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THE INFLUENCE OF MY MOTHER ON MY OWN MOTHERING & MINISTRY



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April 18, 2023 Dear Brothers and Sisters, Hope and pray that the mothers will have a wonderful day and that God will fill each one with His love and wisdom. Every day as I pray, I always thank God for my mother and the wonderful example she was as a mother and also as a servant of the Lord. So many things in my life as a mother and missionary have been greatly influenced by



her example. I remember as

Kathy's parents (John & Alta Hatcher)



Kathy's parents with her daughters: KathyLee & Amelia

a young kid doing visitation and witnessing with my mom. Today, that is a great part of my ministry. Also, having worked for so many years with kids and teens with problems, the Lord has helped me to use that experience helping people here in our new ministry.

My prayer and desire is to help the young people and the parents to not give up, but to seek the Lord each day and ask for wisdom. The enemy is in the world working overtime to distract this generation. As the Lord's return gets closer, things get worse. That what God has told us in His word. May God richly bless each one of you and that we may reach out to all those God leads us to.

> In Christ, Kathy Barros





Kathy with her mother Alta Hatcher

"Every day as I pray, I always thank Cod for my mother and the wonderful example she was as a mother and also as a servant of the Lord. So many things in my life as a mother and missionary have been greatly influenced by her example."

Kathy Barros

Kathy Barros grew up in Brazil as a missionary kid, daughter of John & Alta Hatcher. She now serves in Northern Brazil with her husband Odali, teaching and training the ladies and young girls from their church to share the Gospel and minister to children in villages such as Ubim.

"And...they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how He had opened the door of faith unto the Centiles." - Acts 14:27

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April 21, 2023

I am writing this from Lexington, Kentucky. Mike and I are here taking care of some health issues. Our beautiful daughter, Monica, has been gracious to put up with us!

Some thirty years ago I started praying that God would open a door for us to be able to reach the deaf in our town. At the same time, I started nudging Mike. Finally, after all those years of praying and seeking years it has happened! I believe our church is the only one with this ministry in the state of Acre. There are 23 people who have finished the three courses (one year each). These courses were made possible through one of the women in our church who felt called to implant this new ministry. Tatyana had been the nursery leader for years. She trained another lady and team to take her place. Now a signing course for children has started. My granddaughter, Kayla, ten years old, is

one of the students. Since we began last November, there have been at least six deaf people who have made a profession of faith. There are times when they "sing" along with the congregation. I found out recently that sign language in Brazil is different from in the US.

A couple of weeks before I came to the States a group of

ladies from the women's ministry "Some thirty years ago I asked to started praying that God would open a door for meet with me just to talk. They us to be able to reach were curithe deaf in our town. At ous about the same time, I started nudging Mike. Finally, how I came after all those years of to Cruzeiro praying and seeking do Sul. They years it has happened!" wanted some input about raising chil-

dren, being

a missionary and pastor's wife, among other things. I hope I was able to be of help. This is one of the many ways I get to participate and help out in the work here.

Beverly Creiglow

Not many people outside our church know this, but I am known at our church for giving the best hugs! Hugs are one of my favorite things. There is a group of children that come for a hug almost every service.

I arrived in the US just over two weeks ago. From what we have been hearing from many of the members of First Baptist things are going very

well and souls continue to be saved.

Mike and I have no idea of how long his treatment will take, but we are anxious to get back home. I miss church my and kids/ grandkids. Love, Beverly

Beverly Creiglow has served the Lord in Cruzeiro do Sul. Acre, Brazil, together with her husband Mike since 1971.



Part of the deaf ministry

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A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF **JUDY HATCHER IN FRANCE**



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April 19, 2023 Bonjour from France. First of all, thank you for your loving support for almost 24 years here. God is gracious! Fifty years ago this year, John and I started our life together. First, in Brazil for

about a year and a half, then Evansville, Indiana for almost 25 years and then, here in France. Over the years we have lived in different cultures, reared children, enjoyed grandchildren, laughed and cried together, laughed and cried with friends and family.

changed, the basic hasn't. We still have a desire to share the gospel and how it has changed our lives with people around us. Presently, what does my life look like? How do I fill my time? We are presently involved in three Bible studies: one where the majority are unbelievers...two with Christians who are growing in how to live their faith. I participate in these and also teach a children's class at one of them. We host the church family each week in our home. I get to pray together with my French sisters in Christ. We connect with those who don't know Jesus personally by way of John in France since 1999.

"While lots of things have changed, the basic hasn't. We still have a desire to share the gospel and how it has changed our lives with people around us."

Judy Hatcher

While lots of things have the means, God opens doors that, humanly speaking, we would have no access to.

> So, we pray, we walk, we talk, and God goes before us and opens doors!

May God bless you as you discover how to integrate into the lives of people around you and share His love.

Because of His love, Judy Hatcher

Judy Hatcher has served the Lord on three continents and has been a disciplemaker with her husband

"You are as much serving God in looking after your own children, and training them up in God's fear, and minding the house, and making your household a church for God, as you would be if you had been called to lead an army to battle for the Lord of hosts." -Charles H. Spurgeon

English conversation class weekly. We share a coffee, listen to life problems, and counsel pre-marriage couples.

However, among the most exciting part of our days is walking! Yes, walking. French people appreciate the outdoors and it is not unusual to see people walking, running, pushing strollers, or riding bicycles. It has become our inroad to French life. Often and at the most unexpected times, God brings someone across our path that needs to

> hear about Him. Often, we will be walking along, someone will say hi...a conversation is started...et voila! Sometimes it's because they hear us speaking English...often, it's John's friendly -never-meet-a stranger personality. Whatever

THE MANY HATS I'VE WORN

"My life has

been a full and

fulfilling one and

I have enjoyed

every twist and

turn."

Barbara Hensley



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April 24, 2023 Dear friends and family,

As I look back over the past years in Brazil, I think of the many hats I have worn. In the beginning, my hat was just helper to Aj and to Kathy with the children. Then we purchased the building where

we all assumed the care of one corridor with all the children decided. At this time, my hat was that of mother and all we moms know that a mom wears MANY hats. First is the caregiver and the one who gives the love to all. There is the nurse hat when one of your ten to fifteen boys is sick and you sit up all night rocking him. Also, the nurse when the boys get into fights and you are left to give out Band-Aids to all. One of my hats was a water carrier hat. That is when you call them to get up for school and they sleep right through it, so I guess that hat is the firefighter hat because the water somehow gets on the sound sleepers.

Then there was the was the wash woman hat on wash day when you gather up dirty clothes for all of the boys and begin wash day. Some days the biggest part was washing on the scrub board their "million dirty socks". Then the pile in the living room floor to fold and separate their clothes. Also, the confidant hat where you get to give advice and hope and pray that they will listen and obey.

For the first five years, those and many more were my hats. Then we moved to another location where we were working to begin another orphanage, but the town we chose did not want Americans taking care of their children because they did not want people to think they were not doing a good job. I was Sunday School teacher, neighborhood all-around listener and adviser. So, because we could not get permission from the politicians we were forced to move to

another location.

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Here I stepped right into the role of youth leader and also young children teacher. The church where we began helping had a large children's ministry and there, I fit right in and worked with

the children in the church and outside of the church. So, when we started our last church, I worked in the women's ministry and the children's ministry.

So, as you can see, God has used me in all kinds of areas, but what is so interesting is when I look back on my own childhood and youth, I see how He was preparing me to be the wife of a missionary and to do all the things He brought me to.

My life has been a full and fulfilling one and I have enjoyed every twist and turn. I could not think of not having done any part of it. I give thanks to God for every part of it. And I look forward to everything He will bring to me to do in the future. As Aj would say, "WHAT AN AWESOME GOD WE SERVE!!!"

Thank each and every one of you who pray for Aj and I and for the ones who financially support through Baptist Faith Missions. Without your faithful support we could not do all that you enable us to do.

THANK YOU. In His service, Aj and Barbara Hensley

Barbara Hensley has served the Lord in Brazil with her husband AJ since 1996.

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COORDINATING FOSTER CARE IN SÃO PAULO



May 2023

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I'm excited to write this letter because God has done great things. We arrived in São Paulo, Brazil, a week before Christmas. Being with my parents' family for the holidays was so special after all we went through the last 18 months in the US. Everyone was amazed by how much our kids had grown.

On January 16, I returned to my role as coordinator in a Foster Care Program, but this time, in a new location and with a new team:

- A psychologist
- A social worker
- A social worker intern
- A social worker volunteer

We have worked very hard to organize and structure the program. Our inaugu-ration was on April 4. We met with our jurisdiction judge and her foster care team to align procedures and receive instructions. We were glad the judge was very welcoming and open to foster care; she prefers placing babies, children, and teens in families. This positive attitude towards foster care is not typical among judges in Brazil, resulting in 96% of children and teenagers who are removed from their homes being placed in institutions and only 4% being placed in families. We want to change this sad reality by educating, recruiting, training, and supporting families in our communities to step out of their comfort zone and become foster care families. Most of our presentations

are done in churches, but we also present in universities, maternities, business meetings, and others. Currently, we have two families ready to receive a child and one family finishing training. Our goal is to recruit ten families by the end of the year.

The two-bed-

room townhouse we rented to serve as our office, where biological families will come for supervised visits, where foster care families will meet with us, and where adoptive families will meet their children for the first time, needs many things. We need sofas, lamps, rugs, decorations, stoves, children's books, toys, crayons, colored pencils, and many newborn supplies, like clothes, bottles, baby towels, pacifiers, and everything else babies need.

We give those items to the foster care families when they receive a baby since they are volunteers and only receive 264 dollars per month to help with medications (children come with many needs, physically, mentally, and psychologi-cally) and other urgent needs the child may have. If

you can help with Lecturing at the International Foster a one-time offer, Care Symposium at the University of or if you would Campinas, São Paulo like to support this

ministry monthly, please, specify your offering to Raquel Foster Care.

I'm also training professionals and foster care families in TBRI (Trust-Based Relational Intervention), a Trauma-Informed Approach. I got licensed to train while we were in the USA. TBRI was developed at Texas Christian University by Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. David Cross. If you would like to learn more about it, many TBRI videos are on YouTube. God has blessed us tremendously with many opportunities to serve Him through serving others. Our family is doing well. Jud is extremely busy with our church planting and training he does with pastors and church leaders. My oldest sister Valéria married on April 22; it was a beautiful celebration.

Lastly, Through World Without Orphans Brasil, we (WWO) are bringing Jodi Tucker to São Paulo on April 27. She is the mother of 9 children, some biologi-

cal and many adopted. She wrote the devotional "Second Mothers." She will be speaking to mothers by adoption and foster mothers. I will be the master of the ceremony (MC) for the event. We hope to bless those women who dedicate their lives to give hope to those without it.

I want to thank all of you for praying for us, loving us, and helping us financially. We could never do what we do without you. Thank you so, so much! My WhatsApp number is +(5511)99416-4149, if you would like to call me to get more information about our ministry. God bless you!

Love, **Raquel Hatcher**





Raquel's sister's wedding



Meeting with district court judge and and her child welfare team



TBRI training with professionals who work at a residential care facility



Meeting with a Baptist Pastor



Inauguration of second foster care progam center

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Raquel Hatcher serves the Lord with her husband Jud and their family in São Paulo, Brazil. While their main ministry is church planting, Raquel also serves as coordinator in a Foster Care Program and is a licensed TBRI trainer.



Raquel Hatcher

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HOLDING GRIEF & GRATITUDE AT THE SAME TIME

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April 21, 2023

Greetings to all of you from beautiful Kijabe, Kenya.

It's interesting writing these newsletters every year. One of the neat things about it is looking back over the letter from the year before and seeing all the answered prayers. Last year I listed 10 things for you to pray for. Of those 10 things, only one has not changed in the least – adoption. All the others have

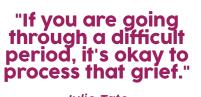
been answered to one degree or another. That is so encouraging! God has been

good. Well, God is always good even when circumstances are difficult – which they still are. But God has shifted a

lot of things for us. now, I can look Many of them you already know about back and see how I did this to my from Roger's letters.

I will be honest with you. After going through several months where things were looking up with Chloe, this last month has been difficult and disheartening. I feel like we've taken several steps backwards, and that's really discouraging. In the middle of that, it's sometimes difficult to remember that things are still better than they were a year ago - on every level: Chloe; support from professionals; community; ministry; marriage; growing in patience, faith, strength, and perseverance...

One of the fundamental things God has been teaching me is that it's okay to hold grief and gratitude in my hands at the same time: they are not mutually exclusive. I think this is difficult for a lot of people in Christian circles. Anytime someone expresses hard things our knee-jerk reaction is to remind them to be thankful or to minimize the pain they are trying to express. We want to fix things, correct things, and make people feel better about their situation and about God. We say things like, "But don't forget," or "At least it's not as bad as..." or "But look at the important work God has called your parents/spouse/you to..." which communicates the message that the person talking to us isn't allowed to express those difficult emotions. We



Chris-

Julie Tate

them down a n d communicate to them that there is something wrong with them or that they arebad

Julie (center) with some of the staff at RVA

tians...or even

worse, that they

are just collateral

damage. We're often not good at sitting with suffer-ing and difficult

As a mom of

three adult MKs

emotions.

own children way more than was

healthy for them. It seems like

experiencing trauma is considered

a badge of honor for missionary

families in many circles, and we lose

sight of the fact that our missionaries

and their wives and children need

better support in processing those

traumas without fear. This doesn't

negate the things we do well for our missionaries – not at all. So please, if a missionary says, "We need a little

bit more emotional support right

now," don't hear that as, "Y'all aren't doing your job..." rather, just hear the

humble admission that life is extra

tough in this season and we need our far-away Christian community

family: trying to remember that it's

okay to struggle, and it's okay to ask God difficult things. It's okay that we feel the "hard." This "hard" isn't unique to us. Of all the missionary

families I know at RVA (and there are

a LOT of them) there isn't one that doesn't have a LOT of trauma they

are trying to process. And though there are very unique aspects of this for missionaries (especially and most devastatingly for their children), "hard" im't only part of missionary

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Well, this is where we are as a

in extra-ordinary ways right now.

life - it's just part of life, isn't it? Only the details are different.

So, I want to encourage YOU. If you are going through a difficult period, it's okay to process that grief. It's okay to talk about it without feeling like you have to couch everything in "Christianese." It's okay to be real. It's okay to feel overwhelmed today. It's okay to stop, plop in a chair, look up to God (whether physically or in your spirit) and just say, "Lord, this feels too heavy for me today. I'm overwhelmed. This hurts. I don't feel like I can keep going today. I need You." It doesn't make you a bad Christian or a weak Christian or an ungrateful Christian; it makes you a real, broken person in a real, broken world who is learning how to lean hard into grace.

Roger and I are still learning how to leaning hard into grace in this pro-longed season of our lives. In the middle of all the answered prayer, in the middle of all the continued struggle (because we haven't yet entered fully into the "rest" promised us), leaning hard implies the idea that we can't stand on our own...because we can't. And that's okay.

God has answered many prayers. God has given us incredible opportunities. God has done amazing things. ...AND... We're hurting. It's hard. We need your prayers. We need your encouragement. We need to know that our peeps back home still have our backs in this difficult season.

So now, may the God of all comfort comfort us all in all our afflictions so that we may be able to comfort others with the comfort which we have received from Him. Love,

Julie

Julie Tate has served in Kenya with her husband Roger since 2008.

Proverbs 31

²⁵ Strength and honor are her clothing;

She shall rejoice in time to come.

²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom,

And on her tongue is the law of kindness.

²⁷ She watches over the ways of her household,

And does not eat the bread of idleness.

²⁸ Her children rise up and call her blessed;

Her husband also, and he praises her:

²⁹ "Many daughters have done well,

But you excel them all."

³⁰ Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing,

But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.

³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands,

And let her own works praise her in the gates.

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April 8, 2023

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

First, I want to give you a quick update on the drought situation here in Kenya since I have been speaking about it in the last couple of newsletters. I want to say, "Praise the Lord!" This past month we have been getting rainfall in good quantities and the Lord has blessed us with rain. I really wasn't crying "wolf" in previous newsletters. Kenya does have yearly dry seasons, but this season was extraordinarily dry for a much longer period. We thank the Lord that we have received rain here in Kijabe but the crop and economic situation for many Kenyans is still dire. We need the rains to continue, and I still don't know what the drought will mean for the crops this year. We are still very much dependent upon the Lord's blessings.

Second, it seems like there is always some kind of catastrophe to be praying about here in Kenya. Now we are facing weekly tumultuous riots, mainly in Nairobi. We went through a stressful presidential election last year and now the candidate that lost (who has been running and losing for the last forty years) has called his people to riot in the capital until some of his demands are met. So, his people have obeyed and are rioting in and around Nairobi, burning things, hurting people, causing trouble, and preventing business. Oh, what can I say? I understand so little of Kenyan politics, but I can't see how

this is helping the Kenyan people. Please don't lose patience with me but it seems I'm always asking you all to pray for peace in Kenya, and I'm doing it again now.

School is currently on break and the students are home resting, doing ministry, and spending time with family. With school being out I have had a couple of opportunities to speak at a couple of churches. The first church was by far the biggest church I have spoken at in Kenya. It probably had six to seven hundred people in it. That's probably close to the largest congregation I have preached to in my life. The second church was a church that one of my students is a member of. He and his pastor invited me to come and preach. It was a considerably far drive and I got to see a large portion of Kenya that I had never seen before. My student told me that there were two services with about 300 people in each service, so I was expecting a fairly large town. After I arrived and checked into my guest house I went to "town" to see what it was like. Can I just say, there was nothing there. The whole town consisted of about 1/4 mile of wooden shacks on either side of the road. It certainly wasn't what I expected. But the student was correct, and I preached to two services of about three to four hundred people each. Simple, gospel messages that focus on Jesus and salvation to a total of about 1200-1400 people. What a privilege. Now, in the meantime, I am busy preparing classes for my students returning next term. I am looking forward to teaching them 1) General Epistles of the New Testament and 2) Church Planting.

Blessings to all, Roger, Julie & Chloe



"The fact that I am a woman does not make me a different kind of Christian, but the fact that I am a Christian makes me a different kind of woman." -E. Elliot

"Mothers, you have a calling that can become the long-remembered ground of faith, not just for your children — mark this — but for the untold numbers who will be affected by your children. And that's in addition to all the other thousands of ripple effects of faith in your life." -J. Piper

> "When a woman is absorbed with God's glory, she will interpret her life according to His truth." -S. Hunt



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April 26, 2023 Hello Faithful Friends,

So much has happened since I wrote last year that I am amazed at God's goodness to us. It is actually quite encouraging to stop and write about it because it's a way to reflect on and count our many blessings.

assistant teacher. I work with the kids

ages 8 to 12. Through the course of my

years teaching, I have evangelized and

taught children that are now grown up,

got married, and now I'm teaching their

ministry is to coordinate the prepara-

tion and decorating for special events like marriage seminars and evangelistic

outreach meetings. I believe that even in

small things like this we should seek to honor the Lord with excellence. One of

the challenges is to apply excellence with

a limited budget. I enjoy the challenge,

One of my favorite activities in our

children in my classes.

though.

We have been experiencing steady growth at our church. So much so that we had to find a larger building to move to. The Lord guided us to a great location that will allow the church to keep growing. Part of my role in this process was to organize the packing and labeling of everything the needed to be moved so that we could find it and use it almost immediately after our arrival there. I had some great volunteer helpers working with me and I am very grateful for them. One of my roles at the church is as an

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Charlene Wacaser

"The Lord is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works."

Psalm 145:9

As a missionary's wife, there is one area that is not pleasurable, and that is the "goodbyes". There are so many of them and for various reasons. Of course, there are the goodbyes when we leave family and friends when coming to our field

of service, but there are also the goodbyes on the field to those who we've evangelized and prepared to go out as missionaries to new places. Recently we sent Yago and Manoela off to Portugal to start new churches. I had worked side by side with Manoela for quite a while

and we had become very close. As much as I was thrilled that God had called her husband and her to go, it still hurt to lose that constant companionship with her. I'm very glad that we have the promise of an eternal home to enjoy fellowship again, and without the goodbyes.

Bobby and I are going to begin a U.S. stateside furlough near the end of May. If you or your church would be interested in having us come and share personally how God is using our ministry, feel free to contact Bobby at: bobbymichael_1@ hotmail.com.

I am so grateful for your prayers and concern for us and our ministry.

Yours in Christ, Charlene Wacaser



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► MIKE & BEVERLY CREIGLOW: PRAISE GOD for answered prayer after 30 years of seeking! PRAY for Beverly and Mike who are currently in the States taking care of health issues. [PACE 2]

► JOHN MARK & JUDY HATCHER: PRAISE GOD for their continued desire to share the Gospel! PRAY as they share God's love with those they encounter. [PACE 3]

► JUDSON & RAQUEL HATCHER: PRAISE GOD for how He is using Raquel to help build and support foster care in Brazil! PRAY for their many needs and for God to provide families to foster these babies, children, and teens. [PACE 4]

► AJ & BARBARA HENSLEY: PRAISE GOD for the life and ministry of Barbara Hensley! PRAY she will continue to be faithful to all God calls her to in the future. [PACE 3]

► ROGER & JULIE TATE: PRAISE GOD for how He has answered prayer in the last year! PRAY for Julie and Roger in the various difficulties they are facing. [PACE 5]

► BOBBY & CHARLENE WACASER: PRAISE GOD for His goodness and how Charlene is now teaching children of children she has taught! PRAY for as they minister to the next generation and for their upcoming stateside furlough. [PACE 7]





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During this Month - read, honor, and pray for our Missionary-Wives...

"MOTHERS IN ISRAEL" Judges 5:7

Deborah, the judge, called herself "a mother in Israel". She was not referring to her biological children because we don't have written record, at least, that she and Lapidoth had any biological children. But, she was 'a mother in Israel' because of the spiritual leadership and nurturing she demonstrated during this time of spiritual declension. She provided the leadership of conviction, moral courage, and inspiration to trust and obey God – and she influenced and strengthened many.

So have our missionary-wives who have as faithfully and valiantly served with their husbands to be mothers, not only to their own children and families, but to countless others also. So, in keeping with the Mother's Day tradition we observe here in the States, we have asked our beloved missionary-wives to write this month's letters from their own distinctive perspectives. This is our way of recognizing them, honoring them, and rising up with their husbands and children to bless them! Proverbs 31:10-31

> "The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil All the days of her life." [Proverbs 31:11-12]

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