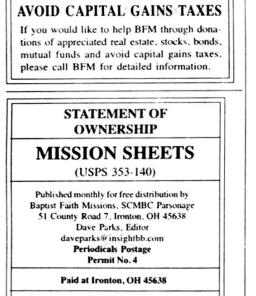


"And...they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how He had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles." -Acts 14:27

# 59Th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING S9Th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING NISSIONS CONFERENCE in the interests of BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS • November 25-27, 2013 New Hope Baptist Church – Dearborn Heights, Michigan- Pastor Terry Adkins Conference Theme: REDEEMED HOW I LOVE TO PROCLAIM IT – PSALM 107: 2-3

Sister Sue Jones will be conducting a Bible study during each session of the conference for children ages 3-10. Please bring your children. Everyone is invited to sing in our Conference Choir on Monday evening at 6:45. For directions to New Hope Baptist Church and/or information on lodging please contact: Pastor Terry Adkins (313) 562-5579 \* pastorterrynewhope@yahoo.com.

MONDAY EV 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	ENING, NOVEMBER 25TH: Dinner Music Singing Message Pastor George Sledd Jordan Baptist Church Sanford, FL.	9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Message Nathan Radford Missionary Kitale, Kenya Africa Message Harold Bratcher Missionary, Brazil	<b><u>26TH:</u></b> 1:30 p.m. (Everyo	FTERNOON, NOVEMBER BFM advisory meeting one is invited to attend) /ENING, NOVEMBER 23RD: Dinner Music Singing	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	MORNING NOV. 27TH: Music Singing Message Evangelist Bob Jones Clays Mill Road Baptist
8:00 p.m. 8:25 p.m. TUESDAY MC 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Singing Message Pastor Denny Herndon Immanuel Baptist Church Riverview, MI DRNING, NOVEMBER 26TH: Music Singing	11:10 a.m 11:15 a.m. 12:00	(Retired) Break Message Issac Hiel Former Missionary Turkey Noon Lunch	6:45 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:25 p.m.	Message Pastor Gary Harrah Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Wyandotte, MI Singing Message, Roger Tate Missionary Kitale, Kenya, Africa	11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 12:00 Noon	Church, Lexington, KY Singing Message Pastor Walter Jones Warren Missionary Baptist Church, Warren, MI Thanksgiving Lunch



## Brother Bratcher's Letter ...



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Dear Brothers of the Blessed Lord and Sisters of the Savior: September 13, 2013

## **PRAY AND PRAISE!** in this issue...

• ODALI AND KATHY BARROS – PRAISE GOD for the ministries of past and present BFM missionaries in the lives of other BFM missionaries. Read how Bobby Creiglow and John and Alta Hatcher have been instrumental in these ministries that are still going on. PRAY that God will direct the steps and course of their future ministry.

• HAROLD BRATCHER – PRAY for God to give him strength to continue serving Him in his ministry here in the States. PRAISE GOD for providing the way for him to purchase and move into his new home.

• MIKE AND BEVERLY CREIGLOW – PRAY that God will give all of them full recovery from the sicknesses they have suffered. PRAY ALSO that God will provide the needed funds to make the payments on their new property purchase. PRAISE GOD for the new works that are flourishing and for increased fruitfulness in their established churches.

• JOHN AND ALTA HATCHER – PRAISE GOD for the encouragements they receive from conversations and visits from their faithful children...and for the continuing good reports, especially from Assai.

• PAUL AND WANDA HATCHER – PRAISE GOD for the fruitful response from their recent Men's Camp. PRAY that God will raise up more men and women to be faithful servants of the Lord. PRAY also for Herman and his wife during this health crisis.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: MISSION SHEETS 51 County Road 7 Ironton, OH 45638 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED Once again we (Asa Mark and I) greet you not from the Amazon Valley of Brazil, South America, but from our temporary warm 88 degrees and cloudy Kentucky home where the sun is not shinning bright right now. We thank The Lord that we do have a home in Lexington, Kentucky, in the Hamburg area, that we hope to move into before the end of this month.

This Mission Sheets month began July 10th and finishes today. During this period I heard fourteen sermons or Bible studies. I also had the privilege of preaching at the Labor Day Conference, at the East Keys Baptist Church, in Springfield, Illinois, where Brother Dan Hillard is the esteemed pastor. I was the first speaker on Monday, after hearing Brother Bob Jones, Brother David Pitman, Brother Bobby Greene and Brother Steve Wainwright. We enjoyed a most blessed time of great hospitality, great food and fellowship. We also participated in a small way in a good offering for Baptist Faith (Please See Bratcher Page Two) • JOHN AND JUDY HATCHER – PRAISE GOD for the work of God's Grace in the hearts and lives of people they have witnessed to for years. PRAY always for the seeds they are sowing every day in every conversation. PRAY that God will give them strength and encouragement in their daily Bible Studies and witnessing opportunities.

AJ AND BARBARA HENSLEY – PRAISE GOD for the continued growth of their church, and for the helpers the Lord has sent them from the States. PRAY for the pastoral assistant who is coming to help them in their church. PRAY also for their upcoming Pastors' Conference.
NATHAN AND CARRIE RADFORD – PRAISE GOD for the new churches that have been established. PRAY that God will protect them during their upcoming furlough travels to the States.
ROGER AND JULIE TATE – PRAISE GOD for their safe arrival in the States. PRAY for all the transitions they will be experiencing here over the next few months, and especially for their children's adjustments to all their changes. PRAY also for their spiritual strength and revival as they re-connect with their families and home church – and visit other churches.
BOBBY AND CHARLENE WACASER – PRAISE GOD for the response God has given them in their Bible-reading encouragement. PRAY for Charlene and her family in the recent death of her brother. PRAISE GOD for saving their PROJECT LIFE ministry team from more severe injuries in their recent auto accident.

## **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.

## Praising God For Continued Growth ... Please Pray For Pastor's Conference....



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Friends and family, September 11, 2013 What an exciting time we are having here in Caragua with the new church start. This past Sunday we had seventy-two for our morning Sunday School program and fifty-two for our Sunday night services. God is really working in our church. How AWE-SOME is it to serve our Lord and Savior.

Along with being an AWESOME month it has also been a lonesome month. Barbara visited her mother in the States and I had to serve alone for three weeks. Barb had a real good visit with family and was greatly missed here.

Our church work continues to expand. We have started one small group meeting on Friday nights with two more being planned. This first group has already produced fruits in that two young people have confirmed their faith in Christ and have requested baptism. How AWESOME!!!

Now for some more AWESOME news: We now have a Brazilian coming alongside to help in our ministry. His name is Rosevaldo Cavalcante and he is from Manaus. He is a product of Brother Paul Hatcher's work there in Manaus, Brasil. He, his wife, and two daughters, will be a great asset for our church. He will be serving in a 2nd Pastor position and his ordination will be Oct 27th. This date will be the Sunday before our Pastor's Conference. This will be significant because two years ago at our first Pastors Conference Rosevaldo surrendered to be a pastor. God has been planning this for quite some time. His plans are AWESOME.

Speaking of the Pastor's Conference our church is sponsoring here in Caragua, we are expecting around two hundred pastors from all over Brasil. This conference is to encourage Pastors! The last conference we had almost one hundred in attendance and

was a very exciting conference. We had lots of positive comments and many questions about when we would do another. We are having this conference in conjunction with Second Baptist Church in Warner Robbins. Georgia, and their pastor Jim Perdue and Pastor Mike Dorough. Also First Baptist Centerville, Georgia, with Pastor Allen and Pastor David Grantham. And lest we forget the ladies, the ex-first-lady of the State of Georgia, Mary Purdue, will be speaking to our ladies in attendance. We are really excited about our Conference---pray with us for an AWESOME turnout and all of us to be refreshed in our ministries. The conference will be held in one of our local hotels here and the owner is a great Christian and has helped with this conference. Our theme is, TIMOTHY AND BARNABAS: Instructions and Encouragement.

When Barb got home here in Brasil we began preparations for the group that was coming from Bastrop, Texas. They have been a tremendous help in the preparations of the house that the new pastor and his family will be living in. We are fixing the dormitory house on the lot for them to live. There has been painting, cabinet building, scrubbing of walls and floors and every other dirty and grungy job you can think of. But these servants of God did not cull any one of these jobs but did them with a joyful heart. I am commending them because when we invite some of you to come down and help us you say that you are to old to be of any help. So let me tell you that you are never too old. The youngest member of this group is fiftyfour and the oldest is eighty-two. So suck it up and come serve the Lord here in Brasil. You will love it !!!

As our church continues its growth Igreja Batista Caragua [Caragua Baptist Church] keep us in your prayers. The work continues because of AWESOME prayer warriors and supporters like you.!!

Thanks to all for your help financially and prayerfully. Sometimes just saying "THANKS" does not seem like enough---however. for now THANKS.

Come on down and see your mission dollars at work. The temperature is getting warmer and the water is getting just the right temperature so come see us and we will treat you so many ways you will have to like one of them.

> In His service, Aj and Barbara Hensley

#### PRAY FOR YOUR BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS

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### NEED FOR VEHICLE

The Radfords will need a vehicle to use for their travels in the States during their upcoming furlough. If anyone has a reliable vehicle you can loan them for their use, correspond with them at naterad@yahoo.com.

#### **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. You may contact him through his email address: Harold\_bratcher@yahoo.com.

Roger and Julie Tate and their family are Stateside now and will be residing in their home-church vicinity in Dayton OH. You may correspond with them concerning prospective plans you would like to make with them at rojuta@gmail.com.

Nathan and Carrie Radford and their family will be returning Stateside during October. You may correspond with them concerning prospective plans you would like to make with them at naterad@yahoo.com. The Radfords will be needing a reliable vehicle to use for their furlough travels.

#### THANKSGIVING OFFERING ies' needs continue to be great and the



Please be making your plans to give as generously as the LORD enables you to our upcoming Thanksgiving Offering. We encourage EVERY friend of our missionaries to be a GIVING FRIEND!

Pastors, will you be willing to announce and promote the Thanksgiving Offering in your church – and encourage your people to give to it? Our missionar-

## Furlough Quickly Approaching ... All Works Going Very Well ...



Nathan and Carrie Radford P. O. Box 4150 Kitale, Kenya, East Africa 30200 email: naterad@yahoo.com

Dear praying friends, September 4, 2013 Well, it is now near the end of the term here in Kitale, so I thought I would use this prayer letter to give you an idea of how it

prayer letter to give you an idea of how it went this past term, give current ministry progress, and inform you of how to be praying for us in future ministry endeavors. We appreciate each of you so much, and you are such a blessing to us.

One verse that has been a comfort to me this past term concerns seeking the Lord. There are so many things that come in our daily lives for which we need to seek the Lord. One thing I know for sure is that life is challenging, and we need His help and strength for each day. Psalm 105:4 says, "Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore." How true this is, and how we need to seek the Lord each day.

The Annex prison ministry is continuing along well. We have been progressing well through the book of Matthew, after learning Inductive Bible study methods. The men seem to be enjoying the studies very much, and there is definite leadership material among these men. Please pray for this ministry as we are away, that it will continue along well. In regards to church planting, based off of how this past term progressed, I feel I can say definitively that the method we will use in the future is to train nationals to go and start churches. At the beginning of the term, my partner Roger Tate and I said we would try two different ways of church planting here. What were the results?

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The church plant in Shangalamwe was very similar to Rafiki last term. The Lord blessed, and there is a church there that we hope and pray will continue along well. However, there were differences between the two methods we tried. When we trained a national to go, things went so much better and progressed much more effectively. So, please pray for us next term, that the Lord would lead us to Godly men who love Him and want to go start churches in their villages.

Certainly this method does not mean that there will be no problems, but I believe strongly that training nationals is the way we\_ should proceed in the future here. This could change, but for now, I believe this is the way to proceed based off the results. In all of this, we need to ask the Lord for wisdom. Psalm 111:10a says, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom." How we need to rely on Him daily for wisdom. We ask for your prayers in regards to what we have shared and the guidance and wisdom of the Lord.

Furlough is quickly approaching, and we are looking forward to seeing many of you who pray for us, have visited us, and give sacrificially to the work here.

We thank the Lord for each of you. May God bless you.

Until next month, Nathan and Carrie Radford

### IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT US ...

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#### BRATCHER

#### (From Page One)

Missions. Thank you East Keys Baptist Church for the good accommodations and love offering. We also appreciate Brother and Sister Greene, who drove us to and from Springfield. They were excellent traveling companions and we look forward to going with them to the Thanksgiving Conference, the Lord willing. I am scheduled to be the second speaker on Tuesday morning, the 26th of November. Looking forward to speaking and seeing many of you there.

During this Mission Sheets period we have also attended services at the following churches: Linden Street Baptist Church in Richmond, Kentucky; Clays Mills Baptist Church, Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church, and our home church, David's Fork Baptist Church, all here in Lexington. We also had the privilege in July of celebrating dear Sister Ella J. Casey's ninety-second birthday. She has been a blessing to the Bratchers for over sixty years and still is.

I hope to continue to be a blessing to and see many of you during this first year of my permanent furlough. I would like to report and thank each of you that have supported us during these past fifty-three years. The Lord permitting, until next month.

Yours in the Service of the Savior, Harold Bratcher

#### **Baptist Faith Missions Monthly Mission Sheets**

## Wonderful Years As A Missionary ... Please Pray For God's Guidance ...



Av. Victor Hugo Boaretto S/N Garça, Sao Paulo 17.400,000 Brasil e-mail: odali\_kathy@hotmail.com web: www.aohome.org Greetings to all dear friends, September 1, 2013

Twenty-seven years have past since we began our ministry here in Sao Paulo. Looking back it seems impossible that it has been that long. As make new plans for our new place of work we look back and see what God has aloud us to be a part of.

Our ministry with helping needy people, especially children, started in 1987 with a widow and her five children. Some of you may remember when we rented a home next to ours for them to live in. Those kids are all grown and on their own. As we come to a close of our ministry here we were with these children as a new step in their lives take place. We buried the mother last Sunday. What an unusual situation. Our ministry started and ended with the same family. We praise God that she was saved. Her son, Rodrigo, is one of the teachers here in the Bible Institute.

Ever since I was saved I have had the desire to work and reach people who lived in village on the river. Ever since the home was closed and we could not reopen we have been praying for God to show us what He wanted us to do and where. Last year in July we had peace of where God wanted us.

We then contacted the directors of BFM and informed them of our new plans. We appreciated their prayers for our move. For the last year we have been getting things ready for the changes here.- One day at a time God has taken care of each detail. We have already started our move. We will be moving back to Manaus, Amazonas, where Kathy and I met, got married and started our work in the ministry. We have already sent two trucks of things. Wow, one can really accumulate many things in twentyseven years. We will be living across the river from Manaus on our land where we had a children's home also. When we arrive we will be visiting by road and by river the villages to see how many there are and if they have any Baptist works. We want to make a map of the cities and their sizes and

their needs. Since roads have been opened villages have started on roadsides. We will be using the big bus that we had at the home and we will need to purchase a boat for the river work. We are excited about the change, and what a change after twenty-seven years of having dozens and even hundreds of people in our home every day. God has been good and we have been blessed in our ministry. Through good and hard times He has always been with us and given us the strength that only He can give.

I was saved through the work of a missionary form BFM who visited a village on the river, Brother Bobby Creiglow. He visited my village once and when he left the village he believed it had not been worth the long trip. Little did he know that God had a purpose in that trip. I was not in the service he had but my cousins told me about it and I wanted to know more about that God he had preached about. So when my grandmother got sick and had to go to Cruzeiro do sul, I asked to go with her. When our boat arrived at the port there stood the man that my cousin had mentioned. Not long after I was able to go to the church and hear the plan of salvation and receive God as my Savior. I thank God for those of you who have given so faithfully for so many years and continue giving. May God pour His blessing on your lives. Please pray for us as we make our move. Everything is just about all packed. Kathy has been working hard to get things packed and things in order that need to be left for the church here. We are taking a couple that will be working with us in the ministry, Gilmar and his wife Lizene. She has worked with us for many years. Gilmar is a young many that came to live in the home and got saved here. We will support them through the ministry.

Our main emphasis is preaching the gospel and church planting. It is amazing that every where you go you will find an assembly of God church. We also plan on helping the communities in ways such as: education, clothing, health and food.

We would like to go to the U.S. some time in the near future. We applied for our son's immigrant visas over a year ago and we haven't heard any thing from the office since we paid all the fees. Please pray that they will arrive soon.

If you would like to know more you can contact is at: odali\_kathy@hotmail.com.

Love in Christ, Odali and Kathy, Tito, Jonas and Gabriel

## Many Blessings From Men's Camp ... Many Prayer Requests ...

Paul and Wanda Hatcher rphatcher@gmail.com

September 9, 2013 Dear Friends. The Lord has given us a good month, beginning with a three-day men's camp. The objective of the camp was to encourage men in their Christian maturity. The lectures dealt with our deeper relationship and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, encouraging them to trust Him in all areas of their life and Christian service. Our desire is that they might be fruitful before the Lord, demonstrating the fruits of the spirit, and bring the light of the gospel to those who are unsaved. Our prayer is that the Lord would send many laborers into fields that are ready to harvest. Last week I made a trip to Sao Paulo to visit Herman and his wife. Herman was one of our staff members and also taught juniors in Sunday school. About two months ago he was diagnosed with a tumor at the top of his spinal cord and was taken to Sao Paulo, about two thousand miles from here, to do exams to determine the needed treatment. Being in a very high risk area of the body, the biopsy procedure to determine the type of malignancy did not end well, and left him paraplegic and unable to do simple tasks like swallowing. He also temporarily lost his speech, which he has now regained as well as very slight movement of his hands and

toes. They were both self employed, so being out has put them without any income. It has been amazing to see the great outpouring of love as our church members have given generously freewill offerings to meet their financial needs. We had a great visit with him in the intensive care unit; he and his wife are very encouraged in the Lord and very aware of God's faithfulness and goodness despite the difficult circumstances. Please pray that their faith will continue strong whatever the affliction may be.

## Pray For Recovery From Sickness ... Need Funds For Land Payments ...



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Dear Brethren, September 10, 2013

Things have been going pretty good around here, but I have not been producing as much as I would like. I have had a kind of flu that set me back for a whole month. Most of that time I had fever, pain and a really bad cough. My lungs were stuffed. The doctor had to put me on antibiotics. Better now, but not fully recovered quite yet.

During that time one of my mission trips down river had been set several months back. I got the boat ready and had my backpack and gear setting by the back door. On the day of the trip I was really weak and dizzy, so I had to back down. Nevertheless, I encouraged Hudson, Ezi and Eliésio to go on without me. The river had come up a little, so they had clear sailing with my bigger boat. They visited four of our congregations and the church at Ipixuna. There were four professions of faith and good attendance. We have been working to get the church at Ipixuna involved in the mission work. They have finally caught the excitement and are visiting the works every month. They even bought one of Andrew's boats and a new motor. We have been meeting with them regularly since 2009 to train them and get them going. It is finally working.

Pastor Pedro is in southern Brazil for several months working on his masters degree. At present that leaves four of us-topastor First Baptist. One of the ministries that he took care of was couples. One of our elders is taking care of the events that were on the calendar. The general supervision and starting of new projects with the couples has come my way. We have started a new four week, sixteen class course for the young couples who are engaged and about to marry. I invited several other young couples who are already married and two older couples (married longer) to take the classes as training for their marriages and as future teachers/counselors. This is a ton of work right now, but should make this kind of counseling lighter in the future.

Since our building is full and overflowing every Sunday night, we are now permitting our chapels to have services at 8:00PM Sundays. Up until now the six chapels only have services on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. I was at Avenida São Paulo for their first Sunday evening service. They had a really big crowd and two professions of faith. I spoke and coughed for fifteen minutes, but the Lord got me through it and blessed.

Zico just got back from a visit to the works on the upper Moa River. All is well. The new building at the mountains is almost finished. Not being able to go on these trips is killing me!

We had another really good service on Sunday night. Overflow crowd and many visitors. This is normal. There were three people who had been out of church who came back, one request for baptism and five professions of faith. One couple (both are doctors) who I had invited were there for the first time. Many other first time visitors, again.

We have paid R\$200.000,00 (about US \$100,000.00) on the new property, so far. Still have another R\$300.000,00 to go. Please pray. We need to finish paying off the eighteen acres for our future expansion.

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

Mike Creiglow

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All correspondence concerning address changes, address additions, questions, and other information about mailing should be addressed to: Hannah Fuhr, 51 County Road 7, Ironton OH 45638 1 stormscreek@outlook.com. If making a change of address, please include the old address along with the new address.

#### VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.baptistfaithmissions.org

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!

While in south, a dear friend drove me five hours further to visit my parents. It was great to have three days to visit them and enjoy one another's company. I wish we could see them more often, but we are certainly grateful for each opportunity we have.

Sunday evening I was invited to speak at one of the churches organized last year. It was great to revisit those lovely people and see the original members remaining strong and the addition of new families through salvation and baptism.

All the family is doing well after several weeks of flu amongst our children and grandchildren. God is marvelous and supplies all our needs and grants us joy at all times. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

God bless each of you, Paul and Wanda Hatcher

#### PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES... **IN PERU: IN BRAZIL:** Sheridan and Anita Stanton John and Alta Hatcher Harold Bratcher Michael and Beverly Creiglow IN KENYA: Nathan and Carrie Radford Paul and Wanda Hatcher Robert and Charlene Wacaser Roger and Julie Tate A. J. and Barbara Hensley **IN FRANCE:** Odali and Kathy Barros Judson and Raquel Hatcher John M. and Judy Hatcher

## Emergency Return To United States ... Please Pray For Project Life Team ...



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September 9, 2013 Dear Friends. Charlene and I had to make an emergency return to the USA because of the accidental death of her oldest brother, Wayne Adams. Charlene and her family are being greatly comforted by the Lord's grace. I took the opportunity at his funeral service to share the gospel and preach the Word of God. God blessed and touched Charlene's youngest brother's (Kelly) heart. Both I and another brother-in-law shared the gospel with him on a couple of other occasions during our short stay there in Georgia. We are praying that Kelly will fully surrender his life to Jesus as Lord and Savior.

We have returned to our work in southern Brazil where the Lord continues to bless. We have had new visitors at virtually every service for the last several weeks. We are also seeing a greater commitment to involvement and Bible study in the lives of those attending regularly. We held what we call "WordFest 2013". This event is a challenge for the members to read a full book of the Bible (on this occasion it was Deuteronomy) in a three week period of time, and to memorize a full chapter of the Bible (Psalm 136) during the same time period. We had about fifty percent of the congregation to successfully complete the challenge. This was our first WordFest at the new church and we are hoping to have a better rate of participation and completion on our next one. Still further, we saw and heard of the blessing this feasting on the Word brought about in the lives of several of the participants.

Our winter is gradually coming to an end. Amazingly in our city we saw snow for the first time since coming here in 1986. We had heard that snow fell and "stuck" back in 1975, but we it hadn't snowed here since then. It must be that global warming junk that caused it. Now that warmer weather is moving in, we should also start to see even greater increases in attendance at our services. The longer days will also allow us to get out on the streets and find more people available with whom we can share the gospel. Our missionary interns (three youth from the USA) left a few weeks ago to go back to college. Their stay with us was a blessing to us and we hope it was to them also.

One of our Projeto Vida evangelistic teams will be leaving tomorrow to go to some poor neighborhoods in Rio de Janeiro for three weeks. There will be around fourteen volunteer missionaries traveling in the motorhome/traveling headquarters. They will be assisting a local Baptist church there in taking the gospel into the public schools and parks. Since I last wrote to you a couple of months ago we have presented the Word of God to over 10,000 people through skits, testimonies and messages preached. Many individuals surrendered to Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Pastor Paulo Novaes, the main leader of Projeto Vida, had a serious automobile accident a few weeks ago while returning from a weekend of ministry and a wedding he officiated. He had spent three days and two nights in strenuous ministries and was exhausted, but felt that he needed to return to our home base by the beginning of the following week. While driving in the mountains, he dozed at the wheel and hit an embankment and flipped the vehicle on its top. By God's grace no one was seriously injured. He did suffer a head laceration that required seventeen stitches to close, but thankfully, nothing more serious happened. His wife, Luiza, uses a pacemaker and was accompanying him. Also his sister-in-law, who has a transplanted kidney, was with him and neither was seriously injured. There was another young man, Daniel, who was in the front seat and he also escaped injury. The gravity of this accident and the total destruction of the vehicle only prove that the Lord was protecting them. They all are greatly used in taking the gospel to thousands and their death would be a great loss to our ministries. We are thankful for His gracious care and protection.

Thank you for your constant and effectual prayers on our behalf.

May the Lord bless, Bobby, Charlene and Brennen Wacaser

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## Home On Furlough ... Please Pray For Spiritual Growth ...



Roger and Julie Tate P. O. Box 96 Kitale, Kenya 30200 rojuta@gmail.com Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

September 9, 2013 Back in the United States of America after two plus years. Things don't seem to have changed that much since we last were in the States. The last time I returned to the States, after our first term, everything looked and felt strangely different. Kind of like when you look outside through an old window that has darkened or settled. After a while those kinds of windows begin to ripple and warp and everything you see through them is slightly distorted. That's how I saw everything upon my return after our first term. Now we have returned after our second term and most everything seems normal to me, not distorted or as if I've just passed through a time warp. I don't know how to interpret this but I do know that this time is different.

Our travel time was long but uneventful and without difficulty. It took almost four days of travel to arrive at our final destination (my parent's house in National City, Michigan). It went like this: Drive from Kitale to Nairobi; Overnight in Nairobi; Fly from Nairobi to Istanbul, Turkey; Delay in Istanbul; Fly from Istanbul to Chicago; Overnight in Chicago; Fly from Chicago to Flint, Michigan; Drive from Flint to National City. Needless to say we were all very thankful and glad to have arrived. God was gracious to us and we all arrived safely and even with all our luggage. So much detail and planning had to go into making this whole trip work and to close up things on the Kenya side that I think I'm still worn out from all of that. But we've been able to spend some good time with my parents and now we are back in Flint spending some time with Julie's parents and soon we will be heading to Dayton where we are looking forward to reuniting with our beloved church family.

There is still much to pray about. We are all well physically but we are all fighting emotional and spiritual battles. I feel so sluggish in body and mind, but especially sluggish in soul and spirit, almost like I'm weighted down. Furlough is a challenging time for Julie. All the stress of constant change and constant traveling weighs her down. Emily has left Africa and faces the challenge of college while the rest of her family will be living on a different continent. Amy misses Kenya and the life she has made there. It's not that she isn't excited about being back in the States, but again, it's not what she's used to. Josiah is doing well but he also is facing all of these things along with us, probably without showing any wear and tear.

We love you all. We're so thankful for all your love, prayers and support. Looking forward to seeing you all soon. 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

#### God Is Blessing Bible Studies Here ... Pray For Us And The Ministries ...



John and Judy Hatcher 4, rue d'Aspin 31170 Tournefeuille, France Phone: 011-33-534-517-539 E-mail: JMHatcher@aol.com

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Sept. 2, 2013 The Lord has blessed us with an encouraging month in our regular Sunday meetings and Bible studies. We have Bible studies that meet every day of the week except Saturday. God's uses your regular giving to meet our physical needs and your prayers contribute to the fruitfulness of the our min-

istry in France. We thank God daily for you I am spending time individually each week with a couple of young single men who have trusted the Lord and been baptized here. One is a thirty year old software engineer and the other is a twenty-four year old who has no special training, no job at present and lives with his parents. Making disciples is more than just preaching and church meeting activities. It requires investing a lot of time helping believers put into practice what our Lord Jesus Christ has commanded. It involves teaching how to study God's Word and applying it to daily life, challenging, encouraging and praying. Our Lord Jesus and the apostle Paul lived daily with those they were helping to become disciples of Christ.

Even though we are sixty years old, we are still learning. I will give you one example of how this sometimes happens. Recently we were invited to a military ceremony by our neighbor across the street. He was turning over the command of the regional military logistical services and moving on to a different assignment. After the military pomp and circumstances we were invited to share a meal with the others present. Most of these were military personnel and their families.

Hughes, the commander and neighbor who invited us, introduced us to Nicholas, a fellow officer, with whom we spent a considerable amount of time in conversation. Because so many people here are atheist, I had tried to emphasize God's power, love and grace by mentioning when appropriate that we are blessed in some specific way. About the third time I said something like that in this conversation, Nicholas interjected, "I like the fact that you say 'blessed'. We usually say, 'I was lucky'." Happily, I thought, "He's getting it." Then he added, "Because it is not just luck, our hard work is rewarded." I tried to explain, "No, I mean we receive many blessings we do not deserve." But, he insisted, "No, you should not be ashamed to admit that your hard work is rewarded." I am not sure that I ever did really get across to him the reality of God's grace, but I did make a mental note about how this particular phrase does not mean the same thing to others around me here as it does to me.

So, Hughes and his family moved away and we are anticipating the arrival of the new owners of this house across the street from us hoping to share the gospel with them. Of the five houses immediately across the street from us, four are having a change of occupancy in the next couple of months. Our field is constantly changing and this gives us added opportunities to demonstrate and present the Good News of Jesus Christ.

One of the ladies who is moving from across the street to a neighboring city with her husband declared herself to be an atheist when they moved in nine years ago. We have spent a lot of time with them and had innumerable opportunities to share the gospel. She has come to only one special service, if my memory serves me right. But, she now believes that God exists and that He has intervened personally in her life. Last week she volunteered to us that even after they move she is planning on coming over from the neighboring town to our Sunday meetings.

And, so, we keep sowing and you keep helping us. Thanks! Blessed by God and realizing it in France,

John and Judy Hatcher

FURLOUGH EXPENSES REPLACEMENT

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### Paul Coming For Surprise Visit ... All Works Going Well With God's Help . . .



John and Alta Hatcher Caixa Postal 112 Urai, PR, Brazil 86280-000 e-mail: jhatcher@uol.com.bi Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Good COLD morning to you all. Two days ago the temperature was in the nineties. Today we are shivering with the temperature in low forties. God's system is of air conditioning is unequaled in its ability to change the weather rapidly. During the night I woke up and Alta was putting another blanket on us. She said, "I am freezing." While I write this note, the sun is shining brightly and the temperature is rising. I went to the store about eightthirty and Alta is busy cooking some of the things 1 bought because we are expecting our son Paul, to arrive tomorrow in a surprise visit for a few days. What a joy fills our hearts when they come.

WORK IN ASSAI - Brother Daniel is the missionary pastor in Assai. He just called to greet us and to say that two persons with whom we worked and prayed for had been baptized. They are mother. Jirlene, and daughter, Mirela. We praise the Lord and thank Him for His work of Grace in these two lives. Please make the city of Assai a special item on your prayer list A city of twenty thou-

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sand population; it is the most difficult place we have ever worked in our entire ministry. About fifteen minutes ago, John Mark called us from France, Our hearts throb with joy when we receive calls from our children. Their work is going well and last Sunday they had wonderful services.

SPECIAL VISIT - While John Mark was on the telephone Paul was trying to call us. He had just left San Paulo and was advising us that he would be here in about five hours. He will visit with us for about five days; what a special treat that will be!

URAI - The work here is going well. Pastor Marcio pastor is doing a good job with the church and the mission points. The Congregation in Sussumo is going very well with a great group of adolescents. The three young people who work there are fine dedicated Christians-Wiler, Jefferson, and Odete. Marcio, also, pastors the Congregation in the little city of Rancho Alegre. They have services twice weekly. Presently, there is another dedicated brother in the ministry. He is married and they have four children. This week he and the pastor are visiting two cities to decide where we will begin another Congregation. Praise the Lord for Pastors and people that pray and work for the spreading of the Gospel.

HEALTH - Kathy took me to see the doctor in Marilia. He is a great friend. My heart exam gave everything good. A complete blood exam, also, gave everything as very good. Praise the Lord for His benefits.

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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.



## **BFM - Our Purpose**

"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

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

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

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

This is the original mission and historical calling we believe the Lord has given BFM to fulfill. (e.g. 2 Timothy 3:10) This the CHIEF GOAL of our mission, the one thing needful, the work we do best and most effectively. To fulfill this PURPOSE AND MISSION: Baptist Faith Missions receives and distributes funds for the support of missionaries. Baptist Faith Missions does not ordain, "send," commission, or assign fields of service to missionaries. These ministries are the purpose of their respective sending churches.

Baptist Faith Missions interviews prospective candidates for missionary service who are recommended to us by their respective sending churches.

Baptist Faith Missions assists with the necessary legal paperwork to satisfy the requirements of local, state, and federal laws in the United States and in the countries where the missionaries serve or plan to serve.

Baptist Faith Missions publishes a monthly newsletter, The Mission Sheets. It contains letters from our missionaries and news about their ministries and needs and is distributed without charge to any interested church or person.

## "THANK YOU! THANK YOU!" GIVING FRIENDS

Never a month goes by without our thanking God for all our faithful Giving Friends who contribute so regularly and sacrificially to our General Fund offerings. Also, hardly a month goes by without my speaking personally with some of you and having the opportunity to thank you personally for your participation in this missions ministry.

I was speaking with one of our dear supporters recently [you shall remain anonymous -but you know who you are]. She is a widow of very modest means, but she continues to live modestly on purpose so she can continue to give to missions.

And, when I thanked her for her long-time financial support for BFM, she told me, "I'll do without something else before I will NOT give to Baptist Faith Missions." May God increase her tribe!

God has blessed her - and God will bless her. And I pray also that God will use her example and testimony to challenge all of us to follow suit.

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

## WILL YOU GIVE AT LEAST \$1 A DAY FOR WORLDWIDE MISSIONS?

I know that many of you are giving much more than that - but if you are not giving a personal offering each month to our GENERAL FUND to help maintain our missionaries' essential needs, will you ask the Lord to supply you with a regular monthly offering of \$30 to our GENERAL FUND? Together we can provide them with the funds by which they can continue their daily ministries.

## \$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.