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ON THE WAY TO A REMOTE TRIBE IN CRUZEIRO DO SUL



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July 21, 2023 Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The year is passing so fast that it is hard to believe July is gone. We pray and hope that all are well and blessed. We are doing well and blessed by God through each of your prayers and support. We have had the privilege of having some friends from Kentucky visiting us. It's been wonderful. One of the ladies, Jennifer, used to work with us at Alpha and Omega in Garça. We have visited different places and shown where we have ministries.

Also, me and my son Joshua, mostly known as "Zinho", are on our way to a tribe in Cruzeiro do Sul. We will be walking in the forest for 43 kilometers (26.7 miles). The chief of the tribe is a Baptist pastor. His son is from Mike Creiglow's church.

Now that is raining less, we will be able to work more on the camp buildings and also work on the remodeling of the church in the village of Cacau Pereira. We hope and pray we can get a lot done and finished so we can use both places. We had lots of problems with our





Zinho Barros on a boat with the crew headed to a remote tribe in Cruzeiro do Sul

cars but looks like the problems that are part of the ministry are getting solved. Praise the Lord. Living out where we live is difficult without a car. Also, we take several people to church. Pray that the cars will continue working so we can use them in the ministry.

Thanks to each one of you

through prayers and support.

God bless you! Love in Christ, Odali & Kathy

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

PAUL'S CHURCH PLANTING STRATEGY



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July 9, 2023

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

Beloved, as I mentioned in a previous letter, I am currently teaching a Church Planting class to my students. Near the end of the class I asked my students to write a "Church Planting Strategy" in a particular context where they could implement the principles they were learning in the class. For my newsletter this month I want to include one of my students' Strategy. This is a little longer than I usually put in my newsletter but I truly think you will enjoy it. My student's name is Paul. He wants to start a church with motorbike taxi riders near his home. His Strategy follows. I have left it completely unedited so it is very "unpolished" and you may have to read some things twice to understand what he is saying. Remember, English is not Paul's mother tongue. I pray you are edified.

By Paul Mwilu Introduction

For one and a half years since 2022, I have been having this unending desire to reach out to the motor riders in my village market, Mbuani, Kola Location, Machakos County, Kenya. I have been having jitters, wondering how to go about it; what will I say to them? How will I assemble them? What will I do?... The questions have been endless, with no tangible answer, but the baseline has been that I just have to do it, anyhow. But deep down I knew that I have to have some solid theological base, and actually I had no idea that I was to Join Moffat Bible College. Now that by the grace of God I am in this college, and going through the Bible on a personal level beyond the lectures, and being led by the Holy Spirit, I believe God is readying me for that desire I believe He put in me. And what more! My Lecturer Mr. Tate has

indeed equipped me with real great knowledge in the subject of Church Planting. Now my spiritual ammo is loaded in this field, and as my Field Marshall, Mwalimu Roger is giving the order, and the Captain of the LORD'S Hosts, Christ, is empowering me; I shoot!

WHY MOTOR BIKE RIDERS

"Through God's grace we have the Word and the Holy Spirit. What more could we want? Our only viable option is to be confident and courageous in spreading His Kingdom through the birth of new churches. Tomorrow is ours because we are His. Let's begin the journey now." (Brock, pg. 25). In my village, we have more than thirty young men who ride motorbikes for a living. Not more than 1% of them attend a church, or are born again. Hence I see a great and vital need to sow into them the Word of God. I ask the Holy Spirit to prepare me for this work, as the field belongs to Christ. I then will need to also prepare my soil, the Riders, as to receive the Word of God well. A village that has so many youths without God is more endangered than the Dodo itself, leave alone extinction. Most of these youths only see motorbike riding as the only available form of employment, and more so they admire the debauchery that goes along with it. If such trends are not tamed early, our society as a whole will soon fall, devoid of God. After establishing this church, I will have put a mechanism, together with the new members, so that they can reproduce the same in the nearby markets.

WHERE ARE THEY TO BE REACHED

Back in my village, the notion of every Christian and non-Christians alike, including the pastors, generationally believe that a church is a building where "worshippers" go, mostly on Sundays to worship God. With this kind of an ideology, it therefore is not easy to convince folks to start a church under a motorbike shade, contributed by a campaigning local Member of County Assembly. The villagers will hush in small crowds, heaving up

their shoulders like in an Afrosinema shoot (clarification from Roger -Kenyan movies), as the clergy too, cross their chests in a bid to ward off the "evil spirit" in me. Probably the question that will be in most heads is: "What became of William's son? So he went to a Bible School to bring these weird churches here?" But amidst such a situation, I will forge ahead and incept the new church against the traditional backdrop. Actually, under this shade where the riders wait for potential customers, shielding them from the elements, is where I plan to first meet with them. I will first go and see them informally, and chat with them, then ask them how they feel if that following Sunday, or any other day of their choice, we could meet for a short prayer and Bible study. Once we agree on the time and date, I will encourage them to pass the word to their colleagues, so we may achieve a quorum of at least 20 people. Their ages range between 17 to 40 years.

How to Reach, Start and Sustain a Bible Study / Church with Them

Now, with my initial reconnaissance done satisfactorily, I will go back to my closet and pray for success on the stage. I will review my strategies and commit them to God's purposeful Word. I will refer(and note so) to Brock's Good News for You, the Bible study guide, so as to give me an easy and in depth study. In it I will be able to systematically cover the 7 steps, as Brock recommends it for an individual, Counselor guided or even group use. This study is derived from John's Gospel, hence I will need the Bible or a New Testament. On the material day, I will be brief in my introduction, as most of the riders get calls of duty. I will share to them why it is important to have a Bible study, to get to know more about God, and the purpose he has for us. I will get views from them on how they wish we conduct our meetings, especially the venue. I will suggest to them if we can also meet in one of the eateries, back rooms, and probably have tea at the end, to cover



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the venue expenses, or even meet in an open undeveloped plot owned by my family. The plan is to meet somewhere neutral and accessible to all and spacious. Concentrating on the organism(members), not the organization (like where to meet) will be my major emphasis. Most do know how to read and write, and as earlier advised, they will have notes and pens. A clear strategy will enable me and my members to stay focused on the right topics, at the right time. As Brock notes in page 96, "If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there." So I will have come up with a normal process in this church planting with my acceptive Riders. These are geared towards establishing a New Testament principled church that is Self-Governing, Self-Supporting, Self-Teaching, Self-Expressing and Self-Propagating. This process aimed at a prolonged exposure to the Word of God, is highlighted below; First for the next seven weeks we will go through the 7 lessons of Brock's Good News for You, (as earlier stated here, I will use Brock's material and quote accordingly) and at the end of it, I will be able to invite any member who will be willing to get Christ's salvation. Once they accept, there will be a class for baptism, so as to prepare them for baptism by water immersion as their outward sign of conversion.

CONCLUSION

With this summary of my strategy for church planting, powered by the Holy Spirit, I believe we will go far and extend to the nearby markets. The Bible will be the main textbook. Other people like the traders in shops and even bars, will be encouraged to join too. Within a specified time, I will encourage the new converts to take up leadership and even start other Bible Studies, extending to the larger Kenya.

Those are the end of Paul's words and so I will simply pray: "Lord, bless Paul's ministry and empower him in the work he wishes to do."

Blessings to all, Roger, Julie, & Chloe Tate

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Through evangelistic skits and personal testimonies, they shared the gospel to 1,635 students and staff in just one day. At the end of each presentation our missionaries interacted directly with the students, many of whom would seek them out to ask questions and share how they could identify with the message. Although we can't ask the students to come forward and profess Christ publicly at the schools, these personal conversations revealed that at least dozens of students understood their need to surrender to Christ and did so at those meetings. We are so thankful to the Lord for this privilege to make Him known to so many that wouldn't ordinarily step inside the doors of a New Testament church!

Charlene and I still have two more weeks of working together here in Brazil with Projeto Vida in the public schools and parks. We are helping by translating for some groups of American volunteers who are using their last weeks of the summer vacation to share Christ internationally. May the Lord use us for His glory. Thank you for your prayers and faithful support.

In Christ's love,

Bobby and Charlene Wacaser

MANY VISITORS, WITNESSING TO NEIGHBORS & ACQUAINTANCES



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July 23, 2023 Dear Fellow Laborers,

It just dawned on me that I had not written to you this month. We have been busy with activities related to our move a bit over a month ago. The house in Tournefeuille was our home and center of ministry for nearly 23 years... many years of accumulation. That is the longest that we have lived in any house.

Today we had a great church meeting with several visitors. Last month I mentioned a young man, Timo, who trusted Christ and was baptized last year. Philip had been meeting with him weekly to encourage him in his walk with Christ. A picture of the youth meeting with a number of his friends was included with the letter. This young man is quiet, but friendly. Four of the visitors today were a result of his contact. Two of these were here for the third time. It is interesting

how lines cross. Amanda teaches piano to the mother of two of the young men who were here this morning. One son is dating a girl who was recently saved. The boy's mother told Amanda that the girl felt very at home in our meetings. Another visitor today is Timo's grandmother.

We ask your prayers for our closest neighbors. God has given us a very good relationship with them. We have had them over for dinner and had the opportunity to speak about spiritual matters a number of times. They have indicated that they will visit one of our Sunday meetings.

Your prayers for our many acquaintances of many years would also be greatly appreciated. This coming Thursday we are to have dinner with a couple that we have known for many years. Their daughter trusted Christ a number of years ago, followed the Lord in baptism and was a faithful participant in our assembly. She is now at a university in the city of Lyon.

Your fellow servants, Judy and John

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If there existed only one man or woman who did not love the Saviour, and if that person lived among the wilds of Siberia, and if it were necessary that all the millions of believers on the face of the earth should journey there, and every one of them plead with him to come to Jesus before he could be converted, it would be well worth all the zeal, labour, and expense. If we had to preach to thousands year after year, and never rescued but one soul, that one soul would be full reward for all our labour, for a soul is of countless price.

Charles H. Spurgeon

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CONSTRUCTION, VBS, & EVANGELISTIC GATHERINGS



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July 25, 2023 Dear friends,

As we reflect on this last month, we celebrate the victories, thank God for His grace, and look forward to more opportunities to serve and share His love. Let us continue to build His kingdom.

Over the last month, we have had the honor of partnering with the mission team (28 people) from Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Stamping Ground, KY, and Igreja Batista Alvaro de Carvalho in the city of Alvaro de Carvalho, São Paulo. Their dedication, fervor, and ministry have made a remarkable difference in the community. My son, Benjamin, and I were invited by Pastor Eliezer Romero and Jennifer Celestino (US team coordinator) to join this vital mission project with the American team.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Firstly, as a team, we embarked on a robust construction project involving the installation of a metal structure and roof over four classrooms and a kitchen. The fruits of their labor are already evident, as these improvements have significantly enhanced the environment for education and meal preparation. A concrete slab was also poured, signaling the beginning of more exciting infrastructure projects for the local community.

HOME VISITS

Beyond physical construction, the team also built emotional bridges through community visits, where we distributed food supplies to multiple families. These home visits opened opportunities for heartwarming exchanges, shared prayers, and a deeper understanding of local families' daily lives and struggles.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

One of the highlights of the mission trip was an intensive week of Vacation Bible School for the local children. The Cedar Grove and Nova Igreja teams' energy and commitment resonated with the kids, inspiring them to engage eagerly in learning about Jesus' teachings. The seeds of faith sown during this week will undoubtedly germinate and bear fruit in the lives of these young ones. The VBS theme was "Following Jesus Changes Everything".

31 SALVATION DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

Numerous evangelistic gatherings occurred throughout the week through the local church, Nova Igreja Batista de Álvaro de Carvalho. The positive response from the community was truly overwhelming. Many residents attended, and several found the courage to surrender their lives to Christ. In all, 31 decisions to follow Jesus were made during this trip.

PARTNERSHIP

My son Benjamin and I had the privilege of serving Nova Igreja Batista de Álvaro de Carvalho (which is a part of Rede Convivência) with the Cedar Grove team during their mission. We engaged with them in ministry, translated, preached, and provided logistical support for Pastor Elieser. Witnessing Cedar Grove, Nova Igreja Batista, and the local community's seamless collaboration has been heartening. The local mayor was also critical in opening doors during this mission project.

THANKFUL

The fervor and devotion displayed by the Cedar Grove mission team have reignited the community. I want to express my profound appreciation for their efforts and their impact at the church and in Alvaro de Carvalho.



Cedar Grove & Alvaro de Carvalho Baptist Church

THREE DECISIONS AT OUR EVANGELISTIC COOK-

Our evangelistic gatherings in São Paulo city continue to flourish and bridge us into new relationships within the community. In the last one, we had rendered three decisions for

Christ. This next weekend we plan to have an Italianthemed evangelistic gathering Sunday. Pray for us as we cook up great hospitality and present the Gospel.

Fundraising & Prayer 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 expenditure 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 part-



Home Group



Family Games

ners 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 pray that God's Kingdom will continue to expand and transform lives in Brazil.

Grateful always, Jud Hatcher

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BACK HOME IN BRAZIL



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July 24, 2023 Dear Brethren,

Greetings from hot and dry Cruzeiro do Sul. Perfect! After 6 months in the United States, I have arrived back home. Bev was with me for the last 3 months of my "vacation". My treatment ended at the beginning of July. Our return trip was long, tiring, but went without a hitch. My parting shot as the surgeon left the room on my last checkup was, "Doctor, you did what nobody has ever been able to do: You made time stand still. These have been the longest 6 months of my life."

Thanks to all of you who have prayed. Please don't stop though. At age 75 I am still not out of the woods and may never be. Special thanks to my daughter Monica who had to put up with the "homeless guy" for 6 months. What a trooper, just like her Mom.

We have been back home for 10 days now. You would not believe

the number of things that can break in 6 months. I am still weak, but have gotten quite a few things repaired. Of course, there have been meetings and more meetings as I try to catch up. It has all been very pleasant though.

Attendance is on the rise at church. Yesterday morning we had a baptism and Lord's supper service. Pastor Maicom (one of our 7 pastors) performed the baptisms. We added 10 new members. We also had 3 more requests for baptism yesterday. Three more people came back into fellowship. We also reinstated a family of 6 that had been away for a long time. We had 1,089 at church yesterday.

Yesterday was one of our oldest members' birthday. Sister Eunice Sá was at church to celebrate her 90th. Many of her children and grandchildren are faithful members to this day. Her husband pastored First Baptist Church back in the fifties. He went to heaven many years ago. He was a deacon when I became pastor. Many other family members were at church last night to



Dona Eunice and Family

help her celebrate.

Our missions teams have been busy these past few days. They made visits to Ramal 7, Campinas, Gama and Paraná dos Mouras. We are having a little trouble with our missionary at Campinas, but the work is doing pretty good. Gama just continues to grow by leaps and bounds. The congregation at Ramal 7 has just finished their first building. They have moved in, but haven't held the dedication service yet.

Well I realize that this is much news, but it is a start. It is hard to express the relief and joy of being home again. Thanks again for being patient and prayerful.

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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GOD AT WORK IN GARÇA



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July 18, 2023 Dear friends and family,

As Barbara and I are traveling here in Brazil the climate is very different. In São Paulo City it is somewhat warm, in Caraguatatuba it is a little bit cooler but comfortable; however, in Garça... woah! — it is very cold! So, we had to find jackets, 2or 3 Chelsea translating for her grandfather AJ shirts, and other

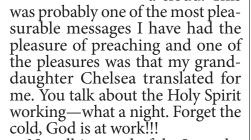
clothes that helped with the cold, and we are not yet done with our traveling. I was just not ready for this cold weather. We are planning to go to Rio de Janiero where we will present our Seminary. We will encounter a different part of Brazil, so we do not know how the climate will be.

While in Garça we were able to renew some old friendships and acquaintances. Boy how some of them have changed. (ha ha). However, the biggest surprise was when I preached Sunday night. This was the first "almost full" church I have been in since COVID. God is still at work and on His throne. Pastor Surgeno is the Pastor of the Church on the site of the Orphanage where the Alpha and Omega Home was located. Now for another blessing in this meeting: I encountered 7 of the young men who were in our charge while we worked in the Orphanage. Talk about changes! These young men were...beautiful (for lack of a better word)—and I am talking about inside and out. In their midst

were some who were married with families, some were professionals, but the most gratifying was that all of them were active in the church, leading the music, playing instruments, and bringing their family to church. These young men all had jobs and were going about the busi-

> ness of raising a family and serving God. Just how AWE-SOME can things get! These were 'our boys" at the orphanage and they still called me 'Pa". You can't imagine the pleasure that this brought to my heart.

And then I get to preach and I am on a cloud. This



Not all is wonderful—I got the "grippe". For those of us who don't live in Brazil, that is a cold. So I got cold medicine and cough syrup, and got back on the road. It is an all-day drive back it Caraguatatuba.

Planning several meetings and another message or two after Garça. I am still on a cloud—between preaching and telling about the Seminary, I feel 48 years old again. God is AWESOME, WONDER-FUL, AMAZING; there are just not enough adjectives to describe our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God is good all the time and all the time God is good!!

Pray for us as we travel, for our health and safety.

In His service, Aj and Barbara



Raquel Hatcher with some of her team

A NOTE FROM RAQUEL



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your constant prayers for us. God is doing amazing things because of your faith-

ful support in praying and giving. This last month (July), we certified two new families who will soon foster a child. It was a long journey because there are so many steps: establishing contact with churches, presenting at churches that open their doors to us, talking with families, having many meetings with people, training families, visiting their houses, interviewing families, preparing documents, reviewing contracts, and finally certifying them to foster. I have a great team of professionals, volunteers, and interns who help me do

that. I'm very grateful to them. During the last five months, we also focused on getting all the documents necessary to be approved as a public child protective/foster care service in our district. Next week (August 2nd), we'll receive two inspectors from our district juvenile court. Pray that we receive grace through their eyes. If everything goes well, we should start receiving babies, children, and teenagers. In preparation for this inspection, we're trying to finish the nursery. If God touches your heart and you would like to help us buy furniture, toys, baby items, decorations, etc, please donate specifically to our foster care program. Thank you again for participating in this ministry of protecting children when their parents and biological family can't. My email is raquelhatcher@hotmail.com.







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Sheridan & Anita Stanton	Peru	They live in Taylorsville, NC
Richard & Wanda Turner	Brazil	Richard is in Heaven. Wanda lives in Forest, VA

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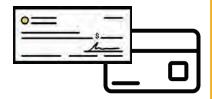


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PROJETO VIDA PRESENTING THE GOSPEL IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS & PARKS





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July 24, 2023 Dear Friends,

Although Charlene and I have begun our US furlough, at the present, we are back in Brazil ministering together with our evangelistic team Projeto Vida. We also had the privilege to worship and serve together with our former church during their 11th anniversary. The new pastor, Cledson, asked me to bring the message and it was an honor and joy to do so. It is clearly evident that the Lord guided me correctly in choosing Cledson as the lead pastor. The church is very united and growing under his leadership.

The missionary couple that we sent to Portugal is doing well. Yago and Manoela recently held a community event to establish friendships and bridges with neighbors to win opportunities for sharing the gospel. They were joined by a couple of other Brazilian Christians and the worked together to share Christ's love. They had dozens of neighbors show up and doors for future opportunities were opened. Please continue to pray for Yago and Manoela to locate the right home to hold the weekly meetings.

Projeto Vida had an amazing month of activities. The first week had to be spent doing maintenance work on the van and equipment, but the very next week was a whirlwind of ministering in 8 different public schools during 13

gospel presentations.

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