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NEW BELIEVER IN PORTUGAL! FIRST SERVICE IN NEW SANCTUARY



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Dear Friends,

It has only been a couple of weeks since my last report, but we are so glad to report that some wonderful things have happened in that short period! I'll jump straight to the best news of all. Our missionaries in Portugal, Yago and Manoela, were blessed to win their first Portuguese convert to Christ. You may have already read of this on the social media pages of Baptist Faith Missions, but we're so happy for them and for God's glory to shine, and we wanted to thank you who have been praying for their success.

They wasted no time after their arrival in Portugal in reaching out to the lost people there. The young man, Emanuel, whom they were privileged to evangelize, considered himself anti-God for much of his life. In fact, you may have watched the movies "God's Not Dead", 1 and 2, that were in theaters a few years back. Emanuel was invited to go see # 2 by a Brazilian Christian friend living in Portugal and he accepted. While watching the movie, he identified himself with the atheist college professor. Similarly, his mother had died very young, and he was angry and confused at how a "good" God would let his mother die and it made it difficult for him to believe God was real. But at the same time, it got him wondering about the existence of God and, when Victoria, the Brazilian Christian friend asked him if he would accompany her to a Bible study, he accepted. Another interesting note is that Yago and Manoela did not know Victoria or she them, but on Baptist Faith Mission's social media pages she read about their



Manoela, Victoria, Emanuel (the new convert), and Yago

arrival in Portugal and she reached out to them to come help her evangelize her friend through a Bible study. They do not live in the same city, but they were happy to drive to meet them for this purpose. At the very first study, Emanuel, heard the gospel, believed in the Lord Jesus, and surrendered his life to Him for salvation! We are still praising God! Yago and Manoela have agreed to go weekly to meet with Victoria and Emanuel to begin discipleship training. Our continued prayer is that Emanuel will be instrumental in reaching his friends, family, and acquaintances with the gospel as well. It has only been a little over 2 months since this missionary couple arrived in Portugal and to already have a Portuguese adult turn to the Lord is astoundingly great news!

Our church did begin having services in our new location as we planned. What we didn't plan for was the amazing turn-out in attendance. We had been having a packed house in our former location with an average of 225 in attendance. The very first service in our new location was attended by 309 people. A few of those were some

curious neighbors as to what kind of church was moving into their neighborhood, but they were warmly welcomed, and some have decided to keep coming. We still have lot of renovations to do on the building and classrooms, but many of our members are stepping up to the challenge, coming out several times a week to build, paint, clean, and pray for spiritual growth. God is truly blessing our faith, and beyond it. We do at least have room now for continued numerical growth at our new location. May the Lord see fit to fill it quickly. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support. Charlene and I are very grateful.

In Christ's love,
Bobby and Charlene Wacaser



First service in new location in Curitiba



Bobby Wacaser preaching at the first service in their new location

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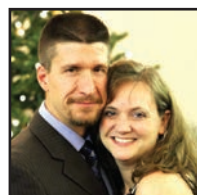
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May God give them wisdom and discernment
as they prayerfully make decisions.

PRAYING FOR RAIN IN KENYA

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February 10, 2023

Greetings in the Name of Jesus
Christ,I pray this newsletter finds
you well. I'm sure that life in the
United States is not without its
challenges. We find ourselves
with some challenges here in
Kenya as well.First, Kenya is currently suf-
fering through a more than usu-
ally severe drought. Kenya usu-
ally has its annual rainy season
and dry season. And during the
dry season it is always, well, dry.
It gets dusty, things turn brown,
crops suffer, etc. But this year is
the worst of my fifteen years in
Kenya as there was basically no
rainy season this year. People
started talking about it months
ago but now we are really start-
ing to see the effects of it. People
all over the country are really
suffering from a lack of water.
Here in Kijabe where we live
there has been no rain and so
we have no water. We are now
rationing water – no laundry, no
showers for a while (we are atleast able to take “missionary”
showers now), and no flushing
toilets (until it is necessary). We
don't know how long this situa-
tion will last but it has gotten to
the point where we have had to
send all of our students home.
They were already supposed to
go home for mid-term break but
we had to cancel classes early
and send them home. They are
scheduled to return late next
week but this will only occur if
the school is able to somehow
get some water. Nobody around
here really knows when that will
be. This is not really the rainy
season, but we could really use
some rain. Please pray for rain.Second, the drought is really
beginning to effect Kenyans
financially. I am seeing it mostly
in students' inability to pay
school fees. Fees are usually
paid when families sell crops
or livestock and then they use
the proceeds to pay bills. But
right now, crops and livestock
are not faring well and families
are struggling to eat, let alone
have extra for school fees. Last
month I did mention a student,
Milkah, who had been left in a
bad spot and couldn't pay her
fees. I want to thank you all
for praying for her as she wasable to raise her fees, pay her bill,
and return to class (except that
class has been canceled and stu-
dents sent home because of the
drought).In more happy news, we had
our first visitors here to Kenya in a
very long time. It was a joy to have
Doug and Sharon Brook visit us
for a few days. They are our dear
friends from our home church
in Ohio. I realized when I was
introducing them to folks around
here that Doug and Sharon are
my “oldest” friends. I don't mean
oldest in age, but oldest mean-
ing “longest standing friends”. Of
all the friends in my life, Doug
and Sharon have been around
and stood in there the longest.
I have been friends with Doug
for 43 years and Sharon for 40.
You probably can't imagine how
much we miss “home” sometimes.
Having friends here brought a
little bit of “United States Home”
to our “Kenya Home”.We are praying for you all, that
you would know and love Jesus,
that you would follow and serve
Him, and that the Kingdom of
Christ would grow in your neck
of the woods, wherever you call
home.Blessings to all,
Roger, Julie & ChloeLEGACY
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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!

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 Halford 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.

PRAYING ABOUT PURCHASING A CHURCH BUILDING



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February 15, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are thankful to God for the partners we have in our ministry. Each one of you are a blessing.

Things here continue doing well. We have had services in several places. There are possibilities for other places. One of the places is the village of Ariau. In this village there was a Baptist church but for some reason they closed. The building is for sale for \$6,000. We are interested in having a ministry there. Pray with us about this building. We are going to meet with the person responsible for the sale.

At the Church in Ubim, we would like to put tile on the floor. It is concrete and hard

to keep clean. If any of you are interested, we would appreciate any financial help. We are already checking on the prices of the tile to find the best price. Here the tile is sold by square meter. The average price we have found is around \$10.00 per square meter.

We are planning a camp this month. With all the COVID problems we have not had camp. The kids are excited about the camp. We are using a place that belongs to a friend, but our plans are to have a camp of our own to use any time we want. We have the place. We are working on getting the area ready to build dorms and an area for a kitchen. Pray with us about this also that God will provide the means.

Thanks for your love, prayers, and support. God bless each of you.

Odali and Kathy Barros



The building they want to purchase



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The floor of the Church in Ubim

AMAZED AT GOD'S MIRACLES



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February 20, 2023

Dear friends and family,

Being in the ministry and seeing all that God can do, I am still amazed when I see a special need that the Lord is working on. Either I have forgotten the last time, or I think that I can take care of it, BUT He says, "AJ, it is under control," and He makes

a miracle again. Sometimes I let my human side think too much, worry too much, and all the time, He's got it. Thank you, Lord, for taking care of the need and once

again showing me my smallness. How great and AWESOME is the One we serve!

As we are planning for the class in April, we ask you to pray that we are reaching the Pastors and Churches that need the seminary training. Also, please pray that they will reach those who need to hear that gospel for saving grace.

Allow me to digress for just a moment. During the last three classes in São Paulo City, we had a gentleman who sat on the first row in the class, and we soon discovered that he was blind. He used a recorder for his notes and

when it came time for his test, I read the questions for him. He passed all the exams with flying colors by the way. This is just an example for us to remember that even the blind man sees the need for the gospel! Once more we see how AWESOME our God is!!!

I want to tell you about one more miracle. Our Brazilian son (of the heart), a child of the street, will be starting his veterinarian practice and his ambition is to use his knowledge to serve the Lord in India or Africa. Pray for him to be able to get a visa to



A blind man participating in the seminary class

visit us and then go to one of these countries to spread the gospel. From street kid to Doctor of Veterinary Medicine! God will and does make a difference in lives! AWESOME!!!

Continue to pray for the seminary and us as we are going to be starting classes via Zoom. We are and will be purchasing some computers for our Brazilian partners. They will be helping translate and guiding in finding other Churches and communities for the Seminary to reach for God.

Thanks to ALL who support BFM—partners, friends, neighbors, churches, pastors. Without you, it would be impossible for us to be on the field. THANK YOU!

In His service,
Aj and Barbara



Seminary Class Participants

SCENES FROM SÃO PAULO

"Having gone through a battle with cancer brought a new perspective to this life and a sense of urgency in pointing people to the Savior and living generously."

-Jud Hatcher



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Jud on the São Paulo subway en route to a visit a family.



Jud at the market, making prayer rounds and meeting people.

MISSION TRIP TO PERU, SURGERIES SCHEDULED



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February 22, 2023

Dear Brethren,

Greetings from not so cold today Lexington, Kentucky. It has now been over a month that I arrived here for medical attention. Things have gone pretty well so far.

Before leaving home, I had confirmed my first visit of the year to our mission work in Peru. That didn't quite work out as planned. Still there is good news. Our missions director, Zico took Pastor Benjamim (yes, that spelling is correct) with

him and made the trip anyway. The church building was packed and they had a baptism, too.

Today is the final day of our first big youth camp of the year. Andrew is the leader of that ministry.

The last Sunday of January we had our "Ministry Fair". This event is just as many ministries as possible setting up displays and recruiting new help for the year ahead. Our church has an average of 70% of the membership involved in some kind of ministry or service. We are so thankful that the Lord has

made this happen. It is why so much gets accomplished. Sharing the workload across the membership has made it a joy to pastor.

My oldest son Adam and his wife Suzy came over from California to visit. Also, my grandson Caleb came in from Indiana. I am staying with my daughter Monica and granddaughter Isabella here in Lexington, Kentucky. We all



Mike with his dad, Bobby Creiglow,
who is now 96 years old.
Combined, they have 90+ years
of missionary service.

went over to visit my Dad and his wife Lois last night. Dad is now 96. He is not in the greatest health. He is still very much alive and has not lost his sense of humor. Last night he was in great form. He told a bunch of

stories. We had some really good laughs and shed many a tear. Dad and I have 90+ years of missions combined between us. One date that he and I share is January 29. He was baptized on that day in 1956. I surrendered to be a missionary on that same date in 1966. Great times. Wonderful blessings.

My first surgery is scheduled for tomorrow February 23. Please continue to pray for all of my treatment. I will have a second surgery on March 6. There will be other



Baptism



Packed Church Building

doctor visits and procedures along the way.

Since the treatment is going well into March I have accepted an invitation to attend the Baptist Faith Missions Spring Missions Conference in Ohio on March 31

and April 1. Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

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

In Christ,
Mike Creiglow

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The Advancement of the Glory of God in Redemption (Greg Winn)

The Advancement of the Glory of God in Sanctification (David Pitman)

The Advancement of the Glory of God in Glorification (Terry Adkins)

The Advancement of the Glory of God in the Great Commission (Mike Creiglow)

Schedule

Friday, March 31

6:30- Opening- Pastor Mark Pyles

6:35- Congregational

6:40- Special Music

6:50- Message - Dave Parks

7:30- Zoom with Missionary

7:40- Congregational

7:45- Special Music

7:50- Message - Greg Winn

Saturday, April 1

9:00- Welcome and BFM Update

9:15- Congregational

9:20- Special Music

9:25- Message - David Pitman

10:05- Break

10:30- Zoom with Missionary

10:50- Congregational

10:55- Special

11:00- Message - Terry Adkins

11:45- Lunch

1:00- Zoom with Missionary

1:15- Congregational

1:20- Special

1:25- Message - Mike Creiglow

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,
We are grateful to God for your faithful support for many years. Our Father is answering your prayers. The Church meetings in Tournefeuille and Bible studies in six different locations are going quite well. We are doing studies in Isaiah, John, Hebrews, Ruth and a couple of topical studies. Some of these studies are with believers who are growing in the faith and encouraging one another. Other studies are with lost people who are interested in learning about Christ.

The newest Bible Study in the city of L'Union is, besides the hostess, a meeting with seekers. The term seekers fits them well because they do not miss and have become increasingly more open. One lady, who drives about a dozen miles to the meetings, has noticeably become more open and touched by the Gospel. In the beginning she was quite confrontational. It now is obvious that she has encased herself in an armor to protect sentimental wounds that have accumulated over her 56 years of life. She has invited us and others in the group to come to her house

tomorrow. Please continue to pray for these folks. Jesus said, "Seek and you will find."

Our youth meetings have been very exciting. As I mentioned in my last letter, our present study series is about being a witness for Christ. One way to express our faith is to communicate to others how God has worked in our lives. It may be telling how Christ brought you to

Himself or how He has worked in your life since you trusted Him. The youth have been enthusiastic about sharing their testimonies and hearing the testimonies of others.

By the time you read this, Judy and I will have celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. It has been a wonderful life serving the Lord together on three different continents.

She is a terrific teammate as well as a very loving spouse who has personally helped me grow spiritually. God has blessed us with four wonderful children, two wonderful daughters-in-law and a fine son-in-law. They are all serving the Lord in many different areas. We are really blessed to have 12 lovely grandchildren. Most recently God added a fine Christian grandson-in-law!

Many of you have been a part of our lives for many years and we thank God for you.

Serving our Savior together in France,
John and Judy

Bible Studies in 6 Locations

"Some of these studies are with believers who are growing in the faith and encouraging one another. Other studies are with lost people who are interested in learning about Christ."

John Mark Hatcher

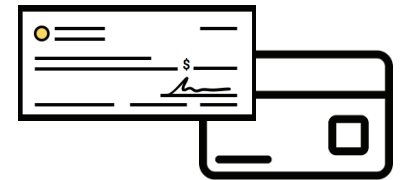
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CHURCHES TAKING STEPS TO EXPAND THE KINGDOM



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Dear friends,

Thank you for praying and supporting us. We are truly grateful.

It has been two months since we returned to São Paulo. Our kids are in school and have settled into academic life. Everyone is in good health. Raquel celebrated her birthday this month. We have many things to be grateful for, particularly God's providence in our lives. This month also was the one-year mark since the completion of my chemotherapy. Having gone through a battle with cancer brought a new perspective to this life and a sense of urgency in pointing people to the Savior and living generously. Every moment with the family has become more precious, friends more important, and speaking of the Gospel and mobilizing for Christ's cause more vivid.

This month was productive as the churches, part of our Life Together Network, have taken significant steps to expand the Kingdom. I am grateful to invest time with pastors who desire to

become more effective in the Gospel strategies. This weekend we have our next Network meeting as we prepare for a pastoral conference in April and actively work on shaping a leadership reproduction and multiplication culture. Additionally, several churches have taken bolder steps with evangelistic strategies within their communities. Last week I had several meetings with leaders in church planting here in São Paulo to iron out details to grow our discipleship gatherings further.

Grateful always,
Judson Hatcher



Judson traveling by bus,
visiting churches and pastors.

More pictures inside on page 4!