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December 13, 2022

Dear Brethren,

It has been a while since I have reported to you. My bad. Over the past three months it seems that I have been ill more than well. In and out of the doctors' offices regularly. Even had some pretty serious surgery. Not an excuse. Not a complaint. Just letting you know that my motivation is pretty low right now. There is plenty to celebrate though, so here goes.

We have a young man in our church who owns an air taxi company (2 planes. His dad started the company). Ismael flies us on some of our mission trips to more remote locations. We pay just the gas. He took me and 3 of my guys to visit our missions at Santa Rosa do Purús and Jordão. These are the two most remote and isolated cities of the 22 official municipalities (counties) of the State of Acre. We have sent already sent missionaries to all of the towns that had no Baptist church.

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Our trip covered about 1200 miles. This took just a few hours of travel time. I can reach both towns by trailering my boat then going up two different rivers. This would take a combined 68 hours just of travel time. Our work has expanded so far that the plane is a life saver.

At the same time that I was baptizing at Jordão, our home church also added 15 more members by baptism.

In mid-November I held a three-day meeting for our church at Assis Brazil. It was their 60th anniversary celebration. Dad organized this church on November 15, 1962. Originally the church was located beside the lake at Humaitá do Moa. Later they moved to terra firma inland at Assis Brasil. They are in a beautiful and big new building. They have a vibrant mission work, too. Five children were saved on Sunday night. I waited until the last night of the meeting to reveal that I was the musician who played my accordion for the organization service 60 years ago. If I had told them that prior to the meeting they would have tried to convince me to play again now. Fortunately, none of us were subjected to that torture! The meeting ended well.

Thanks for all of your prayers and



Ismael, his plane, my mission team plus Missionary Lucas and his daughter Ester at the airport in Santa Rosa do Purús, Acre



Baptizing 7 people in the Tarauacá River

support. God bless you as much as He has us.

In Christ,  
Mike Creiglow



*View more pictures from Mike Creiglow's recent mission trips on page 4*



*"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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May God give them wisdom and discernment  
as they prayerfully make decisions.

## SEEKERS IN BIBLE STUDIES

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in  
Christ,

Judy and I are grateful for your support and the prayers. If you have prayed for the Bible study at L'Union, you will be glad to know that your prayers are being answered. We are very encouraged by the interest shown in the meetings. The hostess, Blandine and her son, Kerwan, are believers who know the Scriptures well. They are great participants helping their friends understand what we are reading. The others are not believers, have practically no knowledge of the Bible, but are clearly seeking. God has opened great doors of friendship with each of them. We started with the first few chapters of Genesis and are now slowly working our way through the Gospel of John. Please continue to pray for these studies and the seekers who are there.

The other Bible studies are also going quite well. The one at Mazere is made up of 10 individuals from very different backgrounds who all profess faith in Christ. They range in age from mid-forties to mid-seventies. We are presently studying the book of Ruth. The long-term plan is to study the Old Testament passages that tell about the women who are specifically mentioned in the genealogy of Christ in the opening verses of the Gospel of Matthew. This group is a mixture of people with an outstanding knowledge of the Bible and some who have a ways to go.

The Bible Study in Cam-pagne-sur-Arize is four people from our church, and Laure and Henri, a couple who are believers with very little knowledge of the Scriptures. Judy teaches this couple's children while the adults study.

We are also delighted with new contacts that God has given and we look forward to what He will do in the days ahead.

**"We have been  
here for an entire  
generation and  
there is still much to  
be done! So, keep  
praying!"**

**- John Mark Hatcher -**

A bit of trivia to remind us that the time is short and that we "must work while it is yet day." Judy and I met the parents of Blandine (lady who hosts the first Bible study mentioned above) when we first came to France. It dawned on me this week that she is the same age now as her parents were when we first met them. We have been here for an entire generation and there is still much to be done! So, keep praying!

Your co-laborers in Christ,  
Judy and John

## Legacy Library

We are pleased to announce the completion of what has probably been a 10-year journey: making available to you for public access and viewing the digital copies of our BFM newsletter, *The Mission Sheets*, from the very first mimeographed offering report to the present.

For decades [indeed from 1942], the paper copies for the Mission Sheets had been faithfully kept, preserved, and stored in Brother Hafford Overbey's homes and garage. Several years ago, Bobby Creiglow and Darrell Messer took it upon themselves to go through all those old file cabinets and boxes and separate all the individual issues by the month and year and group them in chronological, successive order.

Then came the task of having them digitized. We searched for how it could be done and who could do it for us. After reaching several dead-end conversations with public vendors, the Lord brought us into contact with Doug Brook, a faithful servant in Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook OH where Darrell Messer pastors. Doug performed the service of scanning and digitizing each issue and storing them in order – and even transferred the files to our Dropbox. But they were still out of sight for public access and viewing.

So Lauren Pyles has now completed the transition of all those digital files to our website! We call it our Legacy Library.

Here is the link to that page: <https://www.bfmnow.org/legacy-library/> (or scan the QR code to the right). ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ or you can to our website <https://www.bfmnow.org/> and click on "Our History" in the top menu bar and go to "Legacy Library."

We pray that these records will continue to serve as a public witness and testimony to God's faithfulness to us and inspire us to continue to reach the ever-changing new generations of those who must hear the Gospel of God's salvation in Jesus Christ!



# WELCOMING 2023



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Dear Friends,

I'm writing letter this on the last day of 2022. Throughout the past year I was baffled at how often I heard people, even some professing to be Christians, murmuring about how bad 2020, 2021, and 2022 were. For two main reasons I could not and would not join in with them: 1- No matter what the circumstances, we know that our great and good God is in control and is orchestrating them all for our benefit and His glory, and 2- When we looked back at those three years, we noticed that all of our ministries and most of our personal experiences were greater than or as great as any in our lives. So, if 2023 is anything like the last three, we welcome it with welcome arms.

I just received news from our missionaries in Portugal, Yago and Manoela. They are very excited about the opportunities they are having to share the love of Christ. They pray daily for wisdom and discernment from the Lord so that they will

recognize the best timing and ways to gain a hearing from their Portuguese neighbors and acquaintances. They have already had several chances to do that and continue to look for more. Our church members pray for them and keep in touch through social media. We trust that in God's perfect timing He will use them to win many lost Portuguese people to salvation in Christ.

Two weeks ago we closed a contract on the new and larger building where we are moving our church services. We will be able to have the whole congregation together at one time and we'll be able to host larger events for evangelism. Our members seem to be enthusiastic and voted almost unanimously to make the move. Early this month we'll be moving our equipment and in the first week of February we should have our first service at the new location. There will be some big challenges in the remodeling process, but the Lord has given us a peaceful assurance that this the right direction for us.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. May the Lord bless you in this new year.

In Christ,

Bobby & Charlene Wacaser

# WAYS TO PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES IN 2023

adapted from SEND International

"Brethren, PRAY FOR US!" 1 Thessalonians 5:25

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

Sunday

Consistent times of prayer and learning from Scripture  
Meaningful worship and fellowship times  
Growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ  
Commitment to the purpose of their ministry

## MINISTRY

Monday

A work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of unbelievers  
Boldness to share Jesus  
Evangelistic contacts & ministry opportunities  
Multiplication and health of the churches  
Wisdom in the use of time, resources, & energy

## FAMILY

Tuesday

Strong marriage  
Needs of children  
Support from family at home  
An example for believers and unbelievers

## RELATIONSHIPS

Wednesday

Genuine interpersonal relationships  
Willingness to listen  
Wisdom to confront in a loving way  
Accountability

## PLACE OF RESIDENCE

Thursday

Political and economic situation  
Growth of God's Kingdom  
Visas and continued residency  
Safety

## ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE

Friday

Diligence in life-long language study  
Friends to help with language and culture  
Willingness to engage with people  
even when language is weak  
Cultural sensitivity

## PHYSICAL NEEDS

Saturday

Health, safety, medical care  
Emotional stability  
Housing, schooling, transportation  
Contentment in all things



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## #BFMnext

NEXT-GENERATION  
CHURCH PLANTERS IN BRAZIL**Idevaldo, Queila and Family (Jordão)**

"Idevaldo and Queila have been at Jordão for 6 or 7 years now. They just finished their brand new building. All services had between 60 and 70 people. There were 4 professions of faith." -Mike Creiglow (see page 1)

**Church-Planting Ministry in Succession**

These missionary families were sent out by First Baptist Church in Cruzeiro do Sul, which was organized by the very first BFM missionary, Bro. Joseph Brandon in 1929, and Bro. Mike Creiglow has pastored since 1978.

These missionaries have been sent to the two most remote and isolated cities of the 22 official municipalities (counties) of the State of Acre.

We are always encouraged to see how God is moving in the hearts of the next generation and how He is at work in them and through them. Pray that the Lord would continue to raise up mighty young men and women in His service.

*"We will not hide them from their children,  
Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD,  
And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done."  
Psalm 78:4*

Any time you see the #BFMnext hashtag on our social media posts, we are recognizing how the Lord is using the next generation for His glory.

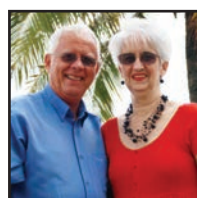
**Lucas, Diana and Ester (Santa Rosa)**

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*New building at Jordão*



## PLANS FOR 2023



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December 12, 2022

Dear friends and family,

Hope this letter finds all in good health and looking forward to the holidays. This time of year is a good time for reflections on what has been accomplished for God. Nevertheless, none of this could have been accomplished this year nor in the past years without everyone's help, prayers, contributions, and encouragement!

What an AWESOME privilege it is to be a missionary representative of Baptist Faith Missions on the field in Brazil. Seeing lives changed, churches started, ministers encouraged, and seminary classes completed (first graduation for the Masters of Arts in Biblical studies), all we can say is how AWESOME is the Lord and Savior we serve—Jesus Christ. It is just a privilege to be a part of this work.

We will be traveling in January to start the planning for expanding the outreach of Bluegrass Baptist Seminary. Our goal for the coming year is to reach other regions outside of the state of São

Paulo. We have been talking to Pastors in two churches and reacquainting ourselves with another Pastor who was going to join with us before COVID. Also, we will be starting an online class with full accreditation. So please continue to pray for us and the Seminary and pray for us as we continue to equip the saints in Brazil to build God's kingdom through a deeper understanding of His truth in the Scriptures.

Once more, THANK you and God bless you for your faithfulness serving alongside us here in Brazil.

In His service,  
Aj and Barbara Hensley



Time with Grandkids

## BLESSINGS IN DECEMBER



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hope that all of you have had a blessed year. God has been wonderful and things here are going well. The year went by so fast. It's hard to believe it is December. God gave us the opportunity to visit our children in the USA. We are thankful for the people that God prepared to help with the works here while we are traveling. The new couple that is helping in the village of Ubim has really been a blessing. They are getting more and more involved with the youth. They are giving music classes to those teens that are interested. At the mother church, we are trying to reach out to the areas that have no churches nearby. Pray that God will guide us and

When we arrived in the United States, our son Zinho picked us up in Florida. On our way up to Evansville, we realized we would be going by Lexington at the time of Sunday School. So, we decided to make a surprise for our dear



Music Lessons in Ubim



Surprising the Wainrights

open more doors. Also, for next year, we plan on doing some river ministry. Pray that God will direct us and send the help we will need.

friend, Pastor Steve Wainright, and his members. What a wonderful moment. We would love to see more people, but our trip is short.

The time we are having with our children and grandkids has been wonderful.

God bless each of you dear friends and supporters.

Love,  
Odali & Kathy



# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE NATHAN RADFORD FAMILY

**From: Pastor Aaron Karr / Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane WV**  
**Re: Nathan & Carrie Radford Family**

Dear Baptist Faith Missions Directors, supporters, and especially supporters of the Nathan and Carrie Radford family:  
 As the sending Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane WV, I wish to express my deep love and concern for Nathan, Carrie, and their two daughters. I thank God for them and for their many years of service in Kenya, Africa, a country that is extremely difficult to minister in.

Nathan grew up here at Calvary Baptist Church, and we love the Radfords' heart for missions. As missionaries, they left everything behind and committed to serving the Lord in a most difficult field.

As their Pastor and a former missionary to Peru myself, I know ministry can, and does, very often take a tremendous toll in many ways on God's servants. About a year ago, I sensed there was something amiss in Nathan's updates and had an urging from the Holy Spirit that I needed to check up on the Radford family. It didn't take long for me to recognize that there were severe emotional problems going on, and that a major spiritual battle was taking place. It was clear that there were some serious issues with depression, anxiety, and loss of ministry direction.

I/we were faced with many decisions as to what to do and how to help them. We are keenly aware that the Radfords have been serving in Kenya for 17 years—well past the typical missionary tenure. Those years appear to have taken a heavy, multi-faceted toll on the Radford family.

As the Pastor of their sending church, I recognized the signs of spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental stresses/breakdowns. Having personally experienced these issues, even to the point of having to return from the mission field myself, I know what to look for and what needs to be done to help the person and family and get them the assistance they need in all areas of their lives.

After much communication with the Radfords, as well as much prayer and counsel from godly people, the leadership of Calvary Baptist Church and I made the decision that we needed to bring the Radfords back to the U.S. in order for them to receive help to address all the areas mentioned above. They are in need of physical, spiritual, mental, and emotional rest and renewal, as well as lots of love, and we at Calvary Baptist Church plan to give them what they need. We are committed to stand with them, support and encourage them, minister to them, and help them in every way they need it for as long as it takes for them to be restored to a measure of spiritual, personal, and family wholeness.

This has been solely the decision of their sending church, Calvary Baptist Church, and it has been done with much prayer, love, and concern for the family. I have contacted the Directors of BFM and let them know the plans of Calvary Baptist Church: to bring the Radfords home and get them the support they very much need. Therefore, we, as the Pastor and leadership team of Calvary Baptist Church, are recommending that the Radford family's future missionary service and return to the field be put on hold indefinitely.

What the future holds for them is in the Lord's hands, and they desire to discover and follow the next steps the Lord has for them when they, as a family, are ready.

Please pray for these needs to be met and for them to experience the blessings and wisdom of the Lord in this next chapter of their lives and service to Christ. And please pray also for us as we seek to minister God's Grace to them.

In His Grip,

*Aaron Karr*

Pastor Aaron Karr

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**From: Directors of Baptist Faith Missions**

**Re: Calvary Baptist Church statement re: their missionaries, Nathan & Carrie Radford**

We, the Directors of Baptist Faith Missions, have received the accompanying announcement from Pastor Aaron Karr and Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane WV, concerning their missionaries, Nathan and Carrie Radford.

Calvary is their sending church, and Pastor Aaron is Senior Pastor of the church.

We, BFM Directors, wish to express our full agreement and support for Calvary Baptist Church's decision to have Nathan and their family return to the States. We, too, have shared their same concerns for quite some time. Everything Calvary has done and all the ways they have done it have been in the very best interests of the Radford family.

Also, we wish to commend Pastor Aaron for the ways in which he has conducted all the correspondences and actions leading up to this decision. He has expressed himself in every way, not only as their Pastor, but as their brother in Christ and personal friend. He has shown tender sensitivities, Christian sympathy, and gracious support in every way for Nathan, Carrie, and their daughters. We are confident in saying that we don't believe it could have been handled in a more compassionate, understanding, and Christ-like spirit and manner.

This gives us an opportunity to reiterate and highlight how Baptist Faith Missions cooperates and serves in partnership with sending churches. Baptist Faith Missions does not call, ordain, or send missionaries. All of these activities are conducted under the authority of New Testament Baptist churches in fulfillment of Christ's Great Commission (Matthew 28.18-20). The missionaries continue to serve under the authority of their sending churches, and their primary accountability is to their sending churches.

What Baptist Faith Missions does is to partner with the sending church. We agree to appeal for and facilitate the administration of support funds from other churches and individuals who wish to support the missionaries who are sent by their churches.

This is what we have done in partnership with Calvary Baptist Church during the time Nathan and his family have been missionaries in Kitale, Kenya. Now, we stand with them in their decision to help and minister to Nathan and his family by asking them to return to the States.

We fully understand that Nathan and Carrie will be going through some transitions over the next months as they assimilate and acclimate back into living here in the States. It will take some time for them to make arrangements for employment, housing, and the other essential needs of life for their family.

Therefore, Baptist Faith Missions has agreed with Calvary Baptist Church that we will continue to administer their support funds as we are now doing for the next six months: January-June 2023. This will include their salary and housing allowance plus paying the full premium for their medical insurance. Also we will continue to forward to them the designated contributions their supporters send them. This is what we have done all the years they have partnered with Baptist Faith Missions, what we are doing now, and we will continue that for the next six months.

We wish to express our continuing love for Nathan, Carrie, McKenna, and Camille, and we commit to be praying for them while they make these transitions back into Stateside life and ministry in their home church.

*The Directors of Baptist Faith Missions*

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We pray and hope you will.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

"As Christians, we are called not simply to sit and learn but to grow and go, to fish and feed."

*-Alistair Begg*

"If we had to preach to thousands year after year, and never rescued but one soul, that one soul would be a full reward for all our labor, for a soul is of countless price."

*-Charles H. Spurgeon*

"We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God."

*-John Stott*

"The future is as bright as the faithfulness of God."

*-Elisabeth Elliot*

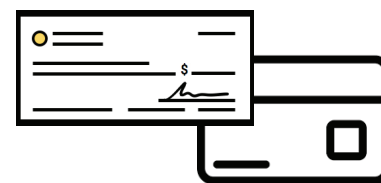
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**JUDSON & RAQUEL HATCHER**



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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,  
Lack of faith.

Lack of faith is my trouble. When something terrible happens this week, my first reaction is "Why God?" Why did that horrible thing have to happen? Why, if you love me, did you allow that, when you could have changed it?

Lack of faith is my trouble. Why God, is my life like this? This is not what I designed for myself. I want my mind to think differently, and, God, I've asked you for help to trust. Why don't you help me?

Lack of faith is my trouble. Why, God, does your Word not work for me the way that it works for others? Why do they find such comfort in it while I only struggle? Why do others find faith while I doubt?

Do you know what is interesting, though (for this newsletter)? I find the faith of Kenyan believers astounding.

Roger: "You have no money and no job. How are you going to provide for your family?"

Kenyan believer: "I don't know. But God will feed us."

Roger: "You have no income, no savings, and no friends with resources, and no plans. How are you going to pay your school fees?"

Kenyan believer: "I don't know. But God wants me to go to this school and so he will provide my school fees."

Roger: "Your husband has died after a long sickness. The hospital is demanding money. The mortuary won't release his body until you pay. He was the only one with an income. What are you going to do?"

Kenyan believer: "I don't know. I will trust in God."

We are all in school together, my Kenyan students and me. We are all trying to learn God and learn



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God's ways together. Our faith, theirs and mine, are constantly being stretched at the same time, but sometimes in different ways.

I have a lot of Biblical knowledge after years of study and I hopefully have a little wisdom from trying to apply that Biblical knowledge to everyday life for many years. I have a lot I can teach them. They have a simple faith (not a simplistic faith) that trusts God against reason, and joyfully. They have a lot they can teach me.

We are approaching the Christmas season. In Kenya, December is pretty much just like any other month of the year. Christmas consists of about three days for most Kenyans. Day 1: Travel back to your birthplace/homeplace. Day 2: Celebrate Christmas with your family by eating some roasted goat. Day 3: Travel back home. Whether we are rush-rush in the United States or eating goat in Kenya, may we all come and adore the King, our Savior, Jesus.

Joy to the world.  
Blessings to all,  
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