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Two new believers were recently baptized in France. The Hatchers are also starting a new English Bible Study.

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Dear friends,

I am sending several pictures and writing less this month. Please, view each picture prayerfully and receive our full expression of gratitude for your partnership with us in missions.

What an incredible time with David and Kym Pitman while they were in Brazil. During their 14 days with us, we traveled to 21 different cities, covering 2055 miles. Visited 24 churches, ministered to 20 pastors and their families in their homes, David Pitman preached 9 times, participated in two debate panels with Brazilian pastors, ministered at 5 Sunday services with 320 people in all, preached at the Saturday Churches' Gathering in Paraná with 130 present. Spoke at the pastors & leaders' breakfast meeting with 43 participants in Garça, São Paulo. Kym Pitman had 4 speaking engagements with women. We visited the foster care center Raquel coordinates in São Paulo and were joined by 250 people at the September Conference in Lupercio, São Paulo. There were 48 decisions made (salvation, baptism, reconciliation, and call to ministry).

My parents (veteran missionaries, Paul and Wanda Hatcher) came to Brazil in October. During their trip, we had two

leadership conferences where he spoke to the men and she spoke to the women, one in Cornélio, Paraná state, and the other in Alvara de Carvalho, São Paulo State. We visited several pastors and their families in their homes. We also had the opportunity to visit the foster care center Raquel coordinates. It was a significant time with them for us as a family and had incredible moments together at the lake, at the park, at home at the kids' school, and at church gatherings.

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

a) Sound System, Stage, and Tent: To enhance our church planting and network gatherings, we need 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.

b) 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.

As we step into the new month, we ask for your continued prayers and support. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Let's continue partnering in this Kingdom work.

Grateful always,
Judson Hatcher



Leadership gathering in Uraí, Paraná, with the Pitmans



Paul Hatcher & Gilberto Stefano with his new book on 100 years of BFM missionaries in Brazil



David Pitman preaching for Pastor Leandro in Guarulhos, São Paulo

More pictures inside on pages 4-5!



Pastors and wives at the monthing meeting in Garça, São Paulo with the Pitmans

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

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Dear friends and family,

Sometimes I sound like a repetitive bell ringing. However, with the addition of the PhD program, we are encountering some changes that are needed in the curriculum. So, what is going on now? We are working on changes that are better suited for the enhancement of our NEW program addition (PhD).

Mainly our Greek and Hebrew classes are to be changed to be a more basic structure and we will also be adding an additional class to our Master of Divinity program. The class will be the Dead Sea Scrolls.

An exciting sidenote and a prayer request we are going to attempt to include Africa in our program. This will be done completely by Zoom. We will probably be doing just a certificate in the beginning then grow into being accredited. The problem we are facing is that we require an official bachelor's degree for entrance into the Master's program if accreditation for the class is wanted. Otherwise, we can only give a certificate of completion for the course.

All things great and small have a small beginning. Pray for the seminary to be able to assist many more Pastors in their quest for better information (Biblical training and education) to better reach their respective areas with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. AWESOME is the Lord we serve.

As Barbara and I are traveling at the end of this month and through November to Brazil, please pray for us and for the Pastor's Conference and the meetings for the Seminary.

Also pray for Israel the Hebrew Nation.

We are anticipating the year 2024 to be an AWESOME year!!!! Prayer makes all things possible.

AJ & Barb

BLESSED BY STUDENTS MINISTERING TO KENYANS



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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

I continue to be impressed with our students at Moffat and their willingness to study and learn and minister in the name of Jesus and for the Kingdom. In the "summer" break before their final year at school, all students go out on what is called their "practicum ministry." They do practicum ministry every weekend while at school, but this one in the summer before their final year is a three-week missionary trip that they take somewhere within the country of Kenya. They do not all go to the same place but are scattered around Kenya mostly in pairs but sometimes they go by themselves. Their main job is to help or work with a church in Kenya to minister the gospel and propagate the Kingdom. At the beginning of the first term in their final year, the students return and report on their activities, blessings, and challenges they encountered while out on their respective practicum ministry.

What impresses me about these Kenyan (and South Sudanese, Ugandan, Congolese, and Indian) students is their willingness and desire to propagate the Kingdom even in hardship and trials and then to return excited about how God used them in their various ministries. The students are given an assignment at a specific church in a specific location and are basically given enough money to travel to that location and eat for one day...and that's about it. It really takes a lot of faith for them to go out and minister in this way, that God will take care of them and provide for their needs. This is not my decision to send them out like this, and I don't know that I would suggest it as a good idea, but it is nevertheless the way that they are sent out.

When asked about the challenges of their practicum ministry, here are

some common responses:

1) I didn't have a bed to sleep in and I had to sleep on a dirt or concrete floor and covered myself with my jacket; 2) I daily had to walk 10 to 20 kilometers (6-12 miles) every day to get to my actual place of ministry and then back again to my lodgings each evening; 3) Besides some bread and chai in the morning and a little rice in the evening, I didn't have anything to eat. I think I would hate this experience and come back complaining about it. But instead of that, these students return excited about what they were able to do and how God used them in the Kingdom.

Here are some common comments: 1) I was able to lead three people to the Lord; 2) I taught children and youth every day about Jesus

and how to be saved and follow Jesus; 3) I played soccer with the kids and then afterward taught them the Bible; 4) I went to about 100 homes every day and shared the gospel in each home; 5) My favorite part was the all night prayer meeting we held in the village. Are these not most excellent testimonies? Kenyan men and women reaching other Kenyan men and women with the gospel message of the love of Jesus. One lady student returned who had been assigned to a mortuary (a ghastly place in Kenya. Definitely NOT a sanitized, American, funeral home). Her assignment was to be there each day of her three-week trip and to meet with the families coming to collect the remains of their loved ones (sometimes 50-100 families per day) and pray with them, comfort them, and attempt to minister to them in whatever way she could. Oh, God, please bless this lady student and her work at the mortuary.

Bless those who she prayed with and ministered to who had lost loved ones. May her work and the work of many others of our students be used by your Holy Spirit to bring many Kenyan people to saving faith in Jesus and to your Kingdom. Lord, I pray also that you would bless the rest of us, myself and my readers, as we minister in your name and for your Kingdom. Bless our work and our ministries for the good of your people and the glory of your name.

Blessings to all,
Roger, Julie & Chloe

**"Are these not most
excellent testimonies?
Kenyan men and
women reaching
other Kenyan men and
women with the gospel
message of the love of
Jesus."**

-Roger Tate-

TRANSITIONS AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE



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October 26, 2023

Dear Brethren,

The temperature has dropped! Could it be because we left Cruzeiro do Sul, where we were seeing 100's on the thermometer, and landed in chilly Lexington, Kentucky? Bev and I left home on the fourteenth of this month. We will be here for around 6 weeks. Between return doctor visits and eye surgeries, I will be in and out of clinics at least 10 times. So far, I have gotten through 4 of these.

Help us in prayer as you remember.

Attendance continues to improve at First Baptist Church of Cruzeiro do Sul. We just had 2 weeks in a row with over 600 in every Sunday service. We continue to see folks saved and baptized. We also have added several more by letter. Also, there is a steady stream of people who come from other denominations and get their first teaching and preparation for baptism.

Our church purpose statement is this little 3 letter word: AME. First it is the imperative of the verb "to love". Also, it is an acronym for "Adorar" (worship), Ministar (serve) and Evangelizar (evangelize). Many of the ministries in our church have incorporated this into their titles. The youth call themselves "AME Jovens". The pre-teens adopted, "AME Teens". Just last Saturday this latter group had a special night to preach the gospel to their friends. There were 31 saved! Miller, the leader of this ministry, is a full-time policeman at the state prison. Maybe he just doesn't want these kids to end up there.

We have had a few changes of pastors in some of our churches. Earlier this year Pastor Eliel, who had been at First Baptist

of Japiim (city of Mâncio Lima) took over the pastorate at Ipixuna, state of Amazonas. This is on our river, downstream from us about a days trip. They had been without a pastor for some time. Frist Baptist of Japiim then just recently called Carlos August after being without a pastor for 8 months. Carlos turned over his pulpit at Gethsemane Baptist, to his father and father-in-law. He had been pastor there from the time of the organization until last month. That church is in Iracema, just a few miles down the road. We had a good long talk about all this just before my trip to the States. It looks to be a good situation for all 3 churches. The 2 churches that had been without pastors were in poor shape even before the pastors left. It is good to see how well He takes care of His churches.

Speaking of that... Three Sundays ago I communicated our 5-year plan to First Baptist Church on a Sunday morning. After teaching a lesson on what the Bible teaches about how God plans and human planning, I let the church know that she needs to get ready for the time when I will need to step aside, or down or something like that. My goal was to let the church know that all of our

programs and the mission work is already in good hands and flowing. My part in the coming days is to make sure that we finish all the building we need to do at the downtown campus and get a pilot program in place for the move to the new, bigger and better property that we purchased a few years ago. By God's grace we hope to see that all happen by the church's 100th birthday on May 12, 2029. If Christ returns before that, great. If He takes me home before that, no problem. Get ready and be ready. He who knows all things knows exactly what He has planned and will do.

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

In Christ,
Mike Creiglow

TWO BAPTIZED AND A NEW BIBLE STUDY IN ENGLISH



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We hope this finds you enjoying the Lord's blessings. Since I last wrote to you, things have exploded in Israel and Gaza. It isn't the first time it has happened in our lifetimes or during the last several thousand years. It is good for us to remember that God is on the throne. It is important to put our trust in Him; not in human strength or wisdom. Our present Sunday

study is the Book of Isaiah. The present events underscore God's message to Israel through Isaiah.

Yesterday, the son of the couple that hosts our Bible study in the city to L'Union was baptized. It is delightful to witness his enthusiasm for Christ. It is wonderful to see how God works through His children to bring others to Himself.

If you have been praying for our newest Bible study with the couple who left the Watchtower Society, God is answering your prayers. Please continue to pray. The lady is quite interested and seems to have truly placed her faith in Jesus Christ. The husband seems to be more reticent; perhaps fearing that he

3 STUDENTS SAVED AT SCHOOL!



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Dear Friends,

One of the subjects that I teach to high school students is Personal Finances. Many of you are familiar with the radio show host and author, Dave Ramsey, who seeks to inform his listeners with biblical principles on how to handle money. His organization did a wonderful job of developing a high school curriculum on personal finances. As I am teaching this course, I realize just how unprepared teens are to face real-world jobs, paychecks, bank accounts, credit cards, loans, and living on a budget. I'm reminded of how little I knew when I was their age, so I know there's hope that they can be even better equipped through this course than I was. Using the Bible and the curriculum, I have had several opportunities to share God's financial principles for His children and His plan of salvation for the lost. This past month, three of our enrolled students professed Christ as their Lord and Savior and two have already been baptized into church fellowship. We are only ten weeks into the school year, so I am very excited about how much more the Lord will do through us.

Yago and Manoela continue ministering faithfully in Portugal. They are encouraged to remain steady in their witnessing and teaching the new converts. They are coming up on their first anniversary of beginning their ministry in Portugal on November 22, 2023. They knew that it was not going to be easy to evangelize in a country where less than 1% of the population claims to be a born-again believer in Jesus Christ, but the contrast of such dire spiritual conditions compared to the spiritual harvest time in Brazil is stark. We believe that the Lord uses your and our prayers to supply them with motivation and ideas for effective evangelism and biblical teaching. We ask that you continue

to pray for them and that the Lord would bless them with fruit for their labors.

The loud-speakers were replaced for our traveling evangelistic team, Projeto Vida. We had already replaced two tires on their van, then our speakers quit. But because of the generosity of a faithful brother (he prefers to remain anonymous), they were replaced immediately, and the team didn't miss a single scheduled evangelistic event. The team still has a month and a half of the school year remaining and several public schools and parks in which to minister. The Lord willing, our team will share the gospel with over three to four thousand students and adults by Christmas. May He see fit to bring many to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through them.

Our church in Curitiba, Brazil has just concluded a weekend evangelistic event. The Lord blessed by bringing 14 persons to a saving knowledge of Jesus. A "Next Steps" class is scheduled to begin this Sunday for these new believers to begin to study the Bible as God's handbook for Christian living. There were over 100 members of the church involved in preparing for and putting on the gospel presentation during a three-month period of practice and rehearsals. We thank God for providing the resources and dedication of these faithful servants.

Charlene and I were privileged to visit with Bro. Mark Pyles and his dear church, Grace Baptist, in Fairfield, Ohio and with Pastor Jared Via and the good folk at Hope Valley Baptist Church in Christiansburg, Virginia in October. We are very grateful for the hospitality and generosity shown to Charlene and me while we were with them.

In a few days we will be traveling to Detroit, Michigan to participate in the Thanksgiving Conference on behalf of Baptist Faith Missions sponsored by the New Hope Baptist Church and pastor Terry Adkins. We'd love to see you there.

Charlene and I want to express our gratitude and appreciation to you who pray and give so that we may serve the Lord where He has called us.

In Christ's love,
Bobby and Charlene Wacaser

will fall prey to another religious slavery machine. Upon reading this letter, would you pray for their witness to the wife's family. They will be visiting them during the next couple of weeks and this family is also controlled by the Watchtower Society.

We have been very encouraged by the participation in our Sunday meetings. One lady who had not come for a long time is now attending. She shows an interest and the desire to continue. Another young lady (in first year of University) who trusted the Lord a few months ago through the influence of a Christian young man she was attracted to in High School attends regularly with great interest. She followed the Lord in baptism a couple of weeks ago. You may remember reading in our letter in late

Spring about the many young people who came to Youth meeting through contact with Timo, who trusted the Lord and was baptized last summer. This young lady is one of these young people.

This week we will be beginning a second Bible Study in the city of Mazere. It will be in English to attract individuals who want to improve their English. Some folks that we did not previously know have committed to participate. These are contacts of the hostess who works in the Library and Museum in this City. We will be studying through the Gospel of Mark.

Thanks for participating with us in these endeavors.

Yours fellow servants in Christ,
John and Judy

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF BFM MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

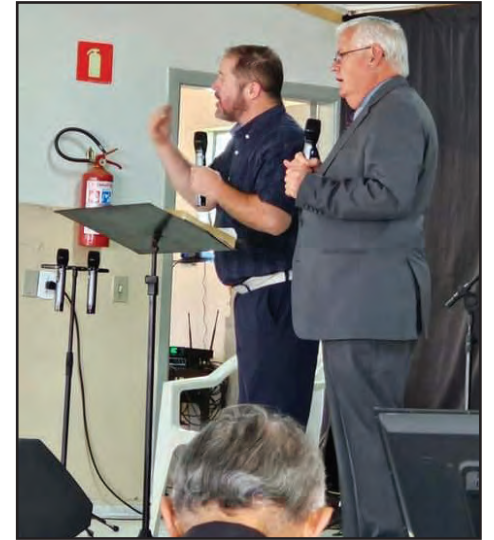
Conference in Lupercício, São Paulo - September 2023



Children's presentation at the conference



Judson Hatcher translating for Pastors Jonathan Turner & David Pitman



Debate Panel



Conference Singing



Valdir & Pastor David Pitman



Pastor's Panel Discussion



Worship



Pastor Pitman speaking to men who desire to be pastors

Soccer Outreach in São Paulo - Jud Hatcher



Jud teaching from Proverbs to athletes



Jud speaking to parents regarding December soccer camp



Checking on memory verse



Jud giving a devotional at soccer

ENCOURAGING PASTORS & LEADERS



Paul Hatcher with pastors in Cornélio



Visiting Bobby and Charlene Wacaser's work in Curitiba, with Pastor Cledson



Visiting Pastor Márcio and Carol at John Hatcher's last home in Brazil

View more pictures online!
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David Pitman & Eptácio Barros



Visiting Pastor Silvio Pfahl's Family



The Pitmans with Pastor Daniel and his leadership team in Assaí, Paraná



Wanda Hatcher and pastors' wives in Cornélio

KIDS & TEENS LEARNING TO SING AND PLAY INSTRUMENTS



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We thank our Lord for the blessed month we have had. We pray and hope that each of you have had a wonderful, blessed month. We thank each of you for your faithfulness in your support and prayers. May God continue blessing each of you. This month has been really great. We are working with the youth and kids and helping them learn to sing and what instruments they want to learn. Pray that God will help those who are learning to

work with these kids and teens. Kathy is working with them at the mother church and at Ubim. Pray that this will encourage them to grow and use their talents for the Lord.

We are looking at some other places we may possibly start having services in the homes. Please pray that God will lead us and open these homes.

The work of the remodeling of the Cacau church is coming along and the construction of the camp also. The Lord willing, soon we will be able to use both places.

Once again thanks so much for your prayers and support.

In Christ,

Odali and Kathy Barros



A young teen playing the drums



Kids from Ubim singing

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord..."
 - Psalm 150:6 -

BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS

THANKSGIVING OFFERING FAQ

(Frequently Asked Questions)

Will you please take the time to read this appeal for a much-needed generous Thanksgiving Offering? Maybe you have not given in previous years. May we explain the importance of the Thanksgiving Offering for the continued support of your missionaries? And may we invite you to join us this year in giving to supply the benefits and services we have committed to our missionaries?! *Thank you!*

1. "WHY DO WE HAVE A THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

We have a Thanksgiving Offering because WE NEED IT for the coming year to supply the financial commitments we have made to our missionaries for the services and benefits we provide from a common contribution receptacle account called the "Missionary Support Fund." The monthly contributions we receive for the Missionary Support Fund are not sufficient to supply ALL of the benefits and services we commit to provide for our missionaries. So, we NEED the Thanksgiving Offering to supplement the monthly Missionary Support Fund offerings.

2. "WHY IS THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING SO IMPORTANT?"

The Thanksgiving Offering is ESSENTIAL because it is the only source of funds for supplying many of our missionaries' needs during the coming year. Those services and benefits NOT sufficiently funded by monthly offerings to the Missionary Support Fund are supplied by contributions received in the Thanksgiving Offering.

3. "WHAT SERVICES AND BENEFITS DOES THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING HELP PROVIDE?"

The Thanksgiving Offering enables us to provide the services and benefits we have committed to our missionaries "as the Lord provides" – *in addition to monthly salary, housing and ministry allowances, and hospitalization.* These benefits include:

- reimbursements for missionaries' Furlough (Home Assignment) airfare/transportation expenses to and from the field
- reimbursements for their hospitalization personal deductibles for the year (their personal deductible is \$1000 and we reimburse them \$600 of that amount)
- children's school/education expenses (if funds are available)
- expenses for mailing *BFM News & Reports* (missionaries' monthly letters, reports, updates -- and a brief summary report of all offerings given through BFM that month)
- expenses for maintaining Stateside office for communication and daily services – there are a lot of activities that go on Stateside to keep our missionaries functioning on their fields of service

4. "HOW ELSE IS THE MISSIONARY SUPPORT FUND SUPPLIED?"

The primary supply for the Missionary Support Fund is from monthly offerings that are given to the Missionary Support Fund. These monthly Missionary Support Fund offerings are used to supply the "Essential Missionary Support" [EMS] that we have committed to the missionaries for their standard essential monthly expenses. These include:

- their monthly salary
 - their monthly standard housing allowance
 - their monthly standard ministry allowance
 - their monthly hospitalization premium
 - expenses for printing *BFM News & Reports* – their monthly newsletters, reports, and updates
- We just wish to reiterate – and we cannot over-emphasize – that we have no sources of funding for these*

committed benefits other than the monthly Missionary Support Fund and the Thanksgiving Offering. If we do not receive the necessary funding through these two contribution streams, we cannot disburse the benefits.

5. "WHY IS THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING GIVEN AT THE THANKSGIVING SEASON?"

- The BFM Thanksgiving Offering began many years ago in conjunction with the annual Thanksgiving Missionary Conference in the Detroit-area and has continued that way to this day.
 - Also, the Thanksgiving season is good reminder of the thanks we owe God for His Indescribable Gift in Jesus Christ – and our Thanksgiving Offering is a good way to express that thanks.
 - And, the Thanksgiving season and Offering is a good occasion for us to give missionary offerings so others, also, may hear the blessed Good News of salvation through Christ...and, in this way, share our Thanksgivings to God with others and MULTIPLY STILL MORE THANKSGIVINGS TO GOD.
- See 2 Corinthians 9.11-15

6. "HOW CAN I GIVE MY THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

If your church receives a Thanksgiving Offering for the missionaries supported through BFM, then we encourage you to give your offering through your church. Most of the Thanksgiving Offerings that are given by churches are made up by the voluntary offerings of individual members who give to the Offering. *Pastors, we encourage you to give your church the opportunity to contribute to our BFM Thanksgiving Offering.*

7. "WHAT IF MY CHURCH DOES NOT RECEIVE A BFM THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

If your church does not participate in the Thanksgiving Offering, you may send your personal gift to the Treasurer of BFM and *designate it "Thanksgiving Offering."*

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You can also give online at www.bfmnow.org and click on 'Give' and *designate for "Thanksgiving Offering" in the memo field.*

8. "CAN I GIVE MY THANKSGIVING OFFERING ONLY AROUND THANKSGIVING ... OR DURING NOVEMBER?"

No. Many churches and individual Friends of BFM give on or around "Thanksgiving Sunday." However, offerings begin coming in before November and continue to come in to the Treasurer during the months following November, and sometimes on into the next year. *You can give your Thanksgiving Offering any time. But, all offerings designated "Thanksgiving Offering" go toward the same collective Offering for that year.*

9. "HOW IS THE "EVERY FRIEND A GIVING FRIEND" PERSONAL GIVING MINISTRY PERTINENT TO THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

We introduced the "EVERY FRIEND A GIVING FRIEND" ministry and plan during the 2003 Thanksgiving Conference. "Every Friend a Giving Friend" encourages each of our missionaries' friends to personally participate in regular giving to the Missionary Support Fund. This plan is nothing new or unique; it is just another way to express and articulate what the Friends of BFM have been doing since the inception of the Mission.



It is also patterned after the instructions Paul gives us in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9: that is,

1. to purpose in your heart to give an offering (9:7)
2. to give as generous an offering as God enables you (8:1-3 & 9:6)
3. to ask God – and trust Him – to supply you with the funds you will need to give the offering (9:8)
4. to plan and begin preparing even a year ahead of time (as Paul instructed the Corinthians and the other churches to do) (8:10-11 & 9:2)
5. to give your offerings to the Lord and to the Lord's missionaries willingly and cheerfully (9:7)
6. to express your love and obedience to the Lord through your generous giving (8:8 & 9:13)
7. to give as your response to Jesus Christ's grace and gift of Himself to you (8:9 & 9:15)

We encourage every Friend of BFM to be a **Giving Friend** and give a personal Thanksgiving Offering to help supply our missionaries' needs that are met through the monthly Missionary Support Fund.

"EVERY FRIEND A GIVING FRIEND" also challenges each Friend of BFM to personally participate in missions by giving monthly offerings *over and above the regular tithes and offerings you give to your church to meet the needs of your local church's ministries.* We encourage each **Giving Friend** to make a personal commitment to either begin giving or increase your giving each month to the Missionary Support Fund.

10. "WHY DO YOU SET GOALS FOR THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

We set goals because the goal amount is keyed to the projected needs we expect to provide for the coming year of missionary ministry. And, when we increase the commitments, services, and benefits we give our missionaries so they can better fulfill their ministries, our needs for the necessary funds increase also.

And, please remember with us that we cannot approve and commit to increasing the services and benefits we provide for our missionaries unless we believe the Lord will supply those funds through your giving.

OUR 2023-24 THANKSGIVING OFFERING GOAL IS \$50,000.00.

Would you please pray and ask the Lord of the Harvest what he would have you give to this year's Thanksgiving Offering? And then ask Him also to supply you with that gift from his inexhaustible resources of Grace?

Thank You, GIVING FRIENDS!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING APPEAL

Will you pray about and consider giving your personal offering toward the 2023 THANKSGIVING OFFERING?

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

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

Consider these truths:

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

in *Missionary Support Fund* contributions and disbursements

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



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PRAY & PRAISE

...IN THIS ISSUE

► **ODALI & KATHY BARROS:** PRAISE GOD for the kids and teens wanting to learn to sing and play instruments! PRAY God will open the doors to homes where they can have services in some other places. [PAGE 5]

► **MIKE & BEVERLY CREIGLOW:** PRAISE GOD for improved attendance at FBC along with folks getting saved and baptized! PRAY for the recent changes & for Bro. Mike's doctor visits and eye surgeries. [PAGE 3]

► **JOHN MARK & JUDY HATCHER:** PRAISE GOD for two recent baptisms! PRAY for the family they are witnessing to. PRAISE GOD for another Bible Study starting in Mazere. [PAGE 3]

► **JUDSON & RAQUEL HATCHER:** PRAISE GOD for visits from the Pitmans and parents Paul & Wanda! PRAISE GOD for how they ministered to so many while in Brazil! PRAY the Lord will provide for the sound system, stage, tent, and car. [PAGE 1]

► **AJ & BARBARA HENSLEY:** PRAISE GOD for enhancements to the seminary! PRAY as they travel, for the upcoming Pastor's Conference, and the seminary. [PAGE 2]

► **ROGER & JULIE TATE:** PRAISE GOD for how He used Bro. Roger's students despite many challenges! PRAY for those they ministered to. [PAGE 2]

► **BOBBY & CHARLENE WACASER:** PRAISE GOD for 3 students professing Christ as Lord and Savior! PRAY for Yago and Manoela in Portugal, that the Lord would give them strength and motivation, and will bless them with fruit for their labors. PRAY for Beatriz in Portugal. [PAGE 3]

Please prioritize your most generous Thanksgiving Offering right now while it is on your heart!



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in the interests of Baptist Faith Missions

NOVEMBER 13-14-15, 2023

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"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His Name:

make known His deeds among the people." -Psalm 105:1

Do you have any questions about Baptist Faith Missions, about who we are and what we do? Please join us at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday for our BFM advisory meeting (bring your questions and/or suggestions). EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 13TH

5:00 p.m. – Dinner

6:30 p.m. – Music

6:45 p.m. – Singing

7:15 p.m. – Message, Pastor George Sledd, Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL

8:00 p.m. – Singing

8:25 p.m. – Message, Missionary Bobby Wacaser, Curitiba, Brazil

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 14TH

9:30 a.m. – Music & Singing

9:45 a.m. – Message, Pastor Peter Santisteban, Victory Baptist Church; Russelville, KY

10:30 a.m. – Worshipping in Song

11:00 a.m. – Break

11:10 a.m. – Message, Pastor Mark Pyles, Grace Baptist Church; Fairborn, OH

12:00 Noon – Lunch

9:30 a.m. Singing

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 14TH

1:30 p.m. – BFM Advisory Meeting

Everyone is welcome! Please feel free to ask any questions you may have about BFM or our missionaries.

TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 14TH

5:00 p.m. – Dinner

6:30 p.m. – Music

6:45 p.m. – Singing

7:15 p.m. – Message, Lay Pastor Dave Parks, Buck Run Baptist Church; Frankfort, KY

8:25 p.m. – Message, Missionary Mike Creiglow, Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 15TH

9:45 a.m. – Music

10:00 a.m. – Singing

10:15 a.m. – Message, Pastor David Sears, Immanuel Baptist Church; Monticello, KY

11:00 a.m. – Singing

11:15 a.m. – Message, Pastor David Pitman, Addyston Baptist Church; Addyston, OH

12:00 Noon – Lunch



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