ALSO OUR FACEBOOK - [www.facebook.com/baptistfaithmissions](http://www.facebook.com/baptistfaithmissions): We are making daily posts there not only with our missionaries newsletters, but also with daily developments and updates. Bookmark the page and be in the know!

BFM EMAIL NEWS - we want to include you in our email bulletins. If you have not signed up to receive our email reports, please do so by subscribing either through our Facebook page, or by sending us an email at [baptistfaithmissions@gmail.com](mailto:baptistfaithmissions@gmail.com).

ADVANCE PDF COPY OF THE MISSION SHEETS - This Mission Sheets issue will be posted on our website before it goes to the printer. We will post links to the PDF Mission Sheets on Facebook and also via emailed BFM NEWS.



Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	
Support.....	15.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, KY	
School.....	60.00
Joiner, Charles & Kandace, Bonaire, GA	
Vocational School.....	50.00
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY, Personal.....	25.00
Mt. Eden Baptist Church, Hawesville, KY	
School.....	150.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	
Personal.....	300.00
Poe, Dane & Connie, Lexington, KY	
New Work.....	50.00
Rightway Drywall Inc, Macon, GA	
Personal.....	600.00
Second Baptist Church, Warner Robins, GA	
Four Chairs.....	160.00
Second Baptist Church, Warner Robins, GA	
Support.....	67.40
Suburban Christian Church, Virginia Beach, VA	
Special Project.....	325.00
Thompson, Paul & Virginia, Winchester, KY	
Feed The Children.....	100.00
Total.....	2,909.29
<b>NATHAN RADFORD</b>	
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
Carrie Radford.....	25.00
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
Support.....	100.00
Anonymous, As Needed.....	100.00
Anonymous, Salary.....	200.00
Anonymous, Support.....	500.00
Bakker, Jason & Julie, Chambersburg, PA	
Salary.....	100.00
Bible Baptist Church, Belva, WV	
Support.....	42.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	
As Needed.....	61.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	
Special Offering.....	160.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.27
Cullen, Tom & Laura, Letart, WV	
Salary.....	50.00
Danielson, Betty, Titusville, PA	
Salary.....	20.00
Danielson, Rodney & Anne, Plano, TX	
Support.....	75.00

## Raquel Hatcher's Mother's Day Letter ...

May 11, 2013

To all women and heroines, happy mother's day! I'm so glad to share with you the many blessings God has poured out on us. Let me start by saying that, I'm the happiest mother on the planet. I have four children: Sarah Isabel (8), Laura Elizabeth (6), Benjamin Judson (5) and, Melissa Nicole (17 months). I feel like I'm unwrapping a present every day, always finding a nice surprise. They make me laugh, they make me cry, they make me even scream some times; they make me do silly things, like dancing with them and playing with dinosaurs.

There is nothing like being a mother... some of my favorite moments are when they get home from school and I can hear them coming up the stairs, (you would think it was an army?); they open the kitchen door and give me the best hug of all, like they have not seen me for days; or they hand me a special picture they have drawn (two hearts with our names in it, or two smiling people holding hands). Or maybe it's when, as I'm leaving their bedroom after saying good night, they say something like: mom, I love you as the size of the sky! And it just melts my heart. Another special time is when I lie in bed with them; this time is as sweet as honey, because they really open up and share their deepest thoughts; and sometimes they say very funny things, but I don't dare laugh, because they mean it. For example, one time Benjamin asked me, "Mom is it true that Jesus is everywhere?" I responded, "Yes." He asked, "Is He in my bedroom right now?" "Yes, Ben, He is here." Then he said, "He must be a nice ghost." I also recall telling the girls that they didn't have to worry about being in their room by themselves because Jesus was always with them. One night Sarah said, "Mom, can you stay with me? I'm tired of being just me and Jesus." And Laura, she loves talking about heaven. One night she asked me, "Mom, what is the fastest animal?" I guessed, saying that it was the leopard. Then she said, "then I will pick the leopard to go everywhere in heaven."

You know, being a mom is not always easy. There are moments I feel like entering

Elizabeth Baptist Church, Bancroft, WV	
Support.....	200.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook, OH	
Salary.....	300.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook, OH	
As Needed.....	300.00
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV	
Salary.....	100.00
Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH	
Support.....	100.00
First Baptist Church of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV	
Support.....	60.00
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV	
Salary.....	150.00
God's Lighthouse Church, Cross Lanes, WV	
Salary.....	100.00
Grace Baptist Church, Minford, OH	
Support.....	165.00
Grace Missionary Bap. Ch., Surgoinville, TN	
Support.....	50.00
Grace Missionary Bap. Church, Wyandotte, MI	
Support.....	650.00
Harper, David, Concord, NC	
Support.....	25.00
Harrah, Tryone & Loretta, Cross Lanes, WV	
Salary.....	100.00
Jackson, Larry, Culloden, WV, Support.....	100.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL	
Support.....	200.00
Kibbey, Bart & Frances, Pittsfield, PA	
Gift.....	400.00
Kibbey, Bart & Frances, Pittsfield, PA	
Salary.....	150.00
Kincaid, John & Jane, Scott Depot, WV	
Support.....	50.00
Leavittsburg Baptist Church, Warren, OH	
Support.....	165.00
Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV	
Hospital Fund.....	100.00
Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV	
Salary.....	200.00
Lloyd, J.T. & Heather, New Haven, WV	
Support.....	160.00
Loosenort, Kurt & Virginia, Grand Rapids, MI	
Salary.....	100.00
Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL	
Hospital Fund.....	10.00

Matheny, Charles & Betty, New Port Richey, FL	
Personal.....	40.00
Minturn, Timothy & Jody, Winfield, WV	
Prison Ministry.....	175.00
Mitchell, Matthew & Holly, Ossian, IN	
Support.....	150.00
Nizio, James & Victoria, Dearborn, MI	
Salary.....	30.00
Parker, Steven, Burlington, IA, Salary.....	10.00
Rawley, Philip & Sarah, Rockwall, TX	
Salary.....	250.00
Ripley Tabernacle Baptist Church, Ripley, WV	
Support.....	250.00
Rollins, David & Patricia, Hurricane, WV	
Salary.....	50.00
Sahlberg, William & Janet, Coopersville, MI	
Support.....	50.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, IN	
Salary.....	100.00
Sheriff, Richard & Laurie, Clarendon, PA	
Support.....	100.00
Stoia, Marcel & Michelle, Leroy, WV	
Personal.....	200.00
Teays Valley Missionary Baptist Church	
Hurricane, WV, Support.....	100.00
Wade, James, Abingdon, VA, Support.....	50.00
Wells, James & Jill, Nitro, WV	
Where Needed.....	25.00
Wright, Randy & Teresa, Hurricane, WV	
Support.....	138.00
Total.....	7,163.27

### SHERIDAN STANTON

Adams, W.H & Arbia, Lexington, KY	
As Needed.....	50.00
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
New Works.....	70.00
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
Building.....	70.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, KY	
Support.....	125.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	
As Needed.....	200.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.27
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, MS	
Personal.....	227.96
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook, OH	
Salary.....	150.00

the evil around them. But at the same time, we have to teach them about who God is as they wake up, as they eat, as they play, as they go to bed. We have to tell them about how much God loves them and how much God cares for them, and how much God has blessed them by sending His only son Jesus to die in their place so they can have eternal life with God in heaven. Sarah and Laura understood the message of salvation and they have accepted Jesus and have been baptized. Halleluia! Now, please, join us in prayer for Benjamin, who is five years old, and needs salvation desperately, like anyone who doesn't know Jesus. When a child gets to that place of understanding right from wrong, and chooses to do the wrong thing, he or she is responsible for that decision; meaning that he or she needs to accept the gift Jesus has to offer them: salvation. There is no other way but Jesus. No matter if you are five, fifteen, thirty, or sixty years old, Jesus is the only one who can forgive sin, and give you eternal life.

So, as I end this letter, I want to invite you to get to know Jesus. You will find that He is everything and the only thing you always needed. Just trust Him with your life, and He will do the rest. God bless you, and happy mother's day!

Raquel Hatcher

## "BRING AN OFFERING . . ." Psalm 96.8

How to contribute to the missionaries who receive their support through BFM

1 - You can write and mail your checks to Baptist Faith Missions | George Sledd, Treasurer | P.O. Box 471280 | Lake Monroe FL 32747-1280 - grsledd@hotmail.com.

2 - You can contribute online via debit or credit card. Go to our website: [www.baptistfaithmissions.org](http://www.baptistfaithmissions.org) and click on DONATE/SUPPORT page. Click the appropriate button and follow the prompts.

3 - You may also enroll in an automatic recurring contribution program by going to the same DONATE/SUPPORT page on our website and follow the prompts.

If your contribution is for a specific missionary or project, you should so designate it. The greatest need we have each month is for the General Fund to provide the essential commitments We have made to our missionaries to maintain their ministries.

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook, OH	
As Needed.....	300.00
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church	
Oldtown, KY, Salary.....	100.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH	
As Needed.....	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Oneco, FL	
Building.....	150.00
Grace Missionary Bap. Ch., Surgoinville, TN	
Support.....	50.00
Grace Miss. Baptist Church, Wyandotte, MI	
Support.....	150.00
Kentucky Friends, Personal.....	50.00
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Belleville, MI	
Support.....	100.00
Old Mount Zion Church, Wayne City, IL	
Support.....	200.00
Restoration Church, Dickson, TN	
As Needed.....	100.00
Rye Patch Baptist Church, Ludowici, GA	
Personal.....	200.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	
As Needed.....	150.00
Shawnee Baptist Church, Louisville, KY	
Support.....	50.00
Total.....	2,620.23

### ROGER TATE

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
Support.....	100.00
Anonymous, Personal.....	100.00
Anonymous, Support.....	500.00
Bethany Regular Bap. Church, McDermott, OH	
Support.....	25.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	
As Needed.....	100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV	
Special Offering.....	160.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Piqua, OH	
Salary.....	50.00
Calvary Baptist Church, West Branch, MI	
Support.....	250.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.27
Cornerstone Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH	
Support.....	100.00
Covenant Baptist Church, Dayton, OH	
Special Offering.....	571.00
Covenant Baptist Church, Dayton, OH	
Support.....	300.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook, OH	
As Needed.....	520.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook, OH	
Salary.....	500.00
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church,	
Oldtown, KY, Salary.....	100.00
First Baptist Church Of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV	
Support.....	60.00
Geister, Robert & Marian, Alger, MI	
Personal.....	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH	
As Needed.....	50.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	
Salary.....	50.00
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY, Salary.....	25.00
Liberty Miss. Baptist Church, Spencer, WV	
Salary.....	25.00
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	
Salary.....	100.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	
As Needed.....	100.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, WV	
As Needed.....	400.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, IN	
Salary.....	120.00
Skidway Lake Baptist Church, Prescott, MI	
Salary.....	50.00
Union Baptist Church, Englewood, OH	
Salary.....	100.00
Total.....	4,558.27

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Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	
Support.....	100.00
Bell Shoals Baptist Church, Brandon, FL	
Projecto Vida.....	300.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL	
As Needed.....	250.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Piqua, OH	
Salary.....	50.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, SC	
As Needed.....	77.27
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook, OH	
Salary.....	150.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Brinson, GA	
Support.....	50.00
Flores, Esther, Valrico, FL	
Projecto Vida.....	25.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Bristol, VA	
Salary.....	50.00
Lazzara, Richard, Brandon, FL, Support.....	50.00
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV	
Salary.....	100.00
Perkins, Thomas & Janelle, Valrico, FL	
Projecto Vida.....	10.00
Perkins, Thomas & Janelle, Valrico, FL	
Salary.....	10.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, KY	
As Needed.....	150.00
Total.....	1,372.27

Grand Total.....63,658.59



## Anita Stanton's Mother's Day Letter . . .



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Dear Friends, May 1, 2013

Today is April 29, 2013. On April 29, 1983, we arrived in Iquitos, Peru to begin our ministry. Thirty years have passed quickly.

Thirty years ago, people dressed up when they took a plane trip. I clearly remember my polyester dress, panty hose and heels. Our children were dressed up too. I



can't remember what Sheridan wore, but I am sure I had him dressed up also! I vividly remember disembarking the plane in the jungle town of Iquitos. As I approached the door of the plane, the heat and humidity felt as though they were about to smack me to the ground. I can't say for sure, but that might have been the last time I ever wore a polyester dress and panty hose!! Adjusting to the jungle heat was something that I really never did well. When one is cooking over a kerosene stove and the temperature outside is 115 degrees and there is no air conditioning indoors, it can get very unpleasant.

I have come a long way in adapting to our adopted country. I remember the sounds and smells of my first market visit. And to tell you the truth, that hasn't changed in thirty years. Our first house was a long, narrow structure with adjoining neighbor walls. We had two rooms in the front, a living room and the children's bedroom. The middle part, the bathroom, did not have a roof, and the back part of the house was the kitchen and our bedroom.

One night after going to bed, I saw a family of rats crossing our bedroom rafters to get to the neighbors. Sheridan had seen those critters nights before and was trying to figure out a way to get rid of them before I saw them. Now, he not only had a problem with the rats, but also with me! We tried poison, traps and other suggested devices, but finally settled on an air rifle. We would sit in bed in the dark and wait for them to start across the rafter. I had the flashlight and he had aim with the rifle. At the precise moment, (when Sheridan said "now"), I would shine the light on them, they would freeze and he would blow them away. Living in the jungle for 7 years, I became accustomed to killing scorpions, tarantulas and many types of bugs, but I never overcame my fear of rats. I saw a dead rat on the street the other day, it had even been flattened by a car, and I was still afraid!

Naturally, I survived the jungle, and in 1990, we moved to Lima. There was a huge contrast between the capital city and the jungle town of Pucallpa. In Lima, our children were blessed to attend the Fetzter Memorial Christian Academy for their schooling. The school was a blessing to all of us.

Even though Lima was a much more modern city than Pucallpa, we had to learn to contend with the enormous problems of a city built for three million people but home for ten million. There were constant black outs, water shortages, (many times no water at all for days), horrible traffic problems and congestion and a city full of pollution. Still, we were blessed as a family. God blessed the works, leading to their organization, and to date, they remain strong and growing. It was in Lima that Sheridan began traveling one

week a month to a different town where we have established works to teach the pastors. This was the beginning of the Bible Institute.

Today, there are over 140 pastors studying. When the sessions are held in Huánuco, I have the pleasure of cooking for about fifty of them.

When our children graduated and left for the university in the States, Sheridan and I moved to Huánuco. Huánuco is a huge contrast to the jungle and the coastal city of Lima. We live at 6,300 above sea level, and enjoy the best climate in the world. Our temperatures average 70 – 90 degrees year round with 0% humidity! I have a wonderful view of the Andes Mountains from my kitchen window.

Our move to Huánuco came with the empty nest. During the years our children were at home, I did what time allowed me to do in the work. My belief was always that my family came before the work. I was always involved in teaching children's classes, but I realized that my own children would soon be gone and I needed to focus on them.

Huánuco offered a new branch of service. With an empty nest, I could give much more time to various aspects of our ministry. I became very involved with women's ministry and through the years, it has been rewarding. I am preparing to teach a women's conference the first of June. Huánuco is where I have found time to develop a two year Sunday School curriculum for five different age groups. This project is not complete, but I am getting there! I offer the materials free of cost; they even come with accompanying music CDs, to anyone who is burdened to reach children.

When we arrived in Peru in 1983, we had no language training. We had listened to others who advised us to learn Spanish here. We soon found this advice to be a mistake, and I would never recommend that to any new missionary. However, we struggled and with the magnitude of our work, I guess we learned well! We had no one to guide us. We really spent our first year or more learning by trial and error. I often told Sheridan that if I had the chance to help new missionaries, I would gladly be there. God has given me various opportunities to serve in this capacity. I have had the honor to teach young missionary wives how to cook from scratch, how to make a substitute for some food or cleaning item, how and where to shop and hopefully some good advice on adjusting to the cultural differences.

Through the years, we have hosted many mission teams in our home. Someone once asked me if I got tired of taking care of so many people. Well, the truthful answer is, yes, I get tired, but when I see the fruits that the mission trips reap, my part seems very small. When I return to the States and a young college student says, "That trip changed my life", it is worth much more than any physical sacrifice that I might give.

When our children left for college, we realized that our time with them was over. Yes, over the years we have spent time with them, but not much! It meant holidays, birthdays, births of grandchildren and family time as a whole family was over. Last year, while on furlough, I spent my first birthday with my daughter in 16 years! When our children left, we missed them, didn't have e mail, Facebook, magic jack phones or any other technology to stay in touch. A phone call was very expensive and happened very few times. Still, it was a natural process. After all, isn't that the goal of parenting to guide and instruct our children to maturity so they can learn to live on their own? However, when grandchildren started to come, we realized how "far away" we were! It's great to have technology to see them grow, but it would be really great if that technology allowed us to physically touch, hug, kiss, squeeze and play with them! I recently told my daughter that I think God might just give missionaries a little extra "grandparent time" in heaven!

I close with love and thanksgiving for each of you for your love and support for the past thirty years.

In Him, Anita Stanton

## Mother's Day Letter From Barb Hensley . . .



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Hi to our friends and family, May 5, 2013

This month the wives of the missionaries were asked if they wanted to write a letter because it was mothers day. I agreed to do so and here is my letter. As we look forward to the day that we celebrate our mothers I want to start with a word about my mother. I have been on the mission field with AJ for 17 years but if it were not for my mother I would not have been such a good helpmate nor wife of a missionary. You see I learned at the feet of my mother how to do this. She taught me by example. She to was the wife of a missionary there in Owsley County Kentucky. I am now putting into practice all those things that Reba Katherine Baker taught me. Thank you mom!!

We started our missionary journey in an orphanage where I could be a mother to many. Then we moved on to use that experience to try to help start another orphanage. Then went on to be the wife of the associate pastor of two Baptist Churches. But now we are working for the Lord in a new mission work that we have started. Aj is the principle pastor and I am working along side of him.

Our new work started on January the 2, 2013. As you know we started in the home of one of the members and we have steadily grown. Our principle work is with children. We have found that if you train the children the parents will see a difference and eventually come to see what is going on. This is one of the ways that you get the adults to come to Church. The mothers are the first to come and the fathers eventually come.

We are having services in the normal hours, Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night. But our services are a little different, our Sunday mornings are just Sunday School and for now just for the kids. Also on Sunday mornings we feed the children. This is just bread and butter and Chocolate milk, but this may be the only food that some of them get for that day. We have found that you have to feed them physically be-

fore you can feed them spiritually. On Sunday night we have our big service with singing and preaching. Our Wednesday night service is dedicated to prayer. We are teaching the children how to pray and the importance of prayer (the adults too).

As the pastors wife I am singing in the praise worship team, leading the practice of this team, teaching Sunday School for the children, heading up the kitchen committee (which consists of three ladies) to help feed the children, leading the clean-up crew to make sure that the Church is always clean and arranged properly for each service, leading the ladies ministry and being the counsellor for those who need it. I love to host mission groups from the States also. This year we will host seven groups and one apprentice and my job in this is to prepare where they will sleep, plan their meals, help in planning the projects that they will do, and make sure that they experience the mission field and Brasil. And in my spare time I do anything that needs to be done as the secretary for the pastor.

Many people ask how I do all this and my answer is always "It is not me but God who is in me". I am very happy in the Lords work here in Brasil. But as you know I was not the first one to jump on the wagon when Aj first started to talk about coming to Brasil to be a missionary. I have stated many times that I was happy in my comfort zone there in the States. But now if Aj were to say that we were going back to the States to live I would be crying all the way back. I love the work that God has given us to do here. As you can see the work here is very demanding and so I ask for your prayers. They are the help that we need on the days that we think we can not take another step.

You have heard now the side of the wife of a missionary, if you would like to see both sides come on down and see what God is doing here in Caraguatatuba. All this is because all of you keep us lifted up in prayer and because of the financial support that you give us. Thank you because without both of these things we would not be able to do the work that God has for us to do.

When you come we will feed you rice and beans and if you get tired of that we will switch it around and feed you beans and rice. Our doors are always open for visitors who want to participate in mission work. I am sure that when you come you will go home tired out but with a feel of what goes on here on the mission field. If you want to experience this it is yours for the asking. Just plan your vacation and come and see.

In His service, Aj and Barbara

## Wanda Hatcher Writes From Brazil . . .

Hi there, folks, May 11, 2013

This is a rare opportunity for us ladies to write this month. I'd like to share with you about two great recent events and a little about family.

"Loving as Christ Loved Us" was the theme of our ladies retreat from Tabernacle Baptist Church last month. This was just for women ages 20 and above at our church camp in the Amazon tropical rain forest, twenty-two kilometers after crossing the beautiful Negro River from Manaus. We spent two sunny days with lots of fun and play, good food, wonderful spiritual enrichment and sleeping in hammocks at night. Our daughter, Leigh, and I spoke for the four sessions on "As We Better Know Our God we Trust Him More" and as we trust Him more "We Love Others as Jesus Has Loved Us". Wish you ladies could have been with us!

Then on May 4, we had the very special opportunity of seeing our daughter-in-law, Raquel, receive her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Regent University in Virginia Beach and then vacation with her and Judson for a week. Raquel has been a licensed psychologist in Brazil for several years already. She is a very good counselor. She is also a very good mother of four beautiful children. Congratulations Raquel!

Paul and I both were raised in missions and rarely saw our grandparents. Our own

children also grew up a very long distance from their grandparents. So, I wasn't really sure I would know how to be a grandmother; but, I'm enjoying it very much. :)

Luke, an affectionate, pre-adolescent eleven-year old, has already won a few friends to the Lord; Sarah, an energetic leader, is eight years old; wide-eyed, bubbly Laura will soon be seven; six-year-old Larissa loves to read and be read to – she has already been through The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe; five-year old Benjamin is excited when he communicates and loves to make you laugh; smiley Melissa is seventeen months old and thinks she is as much of the party as her three older siblings; Noah will have his first birthday next month and already knows his way around on a computer or iphone. Luke, Sarah, Laura and Larissa have already trusted the Lord and been baptized. Great grandkids, yeh?

Come and see us or call me at home. You can call me on your regular long-distance plan at (229)529-8497. That's a Georgia number but rings in our home in Brazil – will not cost you any more than any other long distance call. I call my mom in Kentucky every day and it only costs us US\$25 a year. How about that for a missionary?

From my heart,  
Wanda Hatcher