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1. "WHY DO WE HAVE A THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

We have a Thanksgiving Offering because WE NEED IT for the coming year to supply the financial commitments we have made to our missionaries for the services and benefits we provide from the General Fund.

2. "WHY IS THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING SO IMPORTANT?"

The Thanksgiving Offering is ESSENTIAL because it is the only source of funds for supplying our missionaries' needs during the coming year. All of the commitments we make to our missionaries are supplied from the General Fund—and the Thanksgiving Offering funds are the only available resources to provide many of those benefits.

3. "WHAT SERVICES AND BENEFITS DOES THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING PROVIDE?"

The Thanksgiving Offering enables us to provide the services and benefits we have committed to our missionaries "as the Lord provides." These benefits include:

- reimbursements for missionaries' Furlough (Home Assignment) airfare/transportation expenses to and from the field

- reimbursements for their hospitalization personal deductibles for the year (their personal deductible is \$1000 and we reimburse them \$600 of that amount)
- children's school/education expenses (if funds are available)

- expenses for mailing The Mission Sheets (missionaries' monthly letters, reports, updates—and detailed report of all offerings given through BFM that month)

- expenses for maintaining Statewide office for communication and daily services—there are a lot of activities that go on Statewide to keep our missionaries functioning on their fields of service

- providing and maintaining a Furlough Home in Lexington for those missionaries who choose to use it

4. "HOW ELSE IS THE GENERAL FUND SUPPLIED?"

The standard supply for the General Fund is from monthly offerings which are given to the General Fund. These offerings are listed monthly in the Mission Sheets under "General Fund." These monthly General Fund offerings are used to supply the "Essential Maintenance Transactions" [EMT] which we have committed to the missionaries for their standard essential monthly expenses. These include:

- their monthly salary
- their monthly standard housing allowance
- their monthly standard ministry allowance
- their monthly hospitalization premium
- expenses for printing The Mission Sheets—their monthly newsletters, reports, and updates

NOTE: these monthly "Essential Maintenance Transactions" are not supplied from Thanksgiving Offering funds—but from the monthly offerings given to the General Fund. NOTE 2: For detailed explanations of how our missionaries' ministries are funded, please access our two brochures: "Baptist Faith Missions" and "Caring for those who care for the world" on our website (baptistfaithmissions.org), click on FaithWorks Blog and open the thumbnail brochure icons on the right margin.

5. "WHY IS THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING GIVEN AT THE THANKSGIVING SEASON?"

- The BFM Thanksgiving Offering began many years ago in conjunction with the annual Thanksgiving Missionary Conference in the Detroit-area and has continued that way to this day.

- Also, the Thanksgiving season is good reminder of the thanks we owe God for His Indescribable Gift in Jesus Christ—and our Thanksgiving Offering is a good way to express that thanks.

- And, the Thanksgiving season and Offering is a good occasion for

Thanksgiving Offering Goal: \$55,000

Would you please pray and ask the Lord of the Harvest what He would have you give to this year's Thanksgiving Offering? And then ask Him also to supply you with that gift from his inexhaustible resources of Grace?

us to give missionary offerings so others, also, may hear the blessed Good News of salvation through Christ...and, in this way, MULTIPLY STILL MORE THANKSGIVINGS TO GOD.

6. "HOW CAN I GIVE MY THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

If your church receives a Thanksgiving Offering for the missionaries supported through BFM, then we encourage you to give your offering through your church. Most of the Thanksgiving Offerings which are given by churches are made up by the voluntary offerings of individual members who give to the Offering. Pastors, we encourage you to give your church the opportunity to contribute to our BFM Thanksgiving Offering.

7. "WHAT IF MY CHURCH DOES NOT RECEIVE A BFM THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

If your church does not participate in the Thanksgiving Offering, you may send your personal gift to the Treasurer of BFM and designate it "Thanksgiving Offering." (Baptist Faith Missions / Pastor George Sledd, Treasurer / P.O. Box 471280 / Lake Monroe FL 32747-1280) You can also give online at baptistfaithmissions.org and click on "Donate/Support" and designate for "Thanksgiving Offering."

8. "CAN I GIVE MY THANKSGIVING OFFERING ONLY AT THANKSGIVING... OR DURING NOVEMBER?"

No. Most churches and individual Friends of BFM give on or around Thanksgiving Sunday (either the Sunday before or after Thanksgiving Day). However, offerings continue to come in to the Treasurer during the month of December, and sometimes on into the next year. You can give your Thanksgiving Offering any time. But, all offerings designated "Thanksgiving Offering" go toward the same collective Offering for that year.

9. "HOW IS THE 'EVERY FRIEND A GIVING FRIEND' PERSONAL GIVING MINISTRY PERTINENT TO THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

We introduced the "EVERY FRIEND A GIVING FRIEND" ministry and plan during the 2003 Thanksgiving

Conference. "Every Friend a Giving Friend" encourages each of our missionaries' friends to personally participate in regular giving to the General Fund. This plan is nothing new or unique; it is just another way to express and articulate what the Friends of BFM have been doing since the inception of the Mission.

It is also patterned after the instructions Paul gives us in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9: that is,

1. to purpose in your heart to give an offering (9:7)

2. to give as generous an offering as God enables you (8:1-3 & 9:6)

3. to ask God—and trust Him—to supply you with the funds you will need to give the offering (9:8)

4. to plan and begin preparing even a year ahead of time (as Paul instructed the Corinthians and the other churches to do) (8:10-11 & 9:2)

5. to give your offerings to the Lord and to the Lord's missionaries willingly and cheerfully (9:7)
6. to express your love and obedience to the Lord (8:8 & 9:13)

7. to give as your response to Jesus Christ's grace and gift of Himself to you (8:9 & 9:15)

We encourage every Friend of BFM to be a Giving Friend and give a personal Thanksgiving Offering to help supply our missionaries' needs which are met through the General Fund.

"EVERY FRIEND A GIVING FRIEND" also challenges each Friend of BFM to personally participate in missions by giving monthly offerings over and above the regular tithes and offerings you give to your church to meet the needs of your local church's ministries. We encourage each Giving Friend to make a personal commitment to either begin giving or increase your giving each month to the General Fund.

Give Online

You can make a secure donation online with a check or credit card.

Just click the Donate tab on our homepage at www.baptistfaithmissions.org

10. "WHY DO YOU SET GOALS FOR THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

We set goals because the goal amount is keyed to the projected needs we expect to meet for the coming year of missionary ministry. And, when we increase the commitments, services, and benefits we need to give our missionaries so they can fulfill their ministries, our needs for the necessary funds increase also. And, please remember with us that we cannot approve and commit to increasing the modest support we give our missionaries unless we believe the Lord will supply those funds through your giving.

OUR 2015 THANKSGIVING OFFERING GOAL IS \$55,000.00.

Would you please pray and ask the Lord of the Harvest what He would have you give to this year's Thanksgiving Offering? And then ask Him also to supply you with that gift from his inexhaustible resources of Grace?

Thank You,
GIVING FRIENDS!

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Pastors Not Welcome...?

October 31, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If my monthly newsletters had a title I would entitle this month's letter "Pastors NOT Welcome". Well, with a title like that maybe I should explain. So, when I speak of pastors I am certainly not referring to American pastors. The American pastors I know are Godly, Christ-like and Biblical. They have the best interests of the



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church members at heart. They are concerned about the Kingdom of Heaven and furthering the cause of Christ. I'm not saying they aren't without their faults, but the ones I know are good people who want to lead others to a deeper relationship with Jesus. No, the pastors I'm talking about are Kenyan pastors. It seems whenever they show up, I end up with problems.

We have a group meeting in the house of a man living in a local village. The group is small and though we have been meeting for nine months, it has been extremely difficult to get anyone to attend our meetings for more than about three or four weeks. Thus, the group has remained small. We have spent much time in the last nine months teaching them about salvation, baptism, following and loving Jesus, serving others and many other major Bible doctrines. We have also taught them to remain meeting in the house instead of buying property, we taught them how to remain independent, self-reliant and self-propagating, and we taught them to use their offerings to help the poor, the sick, the widows and the orphans in their

community. All along the group has agreed with all the teachings. They seemed to agree wholeheartedly. Then, a few weeks ago I walked into the house to begin the group meeting and there sat a man. I introduced myself. Then I found out he was a pastor. I groaned within myself. I knew what his presence in the group meant. It meant the whole tenor and attitude of the group would change. I knew that the focus of the group would change. I knew that problems would begin to occur and I knew exactly what those problems would be. It would involve money, sponsorship, buildings, quarrels and dependency. How did I know this? Because that is the way it happens every time a local pastor gets involved with our works here in Kenya.

The very first week the pastor attended our group meeting things began to change. At the end of the meeting I was informed why the group was small and why a lot of people were not coming to the meetings. I was told it was because people didn't want to meet in the house, that meeting in the house made them feel uncomfortable and not like a "church". I was informed they wanted to start looking for a place to rent for a meeting-place. I asked them where they would find the money for such an endeavor. The answer was "God will provide". Can you guess who "God" is in this answer? If you guessed "Roger" then you guessed correctly. The next week I was informed that the group had been "given" a piece of property. I was taken to the property and shown how ideal it would be for a church building. I was shown where the building could be built, where the toilets would be put and how much extra land there would be for growing crops. When I asked how much this would cost I was told 1,000,000 shillings (you could probably actually

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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



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Dear friends,

Thank you for your faithful support and prayer. We are truly grateful.

FAMILY

The kids are doing well in school. Laura went on a field trip to the historic Jamestown settlement with her 3rd grade class. Sarah has a field trip this month too. Everyone is enjoying the time in Lynchburg, VA during our furlough. The kids' language is coming along successfully, but I ask you pray for them to learn to speak English without an accent.

TESTIFY TO THE GOSPEL CONFERENCE

This last month I had the privilege of attending the Testify to the Gospel Conference at Grace Baptist Church of Fairborn, OH (Pastor Mark Pyles). There were several great speakers and we enjoyed listening to each one of them. I had the opportunity



"Testify to the Gospel" Conference with Pastors Jonathan Gordon, David Mitchell, & Darrell Messer

Visits with Supporters; New Connections

nity to speak twice. It was a long drive and well worth the trip. Mark & Valerie Pyles are dear friends, we've known each other since 2003. I love them a lot. I cherished every moment with the folks of the church, the guests, Mark and his family.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

We were also delighted to be with our beloved friends and supporters at Calvary Baptist Church, Teays Valley, WV, where pastor Jeff Hurst is senior pastor and David Mitchell is an associate teaching pastor. We also enjoyed meeting Jeff Hurst's wife, Kim. We had a blast together while at their home.

ELEVEN DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

I was invited to speak at the student ministry's evangelistic event of Hyland Heights Baptist Church, Rustburg, VA. There were over 150 young people present. It truly was a great evening with much celebration in heaven. The reason for the celebration? Well, 11 decisions were made: 7 for salvation and 4 for reconciliation. I was delighted to be with Pastors Brandon Vieth & Brian Frecksen.



Student Ministry Evangelistic Event

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

The Lord continues to open doors as I serve at Liberty University. I meet with

local pastors on a weekly basis and with future pastors on a daily basis. Thomas Road Baptist Church has a yearly pastors conference called Refuel. This year over 1800 pastors and leaders attended. I was invited to the platform for introduction as a BFM missionary/church planter in Brazil. I am amazed at how



Raquel & Jud with Jeff & Kim Hurst

the Lord is making these new connections.

A few weeks ago Dr. Jerry Falwell's wife, Macel Falwell, passed away. The funeral service at Thomas Road Baptist Church was an encouragement to all who were present. It truly was a wonderful memorial and celebration of her life and ministry here on earth.

ACHILLES TENDON

Last week I was admitted to the Emergency Room at Lynchburg General Hospital. I suspected a fractured fibula on my right leg. Instead, it was a severe sprain of my Achilles tendon. The kids and I were playing football in the backyard when this happened. I am currently wearing a cast and expect to use it for a few weeks. Please, pray for healing.

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Grateful always,
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November 2, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Yesterday our church message was "Surprised by God" from Acts 9 which revolves around Paul's conversion. Paul was surprised, the soldiers were surprised, believers were surprised, Ananias was surprised, the Jewish leaders were surprised, we are surprised. There are dozens of surprises mentioned in these 31 verses concerning what happened, to whom it happened, how it happened. In all of this we see the hand of God working out His eternal plan of redemption.

And since God's ways are far above our ways and past finding out, we are often surprised by God. I will share with you a few of these surprises we have seen this month. A couple of nights ago I received a call from Joachim, the first person baptized in the church here in Tournefeuille. That was the culmination of many wonderful surprises. His son trusted Christ and was baptized just before they moved to Hamburg, Germany three years ago. God brought him here where he was saved and moved him on to serve elsewhere. It was great to hear how God is working in his family. They are active in a church and God is at work in them. They were great members here and we miss them terribly. He will be down here for work related medical check-ups next month and we are looking forward to spending more time in fellowship for an evening.

Surprised by God!

lowship for an evening.

Douceline, the single lady who hosts the Bible studies in Mazere, was surprised by a wild boar the week before last. Late in the evening, as she was driving home from a meeting where we had been together, the wild boar rammed the driver side door of her car, setting off the airbag and making her car a total loss. Just after it happened on a country road, the Lord graciously brought a car of police officers by who gave her a ride home. The car itself had been a gracious surprise a couple of years ago. Dutch missionaries with whom she was acquainted were retiring and leaving the country. Aware of her commitment as a "missionary" in her community and her modest income they gave her this small car which was in excellent shape.

The insurance will help her replace the car. Besides the Bible study that we hold in her home with a number of people she also leads two other Bible studies with ladies.

On October 8th we received a text from Eva. She had just been admitted to the hospital in danger of miscarrying at 20 weeks of pregnancy. On December 5th last year she gave very early birth and their son lived less than a week. Often surprises are unpleasant! She is still confined to bed in the hospital but the pregnancy is progressing. Last week, her doctor told her that he was very impressed by her positive outlook despite the bleak circumstances. She was thrilled to be able to tell her doctor about her faith in Christ. Eva and her husband host a Bible study that we lead in their home in the neighboring department. Sometimes Christ, the light

in us, is more visible when we find ourselves in dark surroundings.

Yesterday Rose, who along with her husband and children is relatively new but are faithful members, told about a recent visit to the only person in their extended family besides them who is a believer. This couple was saved through the ministry of an American missionary in another region of France. A few years ago his niece called in tears because her life was falling apart and their changed lives gave her hope. They went to her, witnessed to her and she trusted the Lord. A friend of her mother is a medium and told her that she would not get married and never have any children. She is now active in the church led by the American missionary who led Rose and

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Jean-Luc to Christ. She met and married a fine young man in this church and just gave birth to their first child! The niece's family resents the spiritual changes in her, but the last chapter has not yet been written!

This evening Amanda, our wonderful daughter-in-law missionary, is having the first college girls Bible Study with girls from our church. She and Philip also lead a Bible study Thursday. We have a Bible study here on Wednesday and Saturday we have our Youth Outreach. The Bible lesson this week is "God has Spoken through His Son".

There is more to write, but I would like for you to keep reading our letters. So, I will stop! Thanks for your faithful support. Please keep praying.

Surprised by God in France,
John and Judy

Health Issues Continue: Pray for McKenna & Camille

November 1, 2015

Dear praying friends,

We hope this finds each of you doing well and thank you once again for your



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faithfulness to missions, whether through prayer, visiting the fields, or sacrificially giving to the Lord's work. We sincerely appreciate each of you so much and thank the Lord for you. This month, I want to take a little different approach in the prayer letter, as it is a real prayer request for us, in regards to our health, especially that of our children, McKenna and Camille. I will be sure to keep you updated on the ministries in the coming months, but I felt that this is really where we are right now. We want as many to be informed as possible what has been going on, and we covet your prayers.

About 10 months ago, our daughters were complaining of stomach aches. We heard all morning "Mommy, my tummy hurts." Not knowing exactly what to do, we did the only thing we knew to do at that time. We took them to the various medical facilities in Kitale for testing. We tested for all the basics, such as malaria, typhoid, amoeba, etc. The conclusions we received were that it was amoeba and we got them started on the medicines. Well, the stomach aches continued and we felt it necessary to go to a much bigger hospital in Eldoret, about an hour and a half from Kitale. We saw various doctors there also, and again, the conclusion was that it was amoeba, although they prescribed a different medication and different period of

usage. (10 days rather than 5 days) We did this, and things got better. For a while. A couple of months things were good and fine and we thought the problem was resolved. Well, about a month and a half ago, the tummy aches started again. We have been to all the main hospitals/doctors in Kitale and a big hospital in Eldoret, and are still having the issues.

We've recently found a decent pediatrician in Kitale. Dr. Musabi is new to our area and has done a good job thus far with treating children. She ran multiple tests on McKenna but each was inconclusive. She referred us to a pediatric gastroenterologist in Nairobi. This is the first time we have had a referral, so we are thankful for Dr. Musabi. Our doctor in Nairobi has run numerous tests on both girls, including one to test for inflammation that was sent to an international lab. This test came back extremely high for McKenna and high for Camille. The doctor insisted McKenna have an endoscopy and colonoscopy.

Well, these procedures were delayed for five days as McKenna developed a cold. Finally the procedures were done and we are currently in Nairobi waiting for results to be returned to us. Camille will not have an endoscopy or colonoscopy as her test levels were lower than McKenna's. We are praising the Lord that the tests revealed no major issues for McKenna, but most likely some kind of infection or food allergy. We pray the results would be definitive and come back soon. Oh, and yes, while we have been away, one of our big guard dogs we have had for 10 years most likely had stomach cancer, and she is no longer with

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double that to get the true amount). This was coming from a group whose weekly offerings amount to 50 shillings. To give you an idea of what this is like, compare it to a church in the States which collects a total of \$50 a week in their offerings who wants to build a church building worth \$2,000,000. I asked where they would get the money to do this. I was told "God will provide". Again, substitute "Roger" for "God" in this sentence and you will understand what they really mean.

Where will this end? I have a prediction. It will end with quarrels, struggles over who gets what share of the pie, resentment of me for not giving them what they want and ultimately the death of the group. Is the pastor the culprit or the symptom? I don't know but either way he's NOT Welcome.

Until next month, beloved.

May God's peace and joy be with you.

For the glory of God in East Africa,

Roger & Julie Tate (and Emily, Amy, Josiah & Chloe)

"I will not believe that you have tasted the honey of the Gospel if you can eat it all by yourself."

- C.H. Spurgeon -

us. Very sad for all of us.

All in all, it has been a very challenging past few weeks. We know the Lord is in control of all things and we trust Him. We hope and pray to get back to Kitale soon to our life there but we are waiting on the Lord and seeing how to finally get these stomach issues treated. While we don't understand everything, and it has been a very difficult last few weeks, we trust in the Lord and know He will take care of us. His ways are not our ways. I will finish with a couple of verses that have comforted me during these difficulties. Psalm 115:3 says "But our God is in the heavens: He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased." God does whatever He pleases and He is on the throne. Romans 8:28 says "And we know that all things work together for good to them

that love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

All things work together for good to them that love God. Even when it's difficult. Even when we don't completely understand. He has a plan and a purpose, and He is working it out in His timing. I'm sure many of you are going through difficulties also, and I hope these verses are a comfort to you as well.

Looking forward to updating on the ministries next month, but felt it was necessary to let you know about the health situations in the family and how to pray for us. We love and appreciate each of you so much. Remember, God is in control. Always.

Blessings,
Nathan and Carrie Radford





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November 9, 2015

Dear friends and family,

Well another AWESOME month has become history here in Caraguatatuba, Brasil! It is just AWESOME what God is doing. Lots of

Children's Day; Conference for Pastors & Wives

physical labor being done on our new Church building. Just think, what used to be a soccer club building has been converted into an AWESOME sanctuary for the Church and the upstairs that will be used for Sunday School rooms and a kitchen.

We have had a wonderful time this month with our children's ministry. Here we celebrate a holiday that we do not have in the States. It is called Children's Day. It is a day bigger than Christmas for the children here in Brasil. Our attendance was 119, we had a special breakfast for the children and then each of them received a present. This was accomplished by the

generosity of many Churches and individuals there in the States. The boys got soccer balls and the girls got Barbie dolls along with various other things. We include things like toothpaste toothbrushes and other hygiene articles. There were a bunch of HAPPY children on that day.

Back to the Church—we have sealed the walls where the roof has been installed and began the drop ceiling downstairs—this is to cover up the places in the ceiling where we removed 3 walls to make the room bigger for

our Church services. We had to put in a steel beam as the walls that we removed were load-bearing walls. Overcoming many obstacles, these

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areas are now one big room. And this big room will soon be our sanctuary. The drop ceiling that is being installed is making an AWESOME difference in the interior appearance. Just beautiful if I may say so!

This construction and remodeling has at times been very trying. But through it all God is and has been supplying our many needs.

How AWESOME is the God we serve. Here we get to see miracles almost daily. It helps one to see how the Apostles were in Bible times. When they would meet they would ask "How has your day been?" the other would answer like this, "Just one miracle after another." Our God is AWESOME and He is still in the miracle business. We just have to have our eyes open to see what He

is doing all around us. This could not happen without the prayer support of many praying saints back home. THANKS.

Another prayer request: pray for our "Pastors Conference" Nov. 10-13. We are planning for 200 to 250 Pastors and wives. This Conference is planned in conjunction with several Pastors in the States. They come down and do the classes for the Pastors. It is just heartwarming that these Pastors and their Churches are giving of their time and money to help train our Brazilian brothers. A big THANK YOU to Dr. Ji Perdue, Pr. Mike Durough, [see HENSLEY page 4]



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November 2, 2015

Dear Friends,

I'm sure that I have had a busier month in my life, but I just can't remember when. But on the upside, it was a marvelous month of seeing God's hand at work. We are none the worse for wear from the events that made up our month either. In fact, Charlene and I are very excited about so many of the signs that the Lord is blessing our efforts and using us to further His kingdom.

We are having the privilege of hosting Bro. Paulo Novas and his wife, Luiza, this month and they will be attending the Thanksgiving Conference with us next week. Paulo and his wife launched our partnered min-

How God is Working through Projeto Vida

istry, Projeto Vida (Project Life) in 1997 to take the gospel to nearly every state in Brazil and lately they are reaching nearly 100,000 people per year with the Word of God.

Here is a recent report from one of our team missionaries:

"We were in an interior town recently doing a Gospel presentation through skits and testimonies. There was a young lady at one of our presentations who came from a very dysfunctional family where there was much abuse and abandonment. This young lady had begun to cut herself frequently and had a sense that her life was hopeless. Through the dramatic Gospel presentation and testimonies, the Lord touched this young lady's heart and she surrendered her life to Christ. After sharing her faith publicly, she sought out her parents to declare to them that she forgives them for the way they treated her."

Another Projeto Vida volunteer shared:

"There was a man at one of our presentations who had been abandoned by his young adult children. He

felt extremely lonely and had begun to be bitter toward his children and depressed with life in general. I used his situation to show him the story of the Prodigal Son in the Scriptures and how much the Lord longs for his lost children to come home. I pointed out to him that in the same way that he longed to see his children return to an intimate relationship with him, that Lord wants this man to come into God's loving care. The man understood the message and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. We rejoiced with him, gave him a written Bible study plan and gave his contact information to the local pastor who was hosting our team."

Each week we have the privilege of hearing testimonies of how the Lord is using our outreach teams. I hope you will have the opportunity to be with us at the Thanksgiving Conference to hear more of how God is using this ministry.

Thank you for your loving prayers and support.

In Christ's love,
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November 9, 2015

Dear Brethren,

There is a little bit of everything to send your way this month. There is plenty of good news and a little of the other kind, too.

The ladies had their big retreat with about 150 women and several saved. We also had a couple's retreat with over 30 couples. This was more of a teaching retreat than evangelism. There were a few lost couples present though who heard the gospel.

I missed one of this month's mission trips due to an overload of work here in town and at camp. Zico and Nelson made the trip to visit our works on the Moa River. Nelson is one of our military guys who served as pastor in a church in Rio de Janeiro. We always have a few of these families who are with us for a couple of years and then gone off to some other town. Most of these come here for a 2 year tour. They can extend their time by a year and sometimes more. Once they see the church, they all put in for the extension and would stay on if their career would let them. This was Nelson's first mission trip. He came back charged up. Almost all of these military families had heard about the church

Military Men on a Mission; Work Jeep Wrecked; Rainy Season

and the mission work here through the internet. We have been privileged to receive and train many over the years. We miss them when they are gone, but proud of the training and service they take to other places all over Brazil.

Three more ripe mangoes just came crashing down on the roof above my office. My yard is a mango lover's paradise. There are tons of them on the trees and the ground. Although I try to keep the limbs trimmed back I still have a bunch of tiles to replace every year. Like the trees, but have come to pretty much hate the fruit. You probably really didn't need that piece of news, but it is part of our life here in the rainforest.

The rainy season has started with heavy rains. It rained a lot yesterday, but we still had really big crowds in all services. There were 28 more baptized in the morning and 2 more saved at night. It has been like that all month long:



Pastor Daura baptizing at First Baptist Church 11.8.2015

a few saved and great crowds with many visitors.

We have been working at the camp property and new church property for several weeks now. We have had a lot of cleanup and fencing on both locations. The dry season is almost behind us and

there were some urgent jobs to be done while the weather is still fairly dry.

One afternoon a few weeks ago I had just started down the highway when a pickup came flying over a hill and rear ended my jeep. No



Damage to the jeep. The right rear rim was completely split in two.

telling how fast he was going. He left over 100 feet of skid marks and his speedometer froze at 50 mph, so he was really moving when he piled on the brakes. He spun me around 180° into the grass on the other side of the road. He was carrying patients to the hospital in Cruzeiro do Sul. Fortunately, no one was injured seriously. His truck was pretty much totaled. The rear body and suspension on my jeep were destroyed. I have been without a work vehicle for 3 weeks now. Parts are coming from all over Brazil including the factory in Fortaleza on the east coast. Since my Troller T4 is built 100% in Brazil from parts all manufactured here it will cost less than half what any other vehicle would cost to repair. It still will set me back at least \$2,000.00 just for parts.

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

In Christ,
Mike Creiglow

Church Members Getting More Involved!

missions. Doors have opened faster than we could imagine. God has worked in marvelous ways. This month we had a special program in the village of Ariau. We were given permission to use the city's gymnasium. We had music, devotion, games and hot dogs! We had 350 people there! It was fantastic. As a result of that, we had 5 youth that came to the youth meeting at our church the next Saturday. That same week, a man from the village a Limao (lemon) who has a mission asked for help. He said they have 30 that come but have no support from any church. So we will be checking that out this week.

The missions in UBIM, MULTIRAO and IRANDUBA are doing well. Please continue to pray for each of these places, that souls will be saved, and people from these places will grow and reach others.

Kathy is still in the States getting our son Tito settled in and documents done. But they are doing well and Kathy has been able to see our other children.

We want to thank all of you that give and pray for our ministry so faithfully. May God richly bless each one of you.

In Christ,
Odali & Kathy



More pictures from Odali & Kathy on the FaithWorks Blog!



The Challenge of Missions: Chapter Two

INTRODUCING VARIOUS PHASES

In introducing the various phases of missions to be discussed it is necessary to understand, scripturally, what missions is about. Men's opinions are not the essential concern. The authority and instructions for missions is the Bible. Baptists must constantly return to the Bible for their doctrines and authority for their doings. The attitude of Baptists must be like that of the old gardener.

A lady advertised in the newspaper for a gardener. An elderly man answered the ad and was hired. Three

or four days later he noticed the ad was still in the paper. Worried, thinking she was not happy with his work, he went to the lady and asked, "Lady, are you still looking for a gardener?"

"No, I already hired you as my gardener."

"Are you satisfied with your gardener, Ma'am?"

"Yes, perfectly satisfied," she replied.

"Then you are planning on keeping the gardener you have?"

"Yes, I am, but why are you asking? Is something wrong?"

Quite relieved, the old man replied in a serious tone of voice: "Oh, no ma'am, I'm



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just doing some checking on myself."

God's people and churches must take time to do a little checking on themselves—on their doctrines and duties.

(to be continued)



OCTOBER 2015 Offerings

GENERAL FUND-OCTOBER 2015

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH.....	200.00
Addyston BC, Addyston, OH (Auditorium Class).....	88.00
Addyston BC, Addyston, OH (Berean Class).....	43.00
Ahava BC, Plant City, FL.....	100.00
Alexander, Denzel, Melbourne, FL (Giving Friend).....	50.00
Anonymous.....	110.00
Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY (Giving Friends).....	100.00
Berea BC, Hidenite, NC.....	575.00
Berry BC, Berry, KY.....	400.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL.....	1,231.00
Bible BC, Portage, IN.....	200.00
Bohon Road BC, Harrodsburg, KY.....	400.00
Calvary BC, Richmond, KY.....	1,872.23
Canada, Mark & Sheryl, Manhattan, KS (Giving Friends).....	100.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, WV.....	100.00
Cedar Creek BC, Red Bay, AL.....	150.00
Chantry BC, Elue, WV.....	450.00
Conner, Samuel & Martha, Cincinnati, IN (Giving Friends).....	30.00
Crooked Fork BC, Gasway, WV.....	387.65
Crooked Fork BC, Gasway, WV.....	70.00
Dobbins, Wesley & Janis, Gasway, WV (Giving Friends).....	40.00
East Keys BC, Springfield, IL.....	1,100.00
East Keys BC, Springfield, IL (Labor Day Conference).....	1,000.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH.....	390.00
Emmanuel BC, Irvine, KY.....	200.00
Fairview Missionary BC, Willow Wood, OH.....	300.00
Faith BC, Kirkville, MO.....	64.00
Faith Missionary BC, Leighton, AL.....	200.00
First BC Of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV.....	100.00
First BC Of Salem, South Shore, KY.....	622.59
First BC, Science Hill, KY.....	75.00
Foster, Peggy, Evansville, IN (Giving Friend).....	50.00
Friend In Virginia.....	610.00
Giving Friends.....	110.00
Goldfous BC, Winston-Salem, NC.....	25.00
Grace BC, Beattyville, KY.....	100.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH.....	100.00
Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI.....	470.00
Hardman Fork BC, Normantown, WV.....	1,800.00
Hatcher, John & Alta, Clermont, FL (Giving Friends).....	30.00
Hatcher, Philip, Newburgh, IN (Giving Friend).....	300.00
Hemley, A.J. & Barbara, Caragatutaba, Brazil (Giving Friends).....	60.00
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY.....	1,333.00
Jones, Michael, Cincinnati, OH (Giving Friend).....	50.00
Jordan BC, Sanford, FL.....	60.00
Kahut, Donald, Xenia, OH (Giving Friend).....	100.00
Keen, Victor & Leanne, Chester, NJ (Giving Friends).....	250.00
Kentucky Giving Friends.....	350.00
Lake Road BC, Chio, MI.....	276.35
Liberty Missionary BC, Spencer, WV.....	135.00
Lutman, Kathleen, Bedford, TX (Giving Friend).....	500.00
Matthews Memorial Church, Stevenson, AL.....	50.00
Morris, Byron & Alma, Wichita, KS (Giving Friends).....	100.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV.....	700.00
Mt. Pugh BC, Grafton, OH.....	200.00
Mt. Pugh Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Donors BC).....	230.00
New Hope BC, Dearborn Heights, MI.....	385.00
New Life BC, Lexington, KY.....	435.00
Oak Grove BC, Normantown, WV.....	200.00
Park Ridge BC, Gotha, FL.....	899.73
Redding, Warren & Barbara, Cumming, GA (Giving Friends).....	200.00
Rocky Springs Missionary BC, Gray, TN.....	100.00
Rosedale BC, Rosedale, WV.....	2,000.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN.....	120.00
Storms Creek Missionary BC, Ironton, OH.....	4,040.13
Storms Creek Missionary BC, Ironton, OH.....	1,892.22
Thompson Road BC, Lexington, KY.....	755.00
Union BC, Russell Springs, KY.....	50.00
Valley View BC, Richmond, KY.....	10.00
Watkins, Bert, Richmond, KY.....	65.00
Whaley, Lois, Winston-Salem, NC (Giving Friend).....	210.00
Wood, Nere, Columbia, SC (Giving Friend).....	200.00
York, Doris, Princeton, KY (Giving Friend).....	200.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 30,499.90

IN MEMORIAM

Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY.....	<i>Jim Huckabee</i> 100.00
Overbey, Dale & Doris, Valparaiso, IN.....	<i>R.P. Hallam</i> 100.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 200.00

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY.....	200.00
Hillcrest BC, Winston-Salem, NC.....	50.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 250.00

H.J. OVERBEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Storms Creek Missionary BC, Ironton, OH.....	200.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 200.00

BIBLES FOR INDIA (Louis A. Maple Memorial Fund)

Beasley, James, Ashland City, TN.....	18.00
Bible BC, Radcliff, KY.....	12.20
Bialy, Gregory & Elaine, Harrison, TN.....	10.00
Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY.....	10.00
Gethsemane BC, Taylor, MI.....	70.00
Highland Chapel BC, Cedar Hill, TN.....	25.00
Hogan, Billy & Betty, Ashland City, TN.....	35.00
Jones, Brandon, Sterling Heights, MI.....	1.00
Jones, Robert & Sue, Harrison, TN.....	100.00
Lake Road BC, Chio, MI.....	90.00
Ojibwe BC, Rosebush, MI.....	60.00
Reese, Patty Lou, Mount Vernon, KY.....	80.00
Reynolds, Floyd & Beula, Cedar Hill, TN.....	100.00
River City BC, Louisville, KY.....	50.00
Roberts, Mike & Joyce, Joliet, TN.....	10.00
Tabernacle BC, Nicholasville, KY.....	1,387.00
Wampler, Martha, Lexington, KY.....	25.00
Weitz, Michael & Linda, Cincinnati, OH.....	30.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 2,113.20

ODALI BARROS

Adams, William & Arbia, Lexington, KY.....	As Needed 50.00
Addyston BC, Addyston, OH.....	100.00
Adams, William & Arbia, Lexington, KY.....	As Needed 100.00
Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY.....	As Needed 50.00

Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL.....	Personal 207.00
Cole, Michael, Columbia, TN.....	300.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC.....	As Needed 80.00
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY.....	AKO 15.00
Hillcrest BC, Winston-Salem, NC.....	50.00
Liberty Missionary BC, Spencer, WV.....	AKO 25.00
McKinley, Carl & Julia, Coala, KY.....	10.00
Trumbo, Floyd & Flora, Upton, KY.....	200.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 1,187.00

MICHAEL CREIGLOW

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH.....	New Work 100.00
Bible BC, Clarksville, TN.....	325.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL.....	Personal 200.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL.....	Andrew Creiglow 157.00
Calvary BC, Richmond, KY.....	Andrew Creiglow 100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC.....	As Needed 80.00
Elliott BC, Grenada, MS.....	Food Pantry 197.96
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH.....	50.00
Faith Missionary BC, Leighton, AL.....	200.00
Faith Missionary BC, Leighton, AL.....	Special Offering 100.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH.....	50.00
Pleasant Ridge BC, Lexington, KY.....	Personal 300.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN.....	50.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 1,909.96

JOHNA HATCHER

Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL.....	Personal 100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC.....	As Needed 80.00
Friendship BC, Bristol, VA.....	50.00
Storms Creek Missionary BC, Ironton, OH.....	Marie 300.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 530.00

PAUL HATCHER

Concord BC, Leesville, SC.....	Seminary Manus 80.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH.....	50.00
Guthrie, Larry, Athens, GA.....	Michael Samples 100.00
Life Church Of Athens, Athens, GA.....	Michael Samples 250.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV.....	Mission Team 100.00
Trinity-Northbrook BC, Cincinnati, OH.....	Seminary Manus 40.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 620.00

JUDSON HATCHER

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH.....	70.00
Friendship BC, Bristol, VA.....	50.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH.....	100.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 220.00

JOHN MARK HATCHER

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH.....	100.00
Anonymous Giving Friend.....	Personal 50.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC.....	As Needed 80.00
Emmanuel BC, Evansville, IN.....	Personal 450.00
Evans, James & Carolyn, Evansville, IN.....	Personal 100.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH.....	50.00
Lutman, Kathleen, Bedford, TX.....	As Needed 100.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV.....	100.00
Shofner, Frank & Sylvia, Evansville, IN.....	Personal 180.00
Trabant, Michelle, Chandler, IN.....	Personal 130.00
Warren, John & Vickie, Evansville, IN.....	50.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 1,390.00

A.J. HENSLEY

Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY.....	As Needed 50.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL.....	Personal 50.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC.....	As Needed 80.00
Davis, Charlie, Lexington, KY.....	Special Projects 4,500.00
Elliott BC, Elliott, MS.....	197.96
Gerth, Arthur & Brenda, Versailles, KY.....	As Needed 30.00
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY.....	15.00
Immanuel BC, Monticello, KY.....	School 75.00
Joiner, Charles & Kandace, Centerville, GA.....	Vocational 50.00
Leat, Margaret, Lexington, KY.....	Personal 25.00
Mt. Eden BC, Hawesville, KY.....	150.00
Pleasant Ridge BC, Lexington, KY.....	Personal 300.00
Poe, Dane & Connie, Lexington, KY.....	New Work 100.00
Rightway Drywall Inc, Macon, GA.....	Personal 1,400.00
Second BC, Warner Robins, GA.....	200.00
Suburban Christian Church, Virginia Beach, VA.....	Special Projects 416.00
Thompson, Paul & Virginia, Winchester, KY.....	Feed The Kids 100.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 7,738.96

NATHAN RADFORD

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH.....	100.00
Addyston BC, Addyston, OH.....	Carnie Radford 25.00
Anonymous.....	300.00
Anonymous.....	400.00
Bible BC, Belva, WV.....	40.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL.....	Personal 57.00
Bush, Dale & Pamela, Richmond, KY.....	Where Needed 50.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC.....	As Needed 80.00
Cullen, Tom & Laura, Letart, WV.....	50.00
Danielson, Betty, Titusville, PA.....	40.00
Elizabeth BC, Bancroft, WV.....	200.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH.....	100.00

Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH.....	As Needed 200.00
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV.....	100.00
Faith BC, Wilmington, OH.....	133.33
First BC Of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV.....	60.00
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV.....	150.00
Gibbs, Rolland & Constance, Letart, WV.....	25.00
God's Lighthouse Church, Cross Lanes, WV.....	100.00
Grace Missionary BC, Surgoinsville, TN.....	50.00
Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI.....	150.00
Harper, David, Concord, NC.....	25.00
Harrah, Tryone & Loretta, Cross Lanes, WV.....	50.00
Huguenin, Ben, Mt. Airy, MD.....	40.00
Jordan BC, Sanford, FL.....	200.00
Lauffenburger, Fred & Mary, Youngville, PA.....	150.00
Leavinsburg BC, Warren, OH.....	165.00
Lemkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV.....	10.00
Lewis, Lowell & Sue, Milton, WV.....	25.00
Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV.....	200.00
Lloyd, Billy & Sharon, Letart, WV.....	Hospital Ministry 100.00
Lloyd, J.T. & Heather, New Haven, WV.....	145.00
Matheny, Charles, New Port Richey, FL.....	Personal 40.00
Matheny, Charles, New Port Richey, FL.....	Hospital Ministry 10.00
Messing, Jacqueline, Grand Rapids, MI.....	75.00

Messing, Jacqueline, Grand Rapids, MI.....	Christmas Gift 50.00
Mitchell, Matthew & Holly, Ossian, IN.....	150.00
Nizzo, James & Victoria, Dearborn, MI.....	35.00
Oakville Community Church, Wapello, IA.....	150.00
Parker, Steven, Burlington, IA.....	10.00
Ripley Tabernacle BC, Ripley, WV.....	50.00
Rollins, David & Patricia, Hurricane, WV.....	50.00
Sahler, William & Janet, Coopersville, MI.....	Gift 50.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN.....	50.00
Sheriff, Richard & Laurie, Clarendon, PA.....	100.00
Standle BC, Grand Rapids, MI.....	600.00
Standle BC, Grand Rapids, MI.....	Christmas Gift 325.00
Teays Valley BC, Hurricane, WV.....	100.00
Victory BC, Charleston, WV.....	100.00
Wade, James, Abingdon, VA.....	50.00
Wells, James & Jill, Nitro, WV.....	Where Needed 50.00
Wright, Randy & Teresa, Hurricane, WV.....	138.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 5,703.33

SHERIDAN STANTON

Concord BC, Leesville, SC.....	As Needed 80.00
Elliott BC, Grenada, MS.....	As Needed 100.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 180.00

ROGER TATE

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH.....	100.00
Anonymous.....	Personal 200.00
Anonymous.....	400.00
Avram, Sharon, West Branch, MI.....	30.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL.....	Personal 100.00
Calvary BC, Piqua, OH.....	50.00
Calvary BC, West Branch, MI.....	375.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC.....	As Needed 80.00
Cornerstone BC, Cincinnati, OH.....	100.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH.....	500.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH.....	As Needed 460.00
Emmanuel Missionary BC, Oldtown, KY.....	Personal 100.00
First BC Of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV.....	60.00
Geister, Robert & Marian, Alger, MI.....	Personal 25.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH.....	50.00
Hillcrest BC, Winston-Salem, NC.....	50.00
Liberty Missionary BC, Spencer, WV.....	25.00
Messer, Jason, Dayton, OH.....	Personal 100.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV.....	100.00
Richland BC, Livermore, KY.....	As Needed 100.00
Rosedale BC, Rosedale, WV.....	As Needed 400.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN.....	150.00
Skidway Lake BC, Prescott, MI.....	50.00
Technique, Whit, West Branch, MI.....	25.00
Union BC, Englewood, OH.....	100.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 3,730.00

BOBBY WACASER

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH.....	100.00
Bell Shoals BC, Brandon, FL.....	New Work 500.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL.....	Personal 250.00
Calvary BC, Piqua, OH.....	50.00
Christmas, Bruce, Lithia, FL.....	100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC.....	As Needed 80.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH.....	50.00
Fellowship BC, Brinson, GA.....	83.33
Flores, Esther, Valrico, FL.....	Proyecto Vida 25.00
Friendship BC, Bristol, VA.....	50.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV.....	100.00
Renckens, Kevin, Brandon, FL.....	Proyecto Vida 200.00
Richland BC, Livermore, KY.....	As Needed 150.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 1,738.33

GRAND TOTAL.....\$ 58,210.68

"...for all things come from You,
and of Your own have we given You."
- 1 Chronicles 29:14 -



HENSLEY (from page 3)

Dr. David Grantham, Pr. Jason Hamblin, Pastor Tim Price and Dr. Louann Purcell (she will be bringing studies to the Pastors' wives) and their Churches. We see this Conference as one more way of reaching Brasil with the gospel. How AWESOME!!!!

Pray for Barb and I as when this Pastors Conference is over we will be coming back to the States for more Dr. appointments and possibly some treatment. Thanks in advance for your prayers. Thanks for your financial help and thanks for your encouragement. We need all three of these things to do God's work here in Caragatutaba, Brasil.

If you would like to see your mission dollars at work, come to Caragatutaba and we will introduce you to the work that God is doing here. Come on down!!!!

In His service,
Aj and Barbara

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Let Thanksgiving become Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving only becomes *thanksgiving* when the thanks for His vertical, coming-down grace—is expressed as a horizontal, reaching-out grace.

[A. Voskamp]

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