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Dear Friends,

This past week, our church celebrated our thanks to the Lord for this year's provisions as well as His calling from our midst, Yago and Manoela Guedes, to go to Portugal as missionaries. We had a commissioning service for them and a Thanksgiving banquet at the same event. It was truly a joyous occasion. It was the first time that our entire church could get together at the same time and location for nearly two years. We met at a church member's farm that has a pavilion that was large enough for us all. Yago and Manoela will have arrived in Foz do Arelho, Portugal by the time you are reading this letter. We will be praying for them and seeking to support their ministry efforts as they seek to reach the spiritually lost there. There is less than 1 percent of born-again believers in Portugal and this young couple will greatly need the Lord's wisdom and power in sharing the gospel and winning lost souls. Please pray with us and for them as they seek to serve the Lord and obey His commission. If you believe the Lord is guiding you to aid this couple, you may contribute with the memo: "Wacaser-Portugal Mission".

It has been many years since I have had any health issues and I am extremely grateful. These past two weeks, though, I have struggled with laryngitis and have had to call on my co-pastors to preach

in my place. I haven't felt very ill, but my voice was too weak and raspy to communicate without being a distraction. I am grateful to be able to count on these young men who are doing an excellent job of faithfully delivering the Word. I seem to be much better today (Saturday) and intend to preach at both services tomorrow. Challenges like this are great reminders to me of just how much I depend on the Lord for every large and small grace. I pray for His strength and ability to honor Him with my mind and my voice.

Just a little reminder that in Brazil, below the Equator, we are entering into our summer months and the 3-month school break. Since the public schools are our traveling evangelistic team's main venue for outreach, we change our focus during this period to assist the home church with the Christmas program and to minister to the poor and homeless in our own city. The volunteers who are from other cities will get a couple of weeks to return home to visit with their families on the holidays but will return shortly after New Year's Day to begin preparing for the outreach trips scheduled for next year. The Lord blessed greatly this past year as we were privileged to share the gospel to over 40,000 people in public venues. Thousands of those who heard responded by surrendering their lives to Christ. All honor and glory to our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Charlene and I are so thankful for the faithful prayers and support on our behalf. We humbly acknowledge and recognize that you sacrifice from what you could use in any number of ways but choose to give so that we may minister here. We thank the Lord for you and pray that you may



be eternally and richly blessed.

In Christ's love,  
Bobby and Charlene Wacaser



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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.

# MODELING AND TEACHING THE WORD OF GOD



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Greetings in the name of Jesus  
Christ,

Modeling and teaching.  
Biblical modeling and teaching  
is exactly what I am trying to do  
and accomplish here in Kenya for  
current and future Kenyan church  
leaders. And, fortunately, I get plenty  
of opportunities for doing both.

There is something I try and  
keep in mind as I model and teach  
future Kenyan church leaders. It actually  
comes from the books of Ezra  
and Nehemiah in the Old Testament.

First, Ezra. What did he  
do? The Bible says that when Ezra  
returned to Jerusalem with the other  
Israelites after seventy years of captivity  
in Babylon that Ezra focused on  
three things. This, in essence, is what  
I'm trying to model and teach. Look  
at Ezra 7:10 to see my own model:

1) Ezra set his heart to STUDY  
the Law of the Lord.

It is the Word of God that gives us  
direction in life, in ministry and most  
importantly in our relationship with  
God. My desire is to set my own heart  
to study the Word of God and I want

my Kenyan students to do the same.

2) Ezra set his heart to DO the  
Law of the Lord

One thing I  
reiterate over and  
over to my stu-  
dents, or church  
members, or  
anyone else who  
will listen is that  
we can know the  
Word of God very  
well, but it doesn't  
do us any good  
unless we actually  
DO it and follow  
it. A disciple of Jesus is someone  
who FOLLOWS Jesus. We are trying  
to make and multiply disciples of  
Jesus. I also tell anyone who will  
listen: "A person who knows 90%  
of the Bible but only follows 10%  
of what they know is far less mature  
than a believer who knows only 10%  
of the Bible but follows 90% of what  
they know."

3) Ezra set his heart to TEACH  
the Word of the Lord

I have set my heart to teach the  
Word of God to any and every  
Kenyan person who is willing to  
hear it. I know I have few skills and  
abilities, but I can teach the word  
of God with passion and I pray that  
the Kenyan people and especially  
the future leaders of the churches in  
Kenya catch that same passion for

teaching the Word of God to the rest  
of the Kenyan nation as well.

**"I have set my heart  
to teach the Word of  
God to any and every  
Kenyan person who is  
willing to hear it."**

- Roger Tate -

Second, Nehemiah. What did he  
and his contemporaries do? Listen  
to Nehemiah 8:8 -  
"They read from the  
book, from the Law  
of God, clearly, and  
they gave the sense,  
so that the people  
understood the  
reading." Awesome!  
When they read and  
preached from the

Word of God they also "gave the sense  
of it clearly" so that the hearers could  
understand completely. It is one of the  
hallmarks of my ministry to make the  
Word of God as simple to understand  
and follow as possible. That's not hard  
for a simple man like me. But I want my  
Kenyan hearers to UNDERSTAND. I  
want them to understand, then follow  
and love Jesus, and then expand the  
kingdom of Jesus to the rest of Kenya  
and beyond.

Hey, y'all, I want the Word of God  
to come alive in this country and start  
a revolution of following Jesus and  
glorifying God. "Gracious and loving  
God, may this happen in my own life  
and in the lives of your beloved Kenyan  
people. Amen."

Blessings,  
Roger, Julie & Chloe

## MEALS & STUDIES WITH SEEKERS



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November 14, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in  
Christ,

It's Thanksgiving Season and we  
are very thankful to our Heavenly  
Father that He has given us many  
years of fellowship with you. Thank  
you for your faithful support.

Thanksgiving is not a holiday in  
France but we always celebrate it as  
close to the US National holiday as we  
can. This coming Saturday we will be  
having Thanksgiving dinner together  
with Philip, Amanda and their two  
younger daughters. Camille is in her

first year at a University here and  
Emily is a Senior in High School.  
We have also invited two couples  
who have been friends for a long  
time. Neither of these are believers.  
The primary way we share the Good  
News is in encounters and meals  
together. One couple are parents of  
Pascaline who trusted the Lord and  
followed Him in baptism several  
years ago. She is now doing Uni-  
versity studies in the city of Lyon.

Friday night we were surprised  
by the visit of Marie Theophile. She  
was a part of our assembly for about  
ten years along with her parents and  
siblings before going to University.  
She is now completing Law School  
in Northern France. Many young  
people from our congregation are  
now in Universities in other regions  
and countries. Thomas just moved

to Italy this past Friday to attend Medi-  
cal School. We hope and pray that each  
of these disciples will follow the Lord  
faithfully where they are.

If you have prayed for our newest  
Bible study in L'Union, we have  
encouraging news. God is definitely at  
work in these meetings. Attention and  
participation has been great. Please  
continue to pray for the salvation of  
the seekers who need Christ and are  
attending these Bible studies. Since the  
good majority are lost and have prac-  
tically no familiarity with the Scrip-  
tures, we are reading and discussing  
the first few chapters of Genesis and  
then moving to the Gospel of John.

These are some of the highlights of  
what God is doing here. We thought  
you would like to know!

Serving Christ along with you,  
John and Judy

## SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN UBIM



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November 19, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank God we are doing well, and things are calm. We pray that all is well with our dear friends and supporters. There is news that the COVID is back and increasing, but here in our area things are calm. Thank God!

Now that our seminars for leaders are complete, we are starting back Sunday school for the children. Getting more members involved. We also plan on visiting a village not far from the church to bring people on the bus.

Our services in homes are doing well. Our plan for the next year is to reach out more and get more people involved. At the village of Ubim, we started having services on Saturday night. Several of the musicians from the church are going and helping with

the music. Pray that we can reach more adults and that the youth who have been coming for several years can get more involved. This village has lots of young people and young adults. We pray that God will send a couple who would live there. There is so much that can be done.

Thank God we were able to drill a well for the church. We were using the neighbor's. We want to ask for your prayers for what we would like to do in the near future. We would like to have a river ministry to go to the people who can only be reached by boat. This was the ministry that Bro. Hatcher and Bro. Bratcher did a lot in this area. These are continuing fruits of the labors of their ministry. We would love to continue this ministry. We are praying what would be best: to buy a boat or rent one. Pray that God will lead us to what would be best.

Thank each of you for your prayers and support! God bless each of you!  
 Love in Christ,  
 Odali and Kathy



This young girl made a heart for Kathy



Saturday Night Service in Ubim



Saturday Night Service in Ubim

View more pictures online!  
[bfmnow.org/faith-works-blog](https://bfmnow.org/faith-works-blog)

## Crown Him

Crown Him  
 with many crowns  
 The King  
 who left His throne  
 Creator of the universe  
 Born to the world  
 He holds  
 And with that  
 first drawn breath  
 The Word  
 has become flesh  
 Emmanuel  
 has come to us  
 O crown Him  
 all the earth

Crowned by  
 the angel choir  
 They tell His royal birth  
 Sing glory  
 in the highest height  
 And peace  
 upon the earth  
 They break  
 the silent night  
 Announcing  
 endless worth  
 The King of grace  
 and love is here  
 O crown Him  
 all the world

"Crown Him (Christmas)"  
 Words by Tomlin, Carson, Redman, Kim, Taylor

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Once available, a full schedule can also be found on the EVENTS tab on our website.

## THE SEED FACTORY CHURCH PLANT INITIATIVE



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Dear friends,

Thank you for supporting and praying for us. We return to Brazil on December 19, 2022. Pray for us



as the country is living through a season of unrest due to the recent presidential election and freedom of speech infringement by the supreme court. I often get asked by dear friends who pray and support us, “*What do you plan to do once you return to São Paulo?*” We are part of “The Seed Factory Church Plant Initiative.” Our vision is to have a church planting church in the capitol of every state. From the state capital, expand into other cities by sending church planting teams to make disciples and plant church planting churches where each church has its Seed Factory Training Center & Bible Institute/Seminary. A constant cycle of reproducing churches, leadership multiplication, team building, and Christ’s Kingdom expansion. Our

purpose in Brazil is to recruit, train, place, and network pastors and leaders globally. Globally? Yes, we pray for Brazilian missionaries with the same vision and purpose to go to neighboring countries and other parts of the world.

### PASTORAL & TEAM TRAINING

Pastoral leadership provides vision, Scriptural direction, and acceleration during church planting phases. A church planting team delivers the required synergy to plant and develop a multigenerational strategy.

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Theoretical & practical formation through mentorship nurtures the necessary framework for teams to function creatively and cohesively. Churches planting churches, each one with a Seed Factory Training Center to reach other cities.

### NATIONAL LEADERSHIP NETWORK

Pastors train pastors & leaders train leaders. Developing a leadership pipeline within the local church that values theological integrity, spiritual accountability, formative mentorship, and metacognition / critical thinking skills under a steward leadership construct that delivers the necessary foundation for a continual leadership formation cycle, multiplication, & succession.

### FOSTER CARE COORDINATION

Foster care in São Paulo remains a novel concept. Through a divine appointment, Raquel engaged in foster care mobilization and coordination, and serves as a strong advocate for at-risk children. Metro São Paulo has 28 million inhabitants and has a large amount of vulnerable & at-risk kids.

### TRUST-BASED RELATIONAL INTERVENTION® (TBRI) TRAINING

Earning and developing a child’s trust often comes with complex challenges and must be overcome relationally. TBRI is a trauma-informed care & empirical intervention approach developed at Texas Christian University. Raquel is a practitioner for TBRI training nationwide.

Série: O Pipeline de Liderança na Igreja

Mesa Redonda e Roda de Conversa



### SALVATION DECISIONS IN THE NORTHEAST

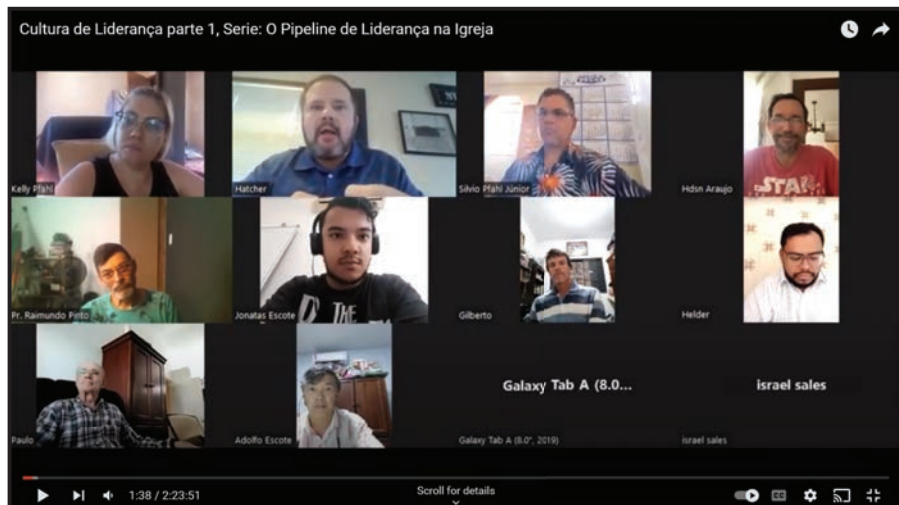
Last weekend I received news from Pastor Raimundo Pinto and his team in Aracajú, northeastern Brazil. They had a Saturday night youth rally with 40 teenagers and eight salvation decisions. Pray for them as we have embarked on a building project that costs \$35,000. If you’d like to assist with resources, please designate your contribution through BFM to “Jud Hatcher – Aracaju Church Plant.”



### LEADERSHIP PIPELINE TRAINING SERIES

Our current leadership pipeline series (recorded on Zoom and posted on YouTube) was kicked off by two guest speakers: Jason Estes and Bill Repke. We are discussing the need to nurture a strong Biblical Leadership Culture within the local church’s leadership pipeline. The recordings are available on YouTube for pastors to use as a resource and have several hundred views.

Grateful always,  
Jud Hatcher



Leadership Pipeline Series via Zoom

View more  
pictures  
online!

## NEW BFM OFFICERS / LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

We are pleased to announce the selection and installation of new leaders for the officers of President and Executive Secretary of BFM. We deliberately, carefully, and prayerfully conducted the elections of these two Directors back in September, and we began making the public announcements during our Thanksgiving Conference in New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights MI, November 14-16.

We are broadcasting the announcements now so everyone can not only be informed, but also pray with us for God's continued blessings upon our ministries under the leadership of Pastors Pitman and duBarry.

We are beginning the transitions into these responsibilities and roles immediately ... to be fully phased in over the coming year 2023.

**President:** David Pitman has been elected as our new President-Elect. He is the long-time pastor of Addyston Baptist Church in Addyston OH and has been serving as a BFM Director since 2011. He also serves as our Field Representative and has been very effective in expanding our outreach to like-minded churches and pastors through his extensive contacts and by leading teams of BFM Directors to set up displays and exhibits at numerous well-attended conferences. The Lord has also gifted him with wise and practical leadership qualities. David has demonstrated both a burden and vision for BFM in all his participations with us and will serve BFM well in these same ways in the years to come. He will serve alongside our out-going President, Randy Jones, over the next year 2023 as President-Elect and then will assume full responsibilities for that leadership role in 2024 for a three-year term. We wish to thank Randy Jones for his visionary leadership over the past 11 years while serving as our President. He has been instrumental in leading us to implement many administrative, logistical, and innovative improvements to our ministry – both spiritual and practical.

**Executive Secretary:** Philip duBarry has been elected to succeed Dave Parks in the responsibilities, roles, and functions of Executive Secretary. Philip has faithfully served alongside David Pitman in Associate Pastoral roles in Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston OH, for the past 22 years. He has also served as a BFM Director since 2019 and has contributed his gifts and expertise by participating in numerous roles and projects. He is just one of other newer 'younger' BFM Directors who hold bright promise for the future prospects of BFM's continuing ministry among the nations of the world through the missionaries we help support. Philip also will begin immediately with the incremental cross-training with the out-going Executive Secretary, Dave Parks, for the numerous responsibilities, roles, and functions that the Executive Secretary performs. He will be fully phased into these roles over the course of 2023 and will serve in this office for an indefinite term. We also wish to thank Dave Parks for all the ways he has served our missionaries and BFM partnership of churches for the past twenty-four years as our Executive Secretary.

When Philip fully assumes these roles, he will be only the 5th Executive Secretary to have served BFM in our 80 years of service [1942-2022]:

- Hafford Overbey, 38 years [1942-1980]
- Edward Overbey, 13 years [1981-1994]
- Jim Orrick, 3 years [1995-1998]
- Dave Parks, 24 years [1999-2023]

You can rest, and even rejoice, in the confidence that the Lord is in these transactions, and that BFM will not only continue as we have for the past 80 years, but grow in outreach and effectiveness in the years to come.

Please join us as we pray for God's continuing pleasure and increased blessings on Baptist Faith Missions and especially on the ministries of our missionaries – and for more and greater things yet to come!

*Fresh*  
**Happenings**  
*...recent developments in BFM*



Randy Jones

David Pitman



Dave Parks

Philip DuBarry



## UPDATE

IF YOU HAVEN'T GIVEN YOUR  
THANKSGIVING OFFERING YET  
... WOULD YOU PLEASE DO SO  
RIGHT NOW?

SO FAR,  
OVER OCTOBER-NOVEMBER,  
WE HAVE RECEIVED \$25,000  
TOWARD OUR \$50,000 GOAL  
SO WE CAN SUPPLY THE NEEDS  
OF OUR MISSIONARIES OVER  
THE COMING YEAR.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING  
TO THE LORD!

**GIVE NOW!**

*"...that in a great trial of affliction the  
abundance of their joy and their  
deep poverty abounded in the riches  
of their liberality..." [2 Corinthians 8:2]*

There is just no way that we can exaggerate or over-state the importance of our Thanksgiving Offering. The Thanksgiving Offering is indispensable if we are to maintain providing our missionaries with the levels of service and benefits we are giving them now – and we certainly can't increase the benefits we give them without a very generous Thanksgiving Offering.

All the offerings given to the Thanksgiving Offering go directly toward the support of our missionaries by funding the commitments, benefits, and services we give them over the course of the next year.

Consider these truths:

- ▶ All the commitments, benefits, and services we give our missionaries are funded through offerings and contributions given to the *Missionary Support Fund*
- ▶ The only contribution streams that supply the Missionary Support Fund are the monthly offerings given to the *Missionary Support Fund* and the THANKSGIVING OFFERING
- ▶ The monthly *Missionary Support Fund* contributions do not sustain all the accrued annual disbursements for the commitments, benefits, and services we give our missionaries
- ▶ Therefore, we need and depend upon the THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS to make up for the monthly deficits we will incur in providing the commitments, benefits, and services we give our missionaries over the upcoming year
- ▶ This year's THANKSGIVING OFFERING will make up for next year's monthly deficits in *Missionary Support*

*Fund* contributions and disbursements

- ▶ IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE SUFFICIENT THANKSGIVING OFFERING FUNDS NOW IN ADVANCE OF NEXT YEAR'S DISBURSEMENTS, THEN WE WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO REDUCE THE COMMITMENTS, BENEFITS, AND SERVICES WE GIVE TO OUR MISSIONARIES
  - we have no other reserves, subsidies, or endowments to draw from or fall back on
  - we cannot borrow money to operate
- ▶ So, it is essential that we all give as generously as possible so our missionaries' needs will be supplied
- ▶ Will you give a generous personal THANKSGIVING OFFERING right now?
  - and, at the same time, may we encourage you to commit to making monthly – even recurring – offerings to the *Missionary Support Fund!*
- ▶ Your missionaries' needs will be met – and thanksgivings to God will abound and increase and continue!

## THANKSGIVING OFFERING FAQ

*(Frequently Asked Questions)*

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**"No more let sins  
and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make  
His blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found."**

## LEGACY GIFTS - PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING OUR PENSIONERS IN YOUR WILL

Ever since our Traditional Pension Fund was established years ago, that Fund has been supplied by numerous generous gifts that have been given to BFM. Some have donated properties to BFM and the sales of those properties have been allocated to our Pension Fund. Others have bequeathed Legacy Gifts to BFM in their wills. These gifts have sustained the on-going ministry of helping to support our Veteran Missionary Pensioners in their senior years after they are no longer physically able to continue their active on-the-field service. This is just another way you can perpetuate your partnership in missionary support for years to come. We pray you will consider helping our missionaries in this way also.



## VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSION FUND

*Please prayerfully consider helping us support our faithful veteran missionaries in their senior years by giving a recurring generous offering designated for "VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSION FUND."*

You can do that by simply making your contribution to Baptist Faith Missions and designating it for "Pension Fund" or "Veteran Missionary Pensioners" or by anything that says "Pension." We will know what you mean, and your offerings will go directly toward honoring our Veteran Missionaries Pensioners who have served our Lord and us so faithfully and sacrificially.

You can mail your contribution to our Treasurer, George Sledd. Or you can give online by going to our website and click on the gold "GIVE" button.

When you make your transaction online, you will be given the "Recurring option:    Yes! Please register me for the recurring program!"

We pray and hope you will.

*Thank you for giving!*

**We GO...  
because  
HE CAME.**  
**Merry  
Christmas to  
you & yours!**



**GIVE NOW!**

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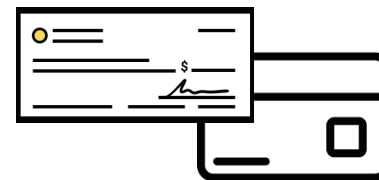
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The greatest need each month is for the Missionary Support Fund.



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## A SPECIAL VISIT TO GARÇA



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Dear friends and family,

While in Brazil for the Seminary graduation we took a few days off just to go back to Garça to visit old friends, pastors, and churches there. This was where our ministry in Brazil started with Pastor Odali and Kathy Barros in the Alpha and Omega Children's Home.

We spent time with Pastor Serjio and he took us to visit Pastor Epitacio in the old Orphanage property where he pastors the church Igreja Batista da Fé. During this visit we found out that Pr. Epitacio and Fatima will be going back to the northern region in January to start another mission. Then Pr. Serjio will assume the pulpit there. Pr. Serjio was the pastor in the Church where we held the Seminary in Garça and we discussed having our next seminary class for them there.

While in Garça, we met with some of the children who were in the orphanage from the time we were there. Luiz, one of the young men, now lives in the orphanage building and he is now a lawyer. He helps in the buildings and takes care of their legal business. Another young man, Edson, will be graduating in January as a veterinarian. He still lives in Garça where he goes to Veterinary school. How AWESOME is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They call Barb and I mom and dad and we are very proud for them to have been afforded the opportunity to study and advance themselves. Some of you have helped in their educations as you have given to BFM and that was passed on to them.

The Seminary classes are now being planned for the year 2023. We are planning trips in January, March, July, and September. Some of those trips will be classes and others will be meeting new Pastors and churches where interest has been expressed for new classes.

We are planning our holidays a little different this year. We are living in Florida between trips to Brazil so we are bringing our two families to spend Christmas with us here. Our Brazil family is excited but sad because there is no SNOW. But the Kentucky Family is looking forward to coming to the warm weather in Florida. What is the saying? "You cannot please all the people all the time"? But Barbara and I will be pleased because this will be the first time in many years that we can spend the Christmas holiday together.

Speaking of the Holidays it would be remiss of me to not thank all our donors at Baptist Faith Missions



Edson, Barb, Luiz, & AJ

for your support all year long. Your prayers and donations are what keep us going in Brazil.

There are no words big enough to show our gratitude so I will just use my favorite one – you are AWESOME!!!!

Continue praying for us and God's ministry that He called us to do.

In His service,  
Aj and Barbara



Igreja Batista da Fé

