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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

## Have Surgery On My Knee ... Holding A Marriage Workshop ...



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November 4, 2013

I really do want to give my ministry trainees opportunities to practice what they are taught, but I wasn't really planning that the need would be so soon and so personally connected to me. It was only a few days after I shared how I was working to prepare some young men for leadership service when I had to have reconstructive surgery done on one of my knees that will have me off my feet for several weeks. The young man, Alek, that I mentioned in my last letter preached in my place this past Sunday and did a great job. It was his first time of teaching and administering the Lord's Supper. Another young man, Tony, who I mentioned last month will be performing the baptism of at least 3 new converts. I am grateful to the Lord for providing me with these men, even if my being sidelined is necessary for them to be placed into these ministry opportunities. I didn't think it would be necessary to lay me aside to provide this training experience, but I'm sure that isn't all the Lord is up

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to by doing it this way. I do know that I am not irreplaceable and I actually am happy to see these men embrace these ministry opportunities. I will be more attentive, though, to seek to involve the others on a practical level if it will help me avoid hospital and recuperation time.

On December 1st we will be holding what we hope to be a very fruitful marriage workshop. The breakdown of family values in our culture runs head-on against the innate knowledge that true love needs bounds and principles. This dilemma generates an openness to our efforts to provide the tools and teaching that will help couples find the Lord's Word as their solution. We understand that they need Christ Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior, but we believe that this marriage workshop is a tool that He has provided for us to get that message across to people who wouldn't ordinarily set foot inside a church building. We are not tricking anyone. They may come only to improve their marriage, but we seek to lead them to the One who will give them true life, and a better marriage as a side effect. Please pray for us as we invest our time, energy and resources into a God-blessed marriage workshop.

One of our outreach teams just returned from an evangelistic trip into the interior of the state we live in. They were ministering in some public schools and parks through gospel skits, testimonies and preaching. The team was blessed by the response they saw in each place of ministry and by seeing people surrender their lives to Christ. The church they were there to aid was blessed and the group returned home rejoicing. The very morning after their return to the home base, one of the leaders went to a local grocery store to get a few things for his and his wife's breakfast. As he was leaving the grocery, three young men pulled a knife on him and forced him to give them his wallet and they tried to take his purchases also. He was able to get away without being injured, but they robbed him of his money and most of his breakfast. He was very distraught and especially because he had to return home to his wife with no money and little to eat. He called me while he was stilled unnerved by the incident and I assured him that we would make sure that he got some more groceries and that we will help them get through the month because of the loss of his money. Our city is getting more and more violent, but we are grateful for the Lord's constant care and protection. We appreciate your prayers for us as we seek to make God's word known here.

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

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## PRAYAND PRAISE! in this issue...

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- ODALI AND KATHY BARROS PRAISE GOD for the people God continues to save in the church in Garca and for the smooth transition of leadership there. PRAISE GOD for the opportunities the Lord has given them to minister to Haitans who are working in the vicinity and for providing a French interpreter for them to witness to them. PRAY that the Lord will continue to give them guidance and provision for their transition into their new ministry.
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- JOHN AND JUDY HATCHER PRAISE GOD for the numbers of French people the Lord has given them to witness to and saved. PRAISE GOD for the testimony of the sister the Lord has brought to them from another city and PRAISE GOD for His marvelous Providences that direct our paths and steps through life. PRAY for the family of the troubled believer who took her own life.
- JUDSON AND RAQUEL HATCHER PRAISE GOD for the effective services and outreaches of Active Baptist Church. PRAY that God will give them wisdom and direction in their need to relocate their worship and ministry location. PRAY that God will give them hope, peace, and joy in their family's sorrows they have suffered.
- NATHAN AND CARRIE RADFORD PRAY that God will preserve and maintain the
  churches and outreach ministries in Kenya during their absence. PRAY that God will provide
  them with housing while on furlough. Read their newsletter for the specifics of their needs.
  PRAY that the Lord will give them wisdom and strength for their travels visiting with family
  and churches.
- SHERIDAN AND ANITA STANTON PRAISE GOD for the visitors they have been receiving from the States. PRAY that God will provide their need for finances to complete the construction for the new Calvary Baptist Mission.
- ROGER AND JULIE TATE PRAY that God will give them wisdom, patience, encouragement, and strength for all the challenges they will be facing and adjustments they will making during their furlough time here in the States.
- BOBBY AND CHARLENE WACASER PRAISE GOD for the growth of the leaders God is raising up under their ministry. PRAISE GOD for delivering them from many adversities. PRAY for the upcoming ministries and for Bobby's complete healing from his recent surgery.



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# Please Pray For The People Of Kenya ... All Works Doing Well ...



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Dear praying friends, Nov. 1, 2013
Lord willing, by the time you receive this prayer letter, it will be almost the end of the year 2013. We are now back in America for our furlough, and are greatly enjoying our time with friends, family, and supporters. We would appreciate your prayers for us during this time, that we would get a much

needed break and be able to reconnect with our country, culture, and friends once again. This update will share prayer requests and ministry progress.

Please pray for the people of Kenya. On September 21st, at around 12 noon, terrorists entered the Westgate Mall in Nairobi. We have visited this mall before, so it was quite a shock when we received the news. The terrorists did major damage, and killed over sixty, also injuring over 200. The siege of the mall lasted for four days before it was put to an end. During the attempt to overtake the terrorists, three floors of the mall collapsed. I have seen images of the mall and it is devastating. It is not certain if the mall will be rebuilt or demolished. In any case, I am certain there will be a memorial of

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November 8, 2013

Dear Brothers of the Blessed Lord and Sisters of the Savior:

Once again we (Asa Mark and I) greet you not from the Amazon Valley of Brazil, South America, but from our permanent cool 48 degrees and cloudy Kentucky home where the sun is not shining bright right now. We thank The Lord that we were able to move to our new home in Lexington, Kentucky, in the Hamburg area, off Polo Club Blvd, close to the new Cotsco, on September 23rd. Notice our new address above. We praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow. We appreciate the eight months we were able to live at the Mission House on 1012 Balsam. It was a blessing to us. Thank you BFM.

This Mission Sheets month began September 10 and finishes today. During this period I heard twelve sermons, or Bible studies. Besides attending services at our home church, David Forks Baptist Church in Lexington, Bro. Mickey Hyder, pastor, we attended the 223rd anniversary service of the Historic Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church, also here in Lexington. We also attended the Linden Street Baptist Church

in Richmond, Kentucky, where my sister-in law, Deane Cruise, is a member and Brother Michael Barnes is pastor. We also had the privilege of visiting with Brother Doug King, Brother Bobby Greene, Brother Greg Doss, and Sister Ann Burris in our new home. We have also each Saturday been able to visit and have brunch with my brother, Charlie and his family in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Tomorrow we will be traveling to Owensboro, Kentucky, to have lunch with my sister-in-law, Jodie Bratcher, on our way to Morganfield where we will preach at the Northside Baptist Church, dear Brother JIm Adams, pastor. Please pray for his wife, Linda, who has terminal cancer. Then Monday, the Lord willing, we will drive to Paducah to attend the Pastor's Conference and Session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Then two weeks later, we are looking forward to the Thanksgiving Conference. 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.

I hope to continue to be a blessing to and see many of you during this final month of the first year of my permanent furlough. I would like to report and thank each of you who have supported us during these past fifty-five years. The Lord permitting, until next month, when I will write my final letter to the Missions Sheets, before January 1st, when I will be officially retired after fifty-five years of service in Brazil, through Baptist Faith Missions. To God be the Glory, for these glorious years, and the over forty churches that we have started and helped during those years.

Yours in the Service of the Savior, Harold Bratcher

## Excited About What God Is Doing ... Pray For Boat For River Ministry ...



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Nov. 1, 2013 Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Hope and pray that all is well with each of you and your loved ones. We are all doing well. Things have been a little busy getting things together and sorting last-minute things

We are excited with what God is doing here in the church. The new pastor and his co-worker are doing great. It is so wonderful to see things moving on. This next Sunday there will be six adults baptized. We will have a special service and baptism in the afternoon. Then in the evening, we will be going to the church in Marilia where I will be preaching.

It is normal for us to go out to do mission work, but it is not normal for the mission work to come to us. But that is what has happened to us. In the last few months a construction company has brought to us many men from Haiti to work here in Garca. We had talked about preaching to them. The new pastor was also very interested. There was only one small problem, they speak French and we don't. God took care of that in a very interesting way. Three weeks ago a young lady that was saved in one of our mission points many years ago had us over for supper. She wanted us to meet her husband and family. She also invited some friend over for supper, too. We were having a wonderful time together and talking about all that

was going in our lives and what we were doing. Then the young man that came over also mentioned that he had worked overseas. We asked him "What language did he speak?", and guess what? Yes, that's right, he speaks French!!!!!

Last Sunday they came to our church to meet the people from the church. They live in a city one hour away. We immediately made plans to have a special day with the Haitians. This coming Saturday we are fixing a special supper for them. God is just fantastic! We are all so glad that God provided some one that spoke their language. Pray for them as we preach the Gospel to them.

We have pretty much everything packed and ready to go. We are just waiting for the funds to be able to send another truck. Pray for us, as we will be getting things together and in order at our new home the next couple of months. We are excited about visiting the villages to make plans for the ministry. We especially want to start in those that have no Baptist church. We will start by visiting the villages where we can go by road, since we do not have a boat yet. When God provides us with a boat we will also be doing river ministry. We ask that you pray for us that God leads each step of the way of this new ministry is our lives. It will sure be different for us. For the last twenty-seven years, and 24/7, we have had teens in our home. This new ministry that God has touched our hearts to do will be refreshing and very rewarding. The years working with homeless and needy were a lifetime experience that God allowed us to be a part of. We thank God for those that were saved through that ministry. We are ready for the next step.

We thank all of you for your prayers and support. May God bless each of you! Odali and Kathy Barros

### 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.

## Please Pray For Future Seminary ... Held Pastor's Conference In Caragua....



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Dear friends and family, Nov. 13, 2013 Well, if I would say that this has been a normal month, boy would I be wrong! I cannot remember being soooooo busy. But

how AWESOME is the Lord we serve!

We have had the AWESOME priviledge of ordaining our 1st Brazillian pastor in our new work, Caragua Baptist Church. We had several Baptist pastors in our ordaining council with one of them being a visiting pastor from the US; Dr. David Grantham. Now our work load is lighter as there are more men of God to do the work.



As in all new church beginnings there is lots of work to be done and few to do the work.

We have also been busy organizing the seminary that is planned to begin in March of 2014. This will be an awesome help for the pastors in our area. We were amazed at the intrest that was generated in other areas of Brazil also. As Dr. Derek Coleman and I traveled through this part of Brasil the number of people that wanted to attend the seminary was far greater than we had imagined. We started with the idea of around thirty students; however after the first meeting we exceeded that number. So now the number of interested pastors exceeds one hundred and is growing every day. It is so nice to have problems like this, God knows. So this is a great prayer request, pray for the seminary and the students, pastors, workers that will be participating with us and the professor Pastor Derek as he prepares to teach these men.

Today we have had a family from Parati visit with us they are from the next state over and they have heard about the seminary and want to know how they can participate. Personally I am blown away with the response to this seminary, Caragua Baptist Seminary. As we see the interest that has been generated we know that this is not of men but of God. How AWESOME is our God!!!

Like I said we have been busy this month but now for the rest of the story: We had our Pastor's conference here in Caragua this month and what an AWESOME turn out. The number of registered participants was one hundred forty-three and on Wednesday night we had over two hundred in attendance. The Conference was sponsered by 2nd Baptist Church in Warner Robbins Georgia and First Baptist Church of Centerville, Georgia. We had four lecturers; Dr. Jim Perdue, Dr. David Grantham, Jimmy Moneypenny and the X First Lady of Georgia, Mary Perdue.

This was a "Timothy and Barnabas" Conference and was an AWESOME blessing for all who attended. The ladies gained a great blessing from Mrs. Mary's teachings and were asking for her return next year.

We have already scheduled another Timothy Barnabas Conference in November 2015. We are praying about 2014 but because of the World cup the cost of travel is very expensive. Please make this a part of your prayer that God show all concerned His will in this matter.

This conference concluded last week and we are still receiving calls and e-mails commenting on the level of instruction and how AWESOME the lectures were and how they had taken back to their churches aids for the furthering of the kingdom.

It goes without saying our new church plant has been very busy over the past several months. Pray for us and the church as we are growing and pray that the Lord will keep His hand is on this new Mission work. Our people are learning how to be servants and growing spiritually. As we watch this all we can say is "Thank you Lord it is all because of You!!"

We have had four people to move their membership this month. And we have a couple that is getting married in the next few weeks so that they can be members also.

Many of you remember Gloria, she is the widow lady that is raising five kids selling fish. For those of you that have not heard she was diagnosed with cancer of the uterus this month. Barbara has been running over Sao Paulo state with her trying to get treatment. This past week they went to an appointment with a cancer doctor and he indicated her to another doctor that is a surgeon and she is waiting for an appointment with this doctor. She is in constant pain and does not have an appetite. So we are asking that you all take her to the Lord in your daily prayers that His will would be done in her life. She is a woman with more faith than I have seen in my life. And God is blessing her each day but without eating she is getting weak.

Continue to pray for us as we minister here in Brasil. We greatly thank you all for your support both financially and prayerfully Without your help we would not be able to minister here in Brazil. It would be a great pleasure to show you what your mission dollars are doing here. So come on down, your bed is turned down and there is a mint on the pillow.

In His service, Aj and Barb Hensley



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Dear friends,

November 8, 2013

October was a very busy month for the Stantons here in Peru. I mentioned in my last letter being with the Central Baptist Church of Jauja, so I won't go into details there; just that it was a great meeting where the Lord moved in the hearts of so many.

On the 10th we received a small group of five from Columbia, South Carolina. These dear folks came down to some exploratory mission work up in the mountains about two hours out of Huánuco. We had the privilege



to house them and feed them for the week they stayed with us. Anita and I enjoyed their fellowship very much. This group was also able to bring down a good supply of

bibles and also some of your video equipment we will be using for taping our Bible Institute Classes.

On the 15th I traveled to Lima to receive Pastor David Pitman and his dear wife Kimberly. For the first several days, they got to



see some of the natural beauty of Peru. Then we flew to Huánuco where they were a tremendous help to us in our ministry. Pastor Pitman preached many times while here and also taught my Monday night Pastor's class. Sister Kim also taught Anita's Thursday Ladies Bible Study. We worked them pretty hard while here, and they were such a great blessing to us. The folks here are already asking when they will return to Peru!

On the 20th we were blessed to baptize two more into the fellowship of the Calvary



Baptist Mission. This work is growing and showing good signs of spiritual maturity. The Pitmans also helped us decorate and prepare for a wedding I performed on the 26th.

I mentioned in my last letter that we had finally bought a piece of property for this work; attached are some pictures of the property being cleared. Next week we start construction. After all the estimates have come in we are still short about twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00).

A few churches shared with me while on furlough last year that they were happy to help us with the building cost. I told them I thought we had enough to buy the property and get it under roof. I was wrong! So I'm asking all of you to pray about helping us with this endeavor. The saints here are giving special offerings and donating a lot of the labor cost, but we still need help the get it under roof. When times are tough is when God's people shine the brightest! Until next month.

Being "In Christ" by God's grace, Sheridan and Anita Stanton

## Preparing For Vacation Bible School ... Pray For Us And The Ministries ...



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Dear Brothers and Sisters, Nov, 2, 2013

The month of October was encouraging in many ways. We had a full house nearly every Sunday of the month. Forty people in our living room is a full house. There is good evidence of God at work in the lives of believers.

On the 12th of October we had the first youth meeting for this school year. We were expecting a pretty good turn out and we were not disappointed. We had 23 adolescents. This is all a result of friends bringing friends. This coming Saturday will be the 2nd youth meeting of this school year. We would appreciate your prayers for these meetings. It is really a great opportunity to communicate the Gospel. Since half of the French population is atheist, ten percent muslim, two percent active Catholics and the rest "non-practicing", the general opinion is that only the mentally incompetent and freaks believe the Bible. By the time

people reach adulthood they are very hardened and biased against Christ.

The week before last we had Vacation Bible School which also went very well. Our lessons this year were on the "big picture" of God's plan for human beings. We taught about Creation, The Fall, The Flood and the ministry of Christ to save us. Amanda also prepared and wrote songs that emphasized the truths we studied. Nothing helps one remember the truth better than setting it to a memorable tune. The value of music in praise of God and retention of His revelation is emphasized throughout the Scriptures. It is really great to work with such a talented and committed team of workers.

Another opportunity this month was the result of a sad event. One of the ladies that made profession of faith a few years ago committed suicide. I believe that she really knew the Lord, but she certainly had a lot of ups and downs in her life. However, the funeral service did give an opportunity to proclaim the gospel to folks from different backgrounds including several Muslims. We are reminded regularly that we are here because our world is a fallen world that is filled with people who are in desperate need of Christ.

I will close with the testimony of a lady who is member here. She was not saved here, but came here from another Baptist Church after they moved to a city neighboring our city. She grew up in a home of atheists. Nev-

## Evangelistic Cookout A Success... Some Very Sad News....



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Dear friends,

November 5, 2013

We have great news about the church plant and some sad personal news. Please, pray for us as you read the remainder of this letter.

"UNFORGETTABLE" EVANGELISTIC COOKOUT-Our latest all-day evangelistic cookout was a great success with 240 people present and 6 salvation decisions. It was a day to remember. We wanted to impress our guests with the love of Christ. Upon arrival, everyone received a nametag, had their name entered into a drawing (this allows us to receive their contact info for follow-up), and an invitation to join us the next Sunday. We had three sport tournaments with trophies and medals, rappel, "rock wall" climbing, swimming pool, Brazilian barbeque, children's games, puppets, children's Bible story and I preached a 30 minute evangelist message. We wanted our guests to have and unforgettable day, but most of all, an unforgettable, life altering, personal experience with the Lord. This type of event takes much planning, preparation work, but it is well worth it all. We have great responses from these type events, as the following weeks are full of personal contacts and home visits.

KID'S CLUB-Two weeks after our "Unforgettable Cookout" we had an all-day children's evangelist event with 44 kids present and 2 salvations. The children absolutely loved the day. On days like this, I get a major boost of encouragement. Especially, when the and I play soccer - everyone wants to be on the "pastor's team". I now have 5 "best buds" as a result of our soccer games that day! I am so glad they feel the love of Jesus through us. It is amazing to see how connecting with children brings us to close proximity with their parents too. We will not give up on reaching children and their parents for Jesus.

GROWTH AND RELOCATION-As the church has grown, we have developed into some space challenges. Parking is an issue

every Sunday, as is the children's classrooms. Our auditorium also serves as our fellowship hall. Lord willing we plan to relocate by the end of December. We are at the end of our buildings lease agreement, so this allows us flexibility to move into a bigger location.

FELLOWSHIP AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH-After worship services everyone stacks up their chairs against the wall to make room to eat and mingle with our friends and guests. We always serve finger foods to eat after our gatherings. This allows us to enjoy each other's fellowship for an additional hour beyond the last worship song. Our fellowship has brought a unity amongst our people and our studies have rendered a spiritual awakening into Scripture with thirst for more. I am preaching a series entitled "Synopsis: A Bible Survey". We have a lot of fun, I wish you were here to join in.

PASTORAL TRAINING-The Lord is working in the hearts of our men and already two of them have expressed a desire into pastoral leadership. The Lord is also working in the hearts of others within the church. I am passionate about pastoral mentoring and love every opportunity to develop new leadership.

PREGNANCY & MISCARRIAGE-A couple of months ago we discovered Raquel was pregnant with our fifth child. It was a complete surprise to us, as we had a surgical procedure done a year ago. We felt blessed the Lord had given us special gift according to His will. At nine weeks, she flew to São Paulo to be with her father prior to his open-heart surgery. The kids and I remained in Manaus. On the day of her father's surgery, she felt pain, went to emergency room, checked in, only to find out the equipment was broken. She rushed to the next nearest hospital and they too, had broken equipment. It was only at the fourth location and a few hours later, she received medical help. While her father was nearing the end of his right-hour surgery, she received word of the miscarriage. Our hearts were heavy laden as we cried, but God's grace comforted us.

Pray for church planting, evangelism opportunities, discipleship of new believers, pastoral mentoring and the search for a new location. We are grateful to you for the time and resources invested in our favor.

Thankful, Jud Hatcher

ertheless, God gave her a hunger to know him and she went searching. She went to a reformation church to take religious classes but as it turned out the pastor who gave the classes did not even believe that the Bible was God's word. Knowing of her interest in searching for God, someone invited her to a series of Bible studies where she trusted Christ. However, no one explained to her the need to participate in a church. When she was seveteen years old she spent a few months in South Africa helping in an orphanage, I think. While she was there she read through the entire Bible. Two of many things that came out of reading her Bible was first,

she was impressed by the faithfulness of God as revealed in the Old Testament. Secondly, she recognized the need to be a part of a body of believers. She was at that age more independent and able to follow through with what she realized was God's will. Her parents still are not saved but she is married and she and her Christian husband have two children and participate regularly with us.

Thanks for participating with us in what God is doing here. God is using you to meet our needs as we seek to serve Him here.

> Serving with You, John and Judy Hatcher

### PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES...

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## Good Days And Bad Days On The Field ... Traveling And Visiting Churches ...



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November 8, 2013 Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I read the following post from a missionary friend who lives in Kenya about a half a mile from our house: "Just experienced the worst day we have ever had in our three years in Kenya". There are good days and bad days in Kenya but to say this is the worst one we've ever experienced is sobering. I thought I was having a bad day myself, that is until I read that post. We are preparing to move again into a different house while here on furlough and things just weren't going well. My patience was thin; the children were lazy; there was a lot to do; I couldn't lift anything because I'm recovering from hernia surgery. Then I read my friend's post and realized my day couldn't be nearly as bad in comparison to the worst day in Kenya in over three years. I suppose it's all a matter of perspective.

Me personally, I've spent over five years in Kenya (over 2000 days) and I have found that most of those days are challenging. There are many battles to fight, many challenges to face and many hurdles to overcome in serving the Lord. But I've also noticed while I've been in the States that each day here is also filled with its own individual challenges. So many people in Kenya are hurting and need the Lord. Here in the States the situation is the same – so many people hurting and needing the Lord. Are we going to be willing to reach out to people, no matter where they reside and call home, and to be usable tools in the hands of the

Lord to bring Jesus into the life of these hurting people? Aren't you thankful for second chances? Whether you're one of those hurting people or whether you have failed to be someone who has reached out to help one of these hurting people I'm glad to say that we've been given countless second chances through the cross.

In furlough news, we have been traveling to various churches and reporting on our work in Kenya. I am once again finding God's people in the various churches and various places around the country to be filled with grace, kindness, hospitality and love for one of God's missionaries. I am grateful and thankful for churches that wish to partner with us in reaching the lost in Kenya and in starting New Testament churches in that far away land. The light of the gospel of Jesus Christ can reach darkened lands but only after God places that burden on the hearts of his people. I see that burden in the hearts of the people and churches I am visiting. May God continue to fan the flames of missions in our hearts.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for loving us and placing your Spirit within us. We praise you for the gifts of your grace, mercy and love. We praise you because you have brought us salvation through your cross. We praise you for your glory and majesty. Lord, may you draw our hearts to you. May you ever increase our faith and trust in your word and in you. Increase our love and grow our faithfulness. Thank you that you have transported us from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. Now, may we live as citizens of that kingdom of light and may the light of your gospel and grace shine forth from us here in our own land and to all the far reaching places on this earth you created so that those near and far may also experience your love and grace. Amen. Until next month, beloved. May God's peace and joy be with

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

## \$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.

### Moving or Getting A New Address?

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

## **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.

## 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: 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.

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.

### **RADFORD**

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some kind for the victims. This was shocking news around the world, and we ask that you pray for Kenya, for the continued safety and security of the country, and also that those who did this crime would be caught and punished. As I write this, I am honestly still in a state of shock. We know the Lord is in control at all times, and that we need to trust Him. I have read reports of where they think the attackers were actually working in the mall and planning this for a while. The nation of Kenya needs much prayer for healing, recovery, and strength at this time.

Please pray for the churches that were started this past term. As I stated before, my friend Roger Tate and I both agree that the best way to proceed forward with church planting in Kenya is to train nationals. Things always seem to go smoother and progress better when we use this method. Please pray for the church in Shangalamwe that was started last term, and also for the churches that the national that we trained started, with the Lord's help. We plan to recruit men who are Godly, qualified, and love the Lord to go and start churches. I believe this is a very wise approach, given the results that we saw between us going personally and training others. I have talked also to a friend who had the same experiences and completely endorses this method of starting churches. We thank the Lord for each of you who pray for the churches, for the men we are working with, and for the continued progress of the ministries. Without the Lord, nothing is possible, but with Him, anything is possible. John 15:5 says "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." How we need to remember this, and trust the Lord for everything.

Please continue to pray for the prison and hospital ministry. There are a few specific requests. The Annex prison went well this term, and I would appreciate your prayers for the permit that is needed to continue with this ministry. Please pray that it would be renewed without a problem, if it would be the Lord's will, and that things would go smoothly upon our return to Kenya next year, Lord willing. I was very pleased with the progress that I saw in the men that the Lord brought, and this was probably some of the better students I have had since going to that ministry. They had a hunger for the Word of God, desired to grow spiritually, and had a heart for serving others. Matthew 23:11 says "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant." Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

Also, for the hospital ministry, the government has changed things recently. Now, they are requiring my wife to get a special permit from the government to do this ministry. In the past, she was always a dependent on me and my work permit, and this was acceptable. However, now, she is required to obtain her own permit. We trust the Lord for this permit also, and if it would be the Lord's will, for it to be provided when we get back into the country. Please pray it would be granted without any delay, frustrations, or problems. We know the Lord is sovereign, in control, and we trust Him. Thanks to each one who sacrificially gives to this ministry, has personally visited it, or sent supplies. The Lord bless each of you. In family news, it is so good to be home this year to celebrate the holidays with family. These times are difficult when we are separated from thousands of miles, so we are thankful for the time He has allowed us to be with family this year. This is one of the biggest sacrifices of missions, being separated by so far when special times of the year come. McKenna and Camille are both doing well. McKenna is now at the age to be starting school, which doesn't seem possible. Please pray for her as this is a big change in her life. Also, please pray for Camille as she grows and progresses along, and is learning to relate with us and her sister.

Concerning furlough, our current need that we have is for housing. If anyone knows of any housing in the Charleston/Huntington WV area or surrounding areas, we would be interested. It would be preferable around the middle of December of 2013 and the very latest, at the end of December. Even if you know of someone who rents out, has housing available, we could contact them. We had many expenses when leaving Kenya, so we would need to talk about the finances with whatever the Lord provides. You can contact us at the email listed below. God bless you for your prayers in this matter for us.

If anyone would like to contact me about a visit to your church, the email address is:naterad@yahoo.com Please pray also for myself and a good friend in Illinois as we work on the dvd for the missions presentation. This is a lot of work, and required a lot of time, commitment, and working together. There is so much to pray about. May we never give up on prayer. I will close with Luke 18:1, which says "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." God bless you all. Please note our new mailing address below.

Serving in Kenya, Nathan and Carrie Radford

## PRAY FOR YOUR BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS

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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 | stormscreek@outlook.com. If making a change of address, please include the old address along with the new address.

### Baptist Faith Missions OCT. 2013 OFFERINGS

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Beverly, June, South Charleston, WV (GF)	100.00
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New Hope BC, Dearborn Heights, MI
In Memory Of Leroy Wooten100.00
Orrick, Jim, Pewee Valley, KY In Memory Of Irene Orrick50.00
Overbey, Dale & Doris, Valparaiso, IN
In Memory Of Mayfield Family350.00
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### 2013-2014 THANKSGIVING OFFERING



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 missionaries' needs continue to be great and the Thanksgiving Offering is essential to providing those financial commitments we have made to them.

And, remember – you can give your Thanksgiving Offering either through your church's offering, or by mailing your personal check to our Treasurer, or by giving online through our website www.baptistfaithmissions.org 'Donate/Support' tab for 'Thanksgiving Offering'.

## APERSONALAPPEAL FROM YOUR DIRECTORS

We who serve you and our missionaries as Directors have embraced the responsibility of acquainting you with their needs and appealing to you on their behalf. We represent them and their needs to you.

Baptist Faith Missions administers support contributions for twelve families of sound, committed, and faithful missionaries who are sacrificially serving the Lord in the nations where the Holy Spirit has called and sent them to minister. They have gone to their respective fields of service upon the commitment from us, their financial supporters, that if they will answer the Lord's call to go where He sends them, we will give the offerings needed to supply their needs.

But, the only financial commitments we Directors have resources to give them are: "We will do everything we can to make your needs known to our supporting churches and friends and then forward them to you 'as the Lord provides.' If the Lord provides the support funds we have committed, then we will send them to you; if the Lord does not provide what we have committed, then we will send you what we have."

#### WHAT DO WE DO WITH MONTHLY GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS?

WE NEED \$46,600.00 EVERY MONTH IN OUR MONTHLY GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS TO SUPPLY THE MONTHLY 'ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE TRANSACTIONS' OUR MISSIONARIES NEED JUST TO MAINTAIN THEIR DAILY LIVES AND MINISTRIES. This amount is for those twelve

missionary families' salaries, housing and ministry expenses allowances, hospitalization premiums, and the costs of publishing their newsletters and correspondences with you in The Mission Sheets. These commitments are funded by our monthly contributions to the GENERAL FUND. If we do not receive sufficient funds EACH MONTH, then we must reduce the commitments proportionately among them in the amount of the deficit of the monthly GENERAL FUND supplies.

So far in 2013, it has become necessary to reduce their monthly committed funds by an accrued total of \$6800.00 divided proportionately among them. It may be necessary to do so again before the year is completed.

## WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING?

THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING IS USED TO SUPPLY ALL THE OTHER SUP-PORT SERVICES AND BENEFITS WE PRO-VIDE FOR THEM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AS THOSE COMMITMENTS BE-COME DUE. Last year's Thanksgiving Offering was \$52,348.17. We are here in October at the time of this appeal, and those funds are all but depleted. We have been serving our twelve missionary families throughout the year with these funds. And, some of those services and benefits which are supplied from the Thanksgiving Offering were either not granted or were only partially granted due to shortages in the Thanksgiv ing Offering funds.

WE NEED A VERY GENEROUS THANKSGIVING OFFERING TO EXCEED LAST YEAR'S AMOUNT TO FULLY SUP-PLY THEIR NEEDS THROUGHOUT 2014.

#### WE ARE, FIRST OF ALL, ASKING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

We want to tell you something else: we also know that before we appeal to you, WE MUST APPEAL TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER. He is the One who created, owns, and transfers all of the assets that are in the world...and which He has committed to our stewardship. Our Lord Jesus Christ taught us and promised us two different times in Matthew, chapter 6, that our Heavenly Father knows what we need before we ask Him (verses 8 & 32).

So, WE ARE, FIRST OF ALL, CALL-ING ON GOD to see their needs and hear our appeals. We are calling on our Father to please arise and give us "bread" to set before our friends as our Lord taught us to pray in the parable He preached in Luke 11.1-13. Then, we are asking Him to give every one of us His Grace and move our hearts to respond to Him. Our missionaries are His servants, they are ministering His Gospel, and they are aiming at His Glory in everything they do.

### 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.

## "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 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.

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Special Project500.00	Elliott BC, Elliott, MS, Persona261.73
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Flug, Jerry & Billie, Chesapeake, VA	As Needed200.00
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Work Fund30.00	Grace BC, Fairborn, OH, As Needed50.00 Grace BC, Oneco, FL, B&NW150.00
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY15.00	Grace Missionary BC, Surgoinsville, TN50.00
Immanuel BC, Monticello, KY, School60.00	Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI150.00
Joiner, Charles & Kandace, Centerville, GA School50.00	Kentucky Friends, Personal
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY, Personal25.00	Mt. Calvary BC, Belleville, MI100.00 Old Mount Zion Church, Wayne City, IL
Pleasant Ridge BC, Lexington, KY	New Work200.00
Personal	Restoration Church, Dickson, TN As Needed100.00
Rightway Drywall Inc., Macon, GA	Richland BC, Livermore, KY, As Needed 150.00
Personal50.00	Rocky Springs Miss. BC, Gray, TN50.00
Second BC, Warner Robins, GA40.24 Suburban Christian Church, Virginia Beach, VA	Total2,256.73 ROGER TATE
Special Project325.00	Addyston BC, Addyston, OH100.00
Thompson, Paul & Virginia, Winchester, KY	Anonymous100.00
Feed The Children 100.00	Anonymous, Personal
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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 missionar-ies to be a GIVING FRIEND!

Pastors, will you be willing to an-nounce and pifomote the Thanksgiving Offering in your church - and encourage your people to give to it? Our missionaries' needs continue to be great and the Thanksgiving Offering is essential to pro-viding those financial commitments we have made to them.

We continue to struggle every month just to maintain the commitments we have made to our missionaries - but we want to do so much more than just MAINTAIN. We want to INCREASE and ADD TO the provisions of their needs.

And, remember - you can give your Thanksgiving Offering either through your church's offering, or by mailing your persona] check to our Treasurer, or by giving online through our website www.baptistfaithmissions.org 'Donate/ Support'tab.

#### THIS MONTH'S UPDATED REPORT.. WE CANNOT OVER-EMPHASIZE OUR MISSIONARIES' NEEDS FOR BOTH INCREASED MONTHLY GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS AND A VERY GENEROUS THANKSGIVING OFFERING!

Most of you are aware that the way your missionaries' support offerings are administered through Baptist Faith Missions is that they are not required to spend months or even years doing deputation work and raising their own support funds. When a sending church asks Baptist Faith Missions to help them support their missionary - when the missionary is approved for support - Baptist Faith Missions makes certain financial commitments to them to supply their living and ministry needs - always with the understanding that we will disburse those commitments 'as the Lord supplies' the necessary funds.

All of those commitments are supplied from the GENERAL FUND. If the offerings are given to the General Fund, then we disburse those commitments to the missionaries. If the offerings are not given to the General Fund, then we don't ... we can't...disburse what we do not receive.

When we don't receive in General Fund offerings what we have committed to give the missionaries, then we reduce the amounts of those commitments by the same amounts we have not received. It is really that simple...and that painful!

I am writing now just after making the missionaries' November support disbursements. We incurred a significant deficit in our General Fund offerings for November. So, what I had to do was proportionately divide up the deficit in funds not received [\$4076.15] and reduce each missionary's monthly support deposit by that amount. [Actually, the amount of the General Fund deficit from October's offerings was \$7475.79 - but we supplied \$3399.64 from carried-over funds given for our Founders Day offerings back in June-July.]

Just ask any of our missionaries how seriously these reductions impact them and their ministries - and they can tell you!

We are asking each Giving Friend who loves and supports our missionaries to ask the Lord: "How much can I increase my monthly offerings to the GENERAL FUND? If you are not giving to the GENERAL FUND, please know that the best way you can be sure your missionaries' needs are being fully supplied is by giving generously, regularly, and faithfully to the GENERAL FUND. Otherwise, we will have to reduce the commitments we have made to them by the same amount we do not receive.

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

We are making our website more and more our primary source of information for all things BFM. 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!

## **WILLYOU 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.