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January 29, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are thankful to our Lord for all the things He has blessed us with. The beginning of the new year is going well. We are working to get more people involved in the church and ministries. The couple that is helping at the village of Ubim is doing great. The church had a bus that was not being used. So, the couple is bringing the people from Ubim to the mother church once or twice a week. The teens there have enjoyed coming.

This month the main church is working on building a wall around the church. We are doing it as a church group project. Everyone is helping as they can: cooking, digging, mixing concrete, or carrying bricks.

The only problems that we have had are our cars. They love the mechanic's shop. We pray that this time they will get fixed. We

found a new mechanic that is very careful with his work. Pray that all will go well. Kathy has planned some visits with some of the women of the church but has not been able to go. Since there is not cellphone signal everywhere here, it is dangerous to be on the roads.

Another project we have is a camp to have to use for the ministry. In these villages, there is nothing for the kids to do, but lots of drugs. So, we want to build a camp where we can have lots of activities for the kids, teens, and adults. We have started clean-



ing the area and opening the area to build the dorms. Pray with us that all goes as God has planned for us.

Thanks for all your love and support. God bless each of you!  
Odali and Kathy Barros

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

## OPPORTUNITIES IN A NEW SEMESTER

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Greetings in the name of Jesus  
Christ,I pray all of you had a wonder-  
ful and Christ-filled Christmas  
season. God is so good to all of  
us (all of His children) and we  
praise Him for the gift of His Son  
that brings us redemption and  
salvation. I am learning that God  
is good and that I complain too  
much.All of my students were gone  
for the month of December – to  
rest, to spend time with family,  
and to celebrate the birth of the  
Son of God. So, while I was not  
in the classroom for the month  
of December, I was certainly  
not idle. I spent the month of  
December preparing for the two  
classes I will teach starting in  
January. I am very excited about  
both classes. I have the opportu-  
nity to teach Basic Theology and  
New Testament Survey to eager  
and excited Kenya students. I am  
excited about this term because  
of these two courses. These are  
important things for Bible stu-  
dents and future church leaders  
to learn and study. What a grand  
opportunity to instill into future  
Kenyan pastors and church lead-  
ers some of the wisdom I have  
gleaned from God's Word so that  
they can take the Word of God  
back to their own people and  
minister to them in Jesus' Name.  
I pray that some of them will  
even be so moved by the Holy  
Spirit that they take the gospel  
message even beyond their  
own people to other unreachedpeoples of Kenya and the sur-  
rounding countries. Lord, thank  
You that I get to entrust to others  
what little I know. May they take  
Your Word to all people and may  
Your Kingdom grow mightily in  
this place. May the gospel of Your  
Son be known and may He be  
loved and followed by all of Your  
beloved Kenyan people.One of my new students this  
term is Daniel T. I am giving you  
Daniel's English name because,  
honestly, I cannot pronounce  
or spell his given name or his  
family name. Daniel is from the  
world's newest country – South  
Sudan. South Sudan recently  
received independence from  
Sudan, which is a predomi-  
nantly Muslim country. South  
Sudan is a challenging place to  
live – Very hot, very dry, not  
much water, impoverished, lots  
of persecution. I would cherish  
the opportunity to visit there  
some day and to share and teach  
the gospel. I have only met a  
few South Sudanese people,  
but those I have met have left  
a lasting impression upon me.  
Not only are they always happy  
and smiling but the few that  
I have met have a big passion  
for taking the gospel of Jesus to  
their people. Daniel is no differ-  
ent. He is married and has two  
children, but he leaves them for  
three months at a time to come  
to Kenya and learn the Bible. I  
personally do not recommend  
doing that, but he wants to min-  
ister the gospel to his suffering  
people. Lord, may You bless  
Daniel for his sacrifices. Lord,  
keep his passion for Jesus big  
and his heart for Your Kingdom  
and his Sudanese people large.  
Protect him, his family, and his  
people from all enemies of thegospel and entrust to him a great  
ministry, empowered by Your Holy  
Spirit.Another of my roles at the  
school is to serve as the Finance  
Manager. I usually have a pleth-  
ora of students coming through  
my door to sit and talk with me  
about their finances. Most face  
great challenges in paying their  
fees and I have great compassion  
for them. As I have mentioned in  
previous newsletters, the financial  
challenges that face most Kenyans  
are very great. Most that come in  
to talk with me are at the end of  
their rope. I cry with them. I pray  
with them. I teach them Biblical  
financial principles. I help them  
work through various plans to  
assist them with their finances.  
This is very challenging for me  
too but it is a crucial part of their  
learning. Milkah is a student I  
counseled this week. A church  
leader had promised to sponsor  
her and pay for her schooling but  
has now backed out of that com-  
mitment. He told her to focus on  
her studies and not to worry about  
fees. Now, she is in crisis mode  
because she did what he advised.  
She sobbed into her handkerchief  
as she sat in my office. I cried with  
her and counseled her. I prayed  
with her that God would provide  
for her needs, even if it took a mir-  
acle. I helped her think through  
her financial situation and we are  
working through a plan. Lord,  
bless Milkah. Replace her stress  
and anxiety with peace and trust.  
Bless her efforts to raise the money  
she needs. And when You provide  
her with the finances she needs  
we will stop and thank You and  
praise You for goodness towards  
Your children.

Blessings to all,

Roger, Julie &amp; Chloe



## EDSON GRADUATES FROM VETERINARY SCHOOL



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January 29, 2023

It has been a very busy month. To say it has been a blessing would be an understatement. We have had a house full of visitors: our children, their spouses, and our GRANDchildren. Mary Katherine and Walmir, and their two daughters Chelsea and Ashley; Bryan Keith and Jill, and their daughter Briley. All our children and grandchildren at one time! Oh, how blessed we have been. Oh, how AWESOME is the Lord and SAVIOR we serve.

I had forgotten how busy things can get when you are trying to keep up with three young children (ages 12, 14 and 15) and all the places they want to see together. Bryan and family only got to be with us for one week, but Mary and family were able to stay for three weeks. After their departure, the house seemed so lonely.

So, we left for our trip to Brazil. It was a twofold trip. We were to visit some of the pastors there about the seminary and attend the graduation of Edson Martins. We were on nonstop appointments with five pastors, explaining the new ways that we will be teaching at the Seminary and the use of the internet. Our time in Brazil also included around 3,000 miles of travel into four different cities and two states: São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

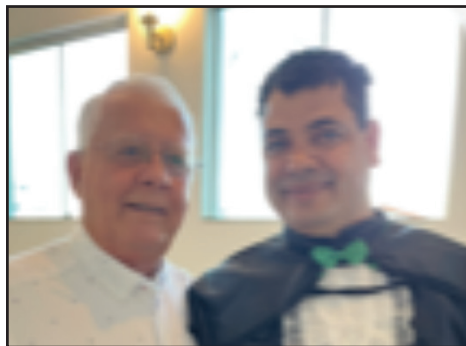
The highlight of our trip has been the graduation of Edson,

that we, as his adopted parents, were to be there. He came to the orphanage at the age of eight or nine. We have been able to see what God can do in the lives of those who will accept Him and put Him first in their lives. This young man went from a street kid to now being called a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Again, the word to describe this can only be AWESOME.

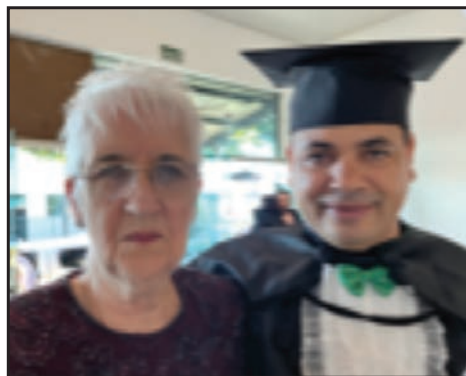
So, thank You, Lord, for putting Edson in our lives. And thank You for walking with him through all these years while in school.

Thanks to BFM for sending missionaries to the mission fields to carry the good news to the people in other countries so we can see the miracles that God can do there and everywhere. God is AWESOME every time.

In His service,  
Aj and Barbara



AJ & Edson



Barbara & Edson

## NEW FRIENDSHIPS



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Dear Fellow Disciples of Christ,

We hope your new calendar year is starting well. This is the first week of my 71st year and it doesn't seem much different from last week. (LOL) It is good to remind myself that with the Lord "one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

We are thankful and encouraged by the blessings from our Father this past year. He has given us fruitful opportunities in new friendships. Last week Judy was out walking and saw a lady who had stopped and was swinging her leg. Judy asked her if she was OK and this lady responded that she was fine but had recently had a hip replacement. This encounter led to a long walk together. The lady began sharing details of her life. She just turned 70 on December 25 and was impressed that she was the same age as Judy and I. She was widowed a couple years ago, is quite lonely, and strongly encouraged Judy to come and visit her! They have been texting each other. God has given us a number of similar encounters this year and the process of pursuing these friendships and sharing what He has done for us continues.

Our church meeting today was wonderful. We are studying through the letter to the Hebrews. The congregation is avidly attentive. Our Bible studies during the week are also going well. During the last three

days we learned that two of the participants placed their faith in Christ. One is Kerwan, a young man who is now a High School Science teacher. We have had the joy of presenting the Gospel to him since he was in Elementary School. He regularly came to Youth meetings when he was in Middle School and High School. He will be getting baptized soon. He is one of the two believers besides Judy and me in the Bible study in L'Union. The participants in this Bible study show a great interest.

The other confession of faith is by Elliot, the oldest son of the couple who host the Bible study in their home in Campagne sur Arize. He trusted Christ on Christmas Day. The Parents led him to Christ when he expressed a desire to trust Jesus.

The youth meetings are also very encouraging. Most of the teenagers who come are believers. This year we are discussing how to express your faith and share the good news.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for the believers and those who are seeking as the Light of God draws them. Give thanks with us for the new believers and the growth of the disciples.

May our Father's love be evident to you today,

Judy and John Hatcher

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believers and those  
who are seeking  
as the Light of God  
draws them.





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every service and a few more continue to show up. Andriu was the first to be saved. Since then, 5 more have made professions of faith. In my last time in the pulpit this month one more young mother was saved. Bev and I had prayed for over 30 years that God would raise somebody up that would take this challenge. Our prayers have been answered.

I have 2 things that I really need you to pray about. The first thing will be couched in somewhat veiled language because this newsletter

will be on the internet and I must choose my words wisely. Pray for the country that I serve in. It has taken a sharp turn to the left. On the last Sunday before the general election, I took 15 minutes to implore people to not stay home or abstain, but get out and vote. No party name or candidate name was mentioned. On a Friday night, just before the big day, our church was gathered in prayer in groups throughout the 2 buildings. We had been praying every morning from 5:00 AM, too. That night I was pulled from my group and handed a 3-page threat from a

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*Mike Creiglow*

federal prosecutor. If I continued to "campaign" I could be jailed and fined. In the document I was directly forbidden to teach or preach about God or family. The incident was all over the news across the state before the night was even over. A few days ago, I learned that it was also reported in the third largest newspaper (also oldest) in the country. That is down south. In the largest city in the country. If it got that far it may be somewhere in the workings of the people who run the country. I pray that it is over and forgotten, but I don't know, so please pray for me and the work of His kingdom down there.

We really need you to pray for the land and people that I love so dearly. We are in deep trouble and desperate times like I have never seen in these 62 years that I have lived and served there.

Also pray for me as I have some health issues that I could not get taken care of down home. Although I did many tests as required by my doctors and gave them all the results, they did not act upon them and did not even respond to my contacts. Beverly, the family, the church, and the pastors told me to get moving. Four days later I was in the States. Just to not leave you too in the dark,



*Mike Creiglow with the latest one to trust Christ (middle) and Tatiana (right), the ministry leader and one God used to get all this rolling.*



*The Deaf Ministry Team*

the matter concerns my ongoing fuss with skin cancer. Two recent surgeries and biopsies showed positive for squamous cell and melanoma. The doctors here are acting quickly. They have seen all my testing from down there. I have also had another CT scan here. Last week I was seen by 3 different doctors. There are to be 2 more

surgeries. One is scheduled for March 6 and waiting for the date of the other one. Hopefully this is not more info than you need or want to know. Just really need your prayers.

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

In Christ,  
Mike Creiglow



# GOD IS STILL MARVELOUSLY SAVING SINNERS!



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January 31, 2023

Dear Friends,

"A blast from the past," I think is an expression that seems to pop up occasionally. That is what I got a few days ago. And it was a good "blast." She is a lady now, but was a nine-year-old girl when we met Tabitha in 1987. In our first church plant in Curitiba, Brazil, Tabitha was a round faced little girl who we invited to our children's Bible school. She and two of her younger siblings would come regularly to church each week. She was taught the gospel and she memorized Scripture and learned a lot about God's will for her life. Despite several years of showing her love and biblical teaching, Tabitha chose to lead her own life and it was not in the direction that she learned in our Bible studies and church services. For many years she was involved in demon worship and witchcraft. The "blast from the past" came last week when Tabitha messaged me, sharing that she had treasured all our teaching and examples in her heart and had finally surrendered her life to Christ! She has been marvelously saved from her life of sin and asked me if I would baptize her as she begins her new life in obedience to God. Oh, how amazing is our Savior's grace!

Our evangelism team, Projeto Vida, has just completed its first Missions Training Seminar of the year. We had volunteers from several Brazilian states

participating in this three-week experience. The first two weeks were spent in biblical and theological studies, and the last week was the practical application of what was learned in the classroom. During this edition of our training seminar, the volunteers

Our missionaries to Portugal, Yago and Manoela, reported that they are learning some very important and helpful lessons as they reach out to the lost there. One such lesson was learned shortly after they arrived about the city where they thought

Portuguese people to Christ, not to form a Brazilian church in Portugal. Later this year, Charlene and I intend to go there to take some supplies and to lend some leadership training. Please pray for the success of Yago and Manoela's ministry efforts in Portugal.

Our church will hold its first service in our "new" (for us) auditorium this coming Sunday. We held our last service in the old auditorium last week with standing room only. By God's grace, we were packed! In my message to the congregation, I encouraged the members to invest themselves in what the Lord is doing. In an amazing show of enthusiasm and desire to serve Jesus, a large portion of the congregation showed up with tools and willing hands and hearts to move our equipment and furnishings to the new location. Many of them are working every day until 11:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. installing equipment and arranging furniture to be ready to launch our first service in the new location after having worked all day at their regular jobs. I thank the Lord for the privilege to pastor such a dedicated group of brothers and sisters in Christ. We have a lot of work ahead of us to adjust to our new installations, but this group of volunteers makes it a joy, and not a burden.

In Christ's love,

Bobby and Charlene Wacaser



Yago & Manoela, missionaries to Portugal

accompanied our veteran team of missionaries to native Indian tribes in the neighboring countries of Paraguay and Argentina, as well as to a settlement on the Brazilian side of the shared border. Day and night the volunteers and veterans shared the gospel with hundreds of lost individuals, from little children, even to the tribal chiefs. The Lord blessed greatly and many of them openly confessed Jesus as their Savior. We've partnered with a local Baptist church to begin the discipleship process among those who have been converted.

they would reside in and begin a church plant. They discovered as they visited the city that most of the city's population is made up of "vacationers". That information helped them realize that it would be very difficult to establish a thriving church with a population that is mostly transient. They are in the process of moving to a city where the population is more permanently established. They have begun regular fellowship meetings with some other Brazilian Christians they discovered also reside in Portugal. Their main purpose, though, is to win the

**>> PRAY for the  
success of Yago and  
Manoela's ministry  
efforts in Portugal.**

## ANOTHER GENEROUS LEGACY GIFT GIVEN TO OUR PENSIONERS

The Bethel Baptist Church in Williams, Indiana, has found it necessary to dissolve and sell their property. The last active Trustee of the church, Larry Southern, contacted us and expressed that they wanted to continue the long history of Bethel's partnership with BFM and faithful support of our missionaries by making a significant contribution to BFM from the sale proceeds of the property.

By doing this, they will honor the legacy of Bethel Baptist Church and also contribute to the on-going support of BFM's missionaries. While we mourn with them this closing chapter of their church, we are also encouraged with them that their continuing generosity will go on supplying the needs of the saints and also abound through many thanksgivings to God [2 Corinthians 9.12].

As is our precedent with *Legacy Gifts* of this nature, we will allocate this generous gift to our Veteran Missionaries Pensioners Fund where it can grow and increase to supply the monthly pensions of those who have given significant [or all] portions of their adult lives to missionary service in partnership with BFM.

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*"For the administration  
of this service  
not only supplies  
the needs of the saints,  
but also is abounding  
through many  
thanksgivings to God..."  
- 2 Corinthians 9:12 -*

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# SETTLING BACK IN BRAZIL



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Wow! It has been a joyfully exhausting time since we arrived in São Paulo. Long days and short nights, but plenty of energy and grace from the Lord.

## Struggles Of Settling Back In

It has been a crazy season for us as a family. We needed to remodel the house before we arrived, but contractors kept delaying and didn't finish before we returned. We arrived at the house with over half of the work still needing completion. Fortunately (even after weeks of delays and endless hours on the phone), the remodeling is coming to completion, the dust is settling down, and we began unpacking our bags. Additionally, the car on loan to us ended up with multiple issues and left us stranded too many times – overheating, losing power due to the fuel injector, and other issues. Praise the Lord, we purchased a vehicle, but the loaned car is still in the shop.

## Exciting Times for the Ministry

During all things crazy (of settling back into life in São Paulo), we managed to visit all the people who are part of the Imagine church plant in São Paulo. We plan to have our first evangelistic gathering in February— a one-day camp/picnic with plenty of food, games, competitions, and a Gospel message. This occasion will also serve as a team regroup

strategy. Word is getting out among friends of friends, and it should be a great event. The post-event follow-up with families and those who make life-changing decisions is crucial in moments like this one. Please, pray with us as we prepare.

I traveled to the interior of São Paulo and Paraná this last weekend to visit the churches my grandfather (John Hatcher) started. In Garça, I had breakfast with pastors on Saturday morning, where I proposed they join the network I lead, “Rede Convivência” (Life Together Network). All who attended came on board the network. In the afternoon, we (Pastors Gilberto, Epitácio, and I) drove an hour to Pompéia, where a church needs to be replanted/vitalized. We dreamed together at the building location and looked for houses for rent. Pastor Epitácio (Odali Barros' brother)

**"Pray with us as we mobilize churches and pastors to develop new leaders for church planting and kingdom expansion."**

*Jud Hatcher*



is considering leading the endeavor at Pompéia. I drove an hour and a half to Lupércio for their church anniversary on Saturday evening. The building was packed, and we had a marvelous celebration! Early

Sunday morning, I drove an additional 2 hours to Cornélio Procópio, Paraná, to visit churches and Pastors Valdir and Silvio. We celebrated with them during the morning worship gatherings and had lunch together. We are discussing the possibility of starting a church in Londrina (the second-largest city in Paraná state). Please, pray with us as we mobilize churches and pastors to develop new leaders for church planting and kingdom expansion.

Our kids started school this week. We are grateful to finally begin a normal routine with the family and work. Grateful for your prayers and support. We are blessed by you.

Always grateful,  
Judson Hatcher

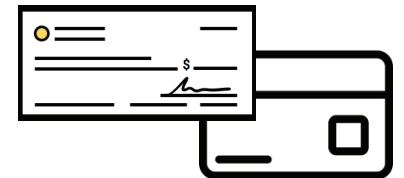
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Pray for our other missionary families  
who are not featured in this issue:

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## NEW MINISTRY TO DEAF COMMUNITY



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was called to start a ministry for the deaf. That was music to my ears. She recruited some 20 people to start training. It was a

January 31, 2023  
Dear Brethren,  
Greetings from frigid Lexington, Kentucky (26 degrees). Yes, I am in the States and will tell you why a little later. For now though, some nice warm news from down home.

Our Christmas musical was back almost to pre-Covid levels. We averaged over 1,000 in attendance. The last night we had 1,217. There were at least 9 people saved the first 4 nights, but do not know how many after that. This was the first time that we were able to serve the deaf community. That is the next big news of the past few weeks.

Tatiana was saved as a girl right here at First Baptist Church. She married one of our young men and has 2 great kids. She served for several years as our nursery leader. She is very efficient and made that ministry what it is today – great. Just over 3 years ago, she came to me and said that she had already trained another team to take over her ministry. Then she said she



Several of the deaf who are attending services.  
The two guys up front and to the right were the first two saved.  
Andriu is in the red shirt. We are saying "Love you" with our hands.

3-year program at 3 levels. We made sure she had all the support and resources she needed. I was with them for each graduation ceremony along the way and a few other occasions.

On the last Sunday of November, we had the first official service, which was geared to the deaf community and to get the church fully on board. There were over 15 deaf present. In the following weeks they have been back in almost



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