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June 17, 2023

Dear Brethren,

Last time I reported to you, I had been in the States for 2 months. Now it is pushing 5 months. Beverly arrived a couple of months ago, which has made my life much easier through these toughest months of this ordeal. Tuesday will be my final radiation session of 25. I saw the oncologist on Thursday and the surgeon on Friday. Both have given me the green light to return home as soon as I heal a little bit and feel up to it. The original surgery took over 6 weeks to heal then the radiation has undone much of that. However, we hope to start our journey home on July 5th. So far I have spent about \$7,000.00 out of pocket. The insurance covered much of the treatment, which, as you can imagine, was astronomical. Hopefully we will get some back. Don't be shy if you would like to help.

The reports from the field are glowing. People have been saved every weekend.

Our missions conference was in mid-May.

The 3 nights were attended by



Pastor Ezi baptizing Marubo Indians in the Itui River

crowds of 600 plus. Three more surrendered to be missionaries. We preach and teach about how people are called and commissioned to be missionaries. The Holy Spirit performs His power in it all. The 3 new candidates are already in training by Zico (our missions coordinator) and Gever-ton our full-time missionary at

large.

Now let me share a couple of the recent mission trips that our teams have made.

Two of our teams did house to house, village to village, evangelism on the Boa Fé River. This river runs west to east about 50 miles north of Cruzeiro do Sul. It flows into our main river, the Juruá,

about 100 miles downstream from us. Since we have a full time missionary and congregation at Gama (about halfway from headwaters to mouth), one team went there overland and went upstream to the last house. The other team went down the Juruá to the mouth of the Boa Fé and worked their way up to Gama, where the 2 teams finished up. That way in just a couple of weeks the 2 teams were able to share the gospel with everyone on the whole river. I haven't seen the final report that was given to the home church.

Pastor Ezi (one of the 7 pastors of First Baptist Church of Cruzeiro do Sul) went to visit our work among the Marubo Indians. Ezi's son-in-law is a Marubo and went with him. Ezi's daughter went, too, taking their 2 children (one is just a few months old)! To get to the tribe they had go down the Juruá River 100 miles to the mouth of the Boa Fé River. Then they had to hike due north for 2 days to get to the reservation. The Indians come out to help them carry their baggage. These Indians end

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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.



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up making this hike 4 times to get our missionaries in and back out again! While there he baptized 7 Maubos in the Ituí River. That river is actually a tributary of the Amazon River, to give you an idea of how remote and isolated the tribe is. Our full-time missionary

there is Ronaldinho. He was born there. We did much of his training, but he also spent a couple of years in a seminary in Rio de Janeiro.

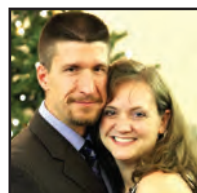
For lack of space, I am holding one more great piece of mission news for my next letter. Sorry

about the suspense, but you'll just have to wait!

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

In Christ,
Mike Creiglow

TEACHING STUDENTS ABOUT CHURCH PLANTING



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June 10, 2023

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

One of the classes that I am teaching this term is Church Planting. Even though I spent fifteen years in Kitale doing church planting, I still hardly feel qualified to teach this course to new ministry students. It is such an important subject for my students to study and I can only pray that I teach them properly and to do everything I can to help them understand the importance of the subject and how they should be doing it. But what I'm teaching them has been a hard sell so far. Let me see if I can explain why.

My students are studying for ministry work. They are diligently studying the Bible and what it means to work in the ministry of Jesus Christ. They are good and godly students who want to know Jesus, want to know the Bible, and want to minister the gospel in the lives of people and in the world.

But they usually also come with a certain mindset. I'll call it a Traditional mindset. They come to Bible school, many of them want to become pastors. They are thinking of becoming pastors of already established churches, of preaching the Word of God and ministering in that church, of seeing that church grow bigger, and of eventually building a bigger church to accommodate this bigger congregation.

There is nothing wrong with the

above model, is there? No, there isn't. It is the same model that most of us are familiar with and, if we are pastors, it is the model we are probably participating in. So, no, there is nothing wrong with the Traditional model. But I am trying to teach these young Bible students something a little different. I am trying to convince them to consider a slightly different model.

I don't know what to call it, so I'll just call it the Different model. In the Different model that I'm teaching them, I'm trying to convince them to go to a location where there is NO church already present, where there may not be any Christians at all, where the gospel needs to be preached, and where a new New Testament church is actually needed. My students can usually get on board with this pretty well, after all they are godly students wanting to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus. Where they start jumping off the wagon, however, is when I begin to teach the really different part of the Different model. I am trying to teach them to start churches that will reproduce themselves and start other churches and to teach them principles on how to do that. They were on board at first because, while they do want to fulfill the Great Commission, they also want to start churches that will eventually become big, have lots of people and tithes, and be able to build big church buildings and have lots of structured programs. When I began telling them that church buildings are not always conducive to churches reproducing themselves because poor communities cannot reproduce such a thing, they began jumping off board. When I began

telling them that when their church becomes big enough (defined as too big to meet in their house anymore) then the church should start convincing some of its members to start a new church in another location, even more jumped off board. After all, how can their church become big if they are always sending some of their members off to start a new church somewhere else? I think their biggest issue might be, "How can I ever get enough financial support from my church if my church membership is never more than 15-25 people?" The other issue they face is the issue we all face – the mindset that "Bigger is better." They want to pastor a big church because "Bigger is better" for a thousand and one reasons. I want them to start churches that will start churches that will start churches so that the gospel will spread, the kingdom of Christ will spread, and there will be a church presence preaching the gospel in every place in Kenya and in every place in the world. It is a hard sell, even for godly, Jesus loving Bible students at Bible college. I can see some changes in them, though. They are beginning to ask themselves the question I ask them all the time, "What is your goal?" Is your goal a big church, with a big membership, a big offering plate, a big building, and a big reputation? There is nothing wrong with that goal, my beloved students. But consider another goal – a dozen churches, spreading out over the city, preaching the gospel and reaching the lost, all with the purpose of spreading the Kingdom and starting more churches that will all be doing the same thing.

"My beloved students - What is your goal?"

Blessings to all,
Roger, Julie, Chloe

WARM SEND OFF, CURRENTLY STATESIDE, GOSPEL PRESENTATIONS CONTINUE



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Dear Friends,

Let me start out by announcing that Charlene and I have begun our stateside furlough and will be available to visit and share our ministries with you or your church in the upcoming months. Our contact information is:

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Before leaving Curitiba, Brazil last week, we had a very warm send-off service from our dear church family there. I have left the pastorate in the able hands of Pastor Cledson Xenofonte. He has been my co-pastor and youth pastor for the past five years and the church has grown significantly due to his and his assistants' dedicated labors. His wife, Fabiane, and he have two children (both teens) who are involved and dedicated in the church ministries as well. I feel confident that God placed Cledson on my heart to succeed me as pastor and I believe the church will continue to grow steadily under his leadership.

Although Charlene and I will reside this year in the USA, we have several mission trips scheduled that will take us back to Brazil a couple of times and at least on one trip to our new church plant in Portugal to assist Yago and Manoela. This couple

has shown tremendous wisdom and a great work ethic as they are constantly setting up Bible studies and personal discipleship meetings. They are still seeking the right house to move to near the capital, Lisbon, so that they can reach a greater number of people with less waste of time and money on the highway from their present residence. Our church in Curitiba is contributing as much as they can so that they can afford the higher rent there and Charlene and I give personally as well. But since the currency in Portugal is the Euro and more expensive, they still need about \$200 per month more to meet the additional cost of rent in the capitol. If you feel led of the Lord to give toward this investment in reaching the lost in Portugal, you may contribute by labeling your offering: Wacaser – Portugal Mission.

Our traveling evangelistic team, Projeto Vida recently returned from a three-week trip to the northwestern part of the state of Paraná. In the public parks and schools where they ministered, the gospel was presented to 1743 students and adults. Of these, 151 made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ. We are so thankful the Lord continues to keep this window of opportunity open to us. We know that this privilege is being lost in more and more locations throughout the world, so we seek to take advantage of it to get the gospel out there.

In Christ's love,

Bobby and Charlene Wacaser

NEW PLANS FOR THE SEMINARY



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Dear friends and family,

Thank you, Lord, the COVID disaster is over. Now we can begin to get back to the planning of the Seminary. As with many ministries along with many churches, the job ahead of us is an uphill battle but we serve an AWESOME God and He is able to make things happen.

In all of the re-organizing of Bluegrass Baptist Seminary, we have a plan—then some things change. We are getting closer and closer to the structure we are desiring and praying for.

So here goes our “now” plan! In two years, a student in Brazil can complete a Masters (accredited) in Bluegrass Baptist Seminary. The degrees are the same: a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies and a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministries. A person can also elect to take all the courses for their own self edification and receive a certificate of completion for the courses they chose to take.

I pray all the time for these saints who choose to understand God's truths in Scriptures and build God's kingdom in Brazil through the local church.

These last two months have been a lot of telephone work

getting classes organized for this year and the next year. Four of the professors we have for the classes are PhDs and the other two are Doctors. We also have two adjunct professors if needed. How AWESOME is He who puts His plans in motion. Along with these Professors we have three translators and one more for back up as needed.

All the classes are approved and planned for this year and next year. These classes will be done via Zoom with the exemption of the Greek and the Hebrew classes which will be taught on site in São Paulo City and one other location to be determined at a later date. And now for some AWESOME news: we have been approved to start a PhD program for the year 2024. At this time, I do not have all the details, but as we get them we will be passing them along to you. But for now, we invite you to rejoice with us for this blessing for the Brazilian students.

Thank each and every one of you who keep us at God's throne for our safety and health. God has been faithful in all things. We are hoping to go to Brazil in July if God wills. Right now, we are waiting for our renewed passports, so pray with us for this. We have some people to see and places to go so we hope we are permitted.

In His service,

Aj and Barbara

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The attendees in this group have been stirred by God to seek answers. One married couple about our age are from Iran have undergoing much suffering. The husband was imprisoned a couple of different times for a lengthy period of time by the very oppressive government of their home country. They managed to escape to France about 25 years ago. They are both Muslim by birth and rearing. When we began the Bible study, they knew nothing about the Bible or Christ.

This couple, B---m and Sh---- have really paid attention, but just didn't seem to understand about Christ. If you have no close friends from the Islamic culture it is hard to understand that for them Mohamed is the greatest prophet and Christ is just a man. God in the flesh just doesn't make sense to them... until the Holy Spirit touches their heart. Last week, as I was once again explaining in detail that Jesus Christ is God, B---- who is normally very quiet spoke with a great smile on his face saying (in French) "I get it, I get it." He was thrilled and so are we.

Another Bible study that we have is in the city of Mazere, about 40 miles south of us. A lady there, sister to the host in L'Union, has been hosting a Bible study in her home for many years and it has touched many. Several have been saved over the years. Those who now come to this



A Bible discussion taking place at the youth meeting led by Philip Hatcher (John & Judy's son).

Bible study are believers. They live in cities where there are no churches. This is their primary fellowship group. Last Saturday, both of these groups, the believers and the seekers met together for a picnic and we had a great day together. Believers getting an opportunity to be living witnesses to unbelievers. We had some interesting questions from those who need Christ. I am including a snapshot taken at the picnic.

One more tidbit and then I will close. Last year a young man who started coming to church and Sunday School with his parents when he was in Grade School con-

fessed faith in Christ and fol-

lowing this young man. At our last youth meeting we had good number of youth, his friends, who were there for the first time. We were thrilled.

You will see a picture of the Bible discussion taking place at this youth meeting.

Well, I am stopping for now, though there are a number of other blessings I would like share. We are delighted that you are co-laborers with us. Please continue to pray for us and those that God brings across

"The attendees in this group have been stirred by God to seek answers..."

John Mark Hatcher

lowed the Lord in baptism. Philip, our son and one of the church leaders, has been disci-

our path.

Serving in France,
John and Judy

TRAINING PASTORS & LEADERS, NEW CHURCH PLANTED, EVANGELISTIC OPPORTUNITIES



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June 22, 2023

Dear friends,

We are delighted to bring you an exciting update on the ongoing ministry work in Brazil. God's grace and favor continue to pour upon us as we witness His transformative power at work in the lives of individuals, churches, and communities. Here are some highlights from recent events and initiatives:

PASTORS' CONFERENCE WITH PASTOR HANIBAL RODRIGUEZ:

We were privileged to host an uplifting Pastors' Conference in partnership with Pastor Hanibal Rodriguez from Wheaton Bible Church. This conference served as a time of refreshment, equipping, and encouragement for pastors across the nation. Through Pastor Hanibal's insightful teaching and powerful ministry, pastors were equipped to shepherd their congregations with renewed vision and passion.

CHURCH MINISTRIES CONFERENCE WITH EIGHT WORKSHOPS:

In our commitment to fostering growth and excellence in church ministries, we organized a dynamic Church Ministries Conference. This event featured eight different workshops covering various aspects of ministry, including worship, discipleship, children's ministry, evangelism, and more. Pastors, leaders, and volunteers gained valuable insights, practical tools, and inspiration to enhance their ministry effectiveness.

PASTOR AND LEADERS MONTHLY GATHERING:

We continued our monthly gatherings for pastors and leaders to strengthen unity and provide a platform for mutual support and growth. These gatherings took place in São Paulo and Parana, attracting participants from various regions. Through worship, prayer, and the sharing of testimonies and challenges, we witnessed the power of collaboration and the edification of leaders as they sharpened one another for a more significant Kingdom impact.

CHURCH PLANT IN MARILIA LED BY AMERICO AND PAULINHA:

Praise God for the establishment of a new church in Marilia under the leadership of Americo and Paulinha. This church plant represents an answered prayer and a strategic step in reaching the unreached in that area. We believe that this congregation will grow into a vibrant community of believers, passionately sharing the Gospel and transforming lives.

THREE INCREDIBLE EVANGELISTIC COOKOUTS:

Evangelism remains at the core of our mission, and we rejoiced in organizing three incredible evangelistic cookouts. These events provided opportunities for fellowship, engaging conversations, and sharing the love of Christ. Many individuals encountered the truth of the Gospel, and we witnessed the power of God's Word breaking strongholds and bringing salvation to those who were lost.

COUPLES GATHERING:

We organized a special Couples Gathering to recognize the importance of healthy marriages and families. This event aimed to strengthen marital relationships, enrich communication, and provide biblical principles for navigating challenges. Couples left the gathering inspired and equipped to build strong foundations in their homes, becoming beacons of Christ's love and grace.

EVANGELISTIC COOKOUTS, ONE-ON-ONE DISCIPLESHIP, AND SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES:

Our evangelistic efforts continued through three incredible cookouts, creating opportunities for fellowship, conversations, and sharing the Gospel. We also engaged in one-on-one discipleship meetings and small group Bible studies in homes, nurturing spiritual growth and community among believers.

FAMILY NEWS:

In the midst of our ministry endeavors, we rejoice in celebrating the accomplishments of our family:

Sarah won her school's "Talent Show" with her beautiful singing, showcasing her God-given gifts and talents.

Benjamin shone brightly as the protagonist in his 8th-grade theatrical performance, displaying remarkable acting skills.

We joyfully celebrated Benjamin's 8th-grade graduation, marking a significant milestone in his academic journey.

Melissa achieved a new level of proficiency in her Jiu-Jitsu class, earning a well-deserved stripe and demonstrating her determination and discipline.

Laura received the prestigious "Outstanding Student of the Year Award" at her school, recognizing her exceptional academic achievements and character.

I (Jud) marked my 46th birthday with a delightful date with Raquel at an incredible fondue restaurant.

The kids and I enjoyed a memorable day of bike riding at Ibirapuera Park, Brazil's equivalent to NY Central Park.



Church plant in Marilia led by Americo and Paulinha



Wilson ministering to kids

FUNDRAISING REQUESTS:

We humbly reach out to you, our faithful supporters, with two pressing fundraising needs:

1) Sound System, Stage, and Tent:

To enhance our church planting and network gatherings, we require a sound system, stage, and tent. The estimated cost for this essential equipment is 10,000 US dollars, considering the higher expenses for such equipment in Brazil.

2) Second Car Purchase:

Due to the increasing demand and rising expenditures on transportation, we urgently need to acquire a second vehicle. The estimated cost for this much-needed resource is also 10,000 US dollars.

We are humbled by the privilege of serving alongside faithful partners like yourselves. Your prayers and support have been instrumental in the progress and impact of these ministries. As we press forward, we invite you to join us in prayer that God's Kingdom will continue to expand and transform lives in Brazil.



Agape Couples Gathering

May the Lord bless you abundantly for your partnership in the Gospel.
Grateful always,
Jud Hatcher

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TRAINING UBIM TEENS, REMODELING FLOODED BUILDING



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hope that all of you are doing well. We are doing well. There have been lots of people with cold symptoms and lots of coughing. Thank God I am doing much better with the home remedies I have been using.

The works are doing well. The ministry in the village of Ubim is doing well. The couple that is working there is training the teens to play different instruments and to sing. It is really a blessing to see the work growing. We plan soon to have services on Sunday now that we have the couple to help. Pray for the couple as they will soon have their baby. Their names are Carol and Lucas.

Also, we have started to remodel the church of Cacau Pereira. The last 2 years the water came up high and flooded the church building, so we are raising the floor and the roof structure.

The services in the homes are doing well. We will increase the services in the homes as needed.

Now that things have calmed down with the COVID we plan on starting back the festivals we used to have. We are planning one in August.

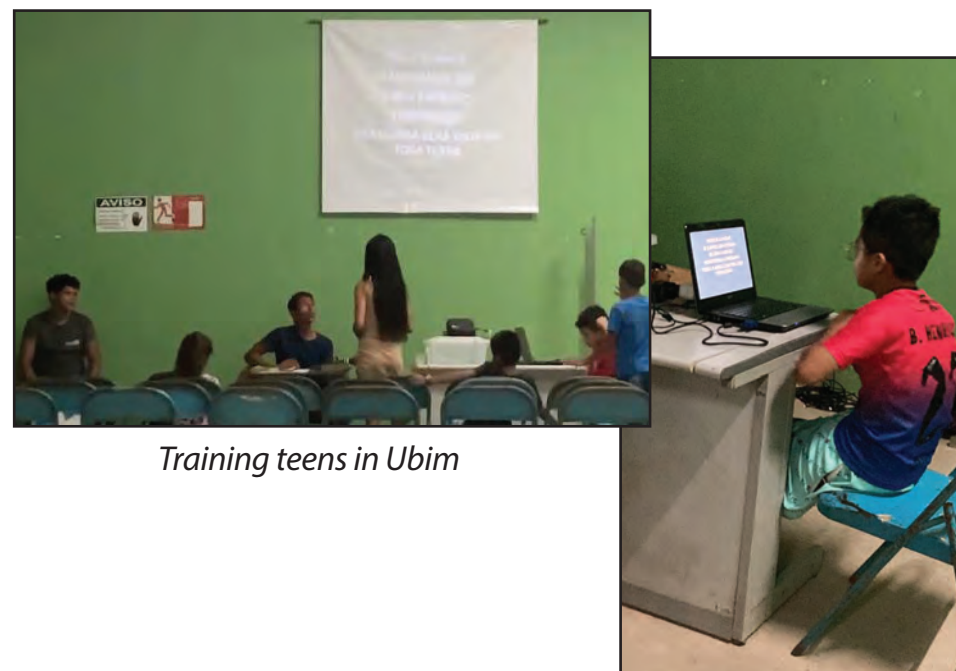
The camp that we are working on is coming along. We have cleared the area where we are going to build. We have started the first building. We are excited about having the camp.

Thank you for the prayers and support that each one of you have done for the ministry. God bless you all!

Love in Christ our Savior,
Odali and Kathy Barros



The church building that flooded



Training teens in Ubim

VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSIONERS OFFERING

(We feature this offering in June, but it's never too late to give!)

Currently, we have six (6) pensioners, and every month, there is a disbursement of \$11,590.00 to fund their service pensions.

Would you prayerfully consider making a recurring gift to help us support our faithful Veteran Missionary Pensioners? Our disbursements of \$11,590 toward supplying their modest service pensions recur every month!

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.

We encourage you to give gifts both "**In Memory Of...**" someone who is now with the Lord ... and "**In Honor Of...**" someone who may still be living, but whose love and service for BFM you would like to honor. It can be any faithful servant of the Lord. All of these gifts will be allocated to and deposited in the Veteran Missionaries Pensioners Fund and will be used to continue to support them in their golden years.

You can contribute your VMP Offering by mailing to George Sledd, Treasurer | P. O. Box 471280 | Lake Monroe FL 32747-1280 or by giving online at bfmnow.org (click the gold "Give" button).

Thank you for giving to the Lord!



First building started on the cleared campsite

Fresh Happenings

...recent developments in BFM

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 throughout the 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 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!



Randy Jones

David Pitman



Dave Parks

Philip DuBarry

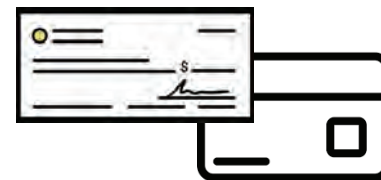
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► **ODALI & KATHY BARROS:** PRAISE GOD for how the Lord is using Carol & Lucas in Ubim! PRAY as they will soon have a baby. PRAISE GOD for progress on the camp and the works doing well. [PAGE 6]

► **MIKE & BEVERLY CREIGLOW:** PRAISE GOD for how He blessed the mission conference and mission trips! PRAY for the three new missionary candidates and the new believers. [PAGE 1]

► **JOHN MARK & JUDY HATCHER:** PRAISE GOD for new connections in their new neighborhood and the witness of the young man in their youth group! PRAY the Holy Spirit will continue to give understanding to those they regularly have Bible Studies with and that more will come to faith in Christ. [PAGE 8]

► **JUDSON & RAQUEL HATCHER:** PRAISE GOD for another church being planted in Marilia! PRAY for the pastors and leaders they have been training and equipping. PRAISE GOD for three evangelistic cookouts and PRAY for those who heard the Gospel. [PAGE 5]

► **AJ & BARBARA HENSLEY:** PRAISE GOD for how He is blessing the plans for the seminary! PRAY for those who are learning and seeking to build God's kingdom in Brazil in their local churches. [PAGE 3]

► **ROGER & JULIE TATE:** PRAISE GOD for the opportunity to share a passion for church planting with students! PRAY the students will be receptive to this different mindset. [PAGE 2]

► **BOBBY & CHARLENE WACASER:** PRAISE GOD and PRAY for Pastor Cledson! PRAY for Yago & Manoela in Portugal. PRAISE GOD for the Gospel presentations by the Projeto Vida team and PRAY seeds planted will take root and grow. [PAGE 3]

BELIEVERS LIVING AS WITNESSES TO UNBELIEVERS IN FRANCE



Gathering for a picnic in L'Union



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

If you look at the heading of this letter you will see a new address. So, now is a good time to make note of our new home/hard mail address in your address book or file. God has answered your and our prayers about this matter. We have now been in a new house for the past three weeks.

Our church has also moved with us. We are only about two miles from our old

location. God has already given us some connections with new neighbors and we continue to stay in contact with folks from our old neighborhood.

However, the best news of the last couple of months is in this paragraph. You may remember that a few months ago we began a new Bible study in the city of L'Union which is a thirty-minute drive north of us. Besides Judy and me, the only person who is a believer in these meetings is the lady who hosts them in her home. Even her husband is not a believer, but we have had a good friendly relationship with Him for many years.



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