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November 20, 2023

Hey! Still not home, but maybe in a couple more weeks, by God's grace and mercy. In the meantime, here is a little news. The pics are of Tatiana with the 2 ladies who were baptized yesterday and the team along with several of the deaf folks who attend our services. If you look really hard you will see my grandson, Alec, who is part of this ministry. My daughter Crissy also participates as well as her daughter Kayla.

The video clip is of Pastor Wilem in action. It is awesome, to say the least.

I have also included a photo of Dad and me. I visited him again yesterday and gave him a haircut. He recalled cutting my hair with those old handheld clippers and ripping out more hair than was actually clipped! His mind is sharp as ever.

Thanks to all and God bless.

Mike C



Watch a video of the baptism on our website!



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Top Center:

Tatiana with the first 2 ladies from the deaf ministry who were baptized

Bottom Center:

The team with several deaf people who attend services



Mike Creiglow with his dad Bobby, who also served as a missionary in Brazil through BFM for 33 years

"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.

STUDENTS TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE MASAI ON BREAK



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November 9, 2023

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

In addition to all the additional responsibilities and tasks I have this month, I was also privileged by being asked by a group of students to conduct an evangelism seminar for their missions group. There is a missions club at the school called Antioch. They get their name from the first city and church in the New Testament that purposefully sent out foreign and cross-cultural missionaries. The church in Antioch on the Orontes, or Antioch Syria, commissioned and sent out Barnabas and Paul to take the gospel to the Roman empire and the Gentiles nations. It was a great, mission-minded church and second in importance in the New Testament only to the church in Jerusalem. But even the church in Jerusalem didn't accomplish what the church in Antioch did, in sending out the first cross-cultural, foreign missionaries.

Anyway, the group gets its name from this great church. What impresses me about the Antioch group is their own mission-minded attitudes. This is a group of eighteen students who have a focus on missions, on sharing the gospel with people who have not heard it or are resistant to it. On November 24th all the students in the school will complete their last final exam for the term. Most of them will take their break from school and go home to rest and be with their families until January. But these eighteen students of Antioch will not be going home right away. They have decided instead to spend ten days of their break going to Samburu in central Kenya. They want to minister to a large group of Masai people that live in that area. They will be going door-

to-door (or more likely, boma-to-boma – translated hut-to-hut), holding an evangelistic crusade, and hoping to share the gospel with many of the Masai living in this area. (What do you do when you are going door-to-door and the house doesn't have a door, only a sheet hanging over the doorway? You can't knock, you have to call out "Hodi" – translated "hello, I'm here"). And get this: This is not a vacation for these students – they actually have to pay money to be in this group. I've heard of Kenyan missionaries being willing to go preach the gospel when they are being paid by western missionaries to do it. But to hear of a group of students who are willing to pay to be members of a missions club so that they can be involved with missions work in Kenya is rare indeed. I am so impressed with this group of students.

In the seminar, my main goal was to encourage them. Going to unfamiliar places and preaching the gospel to unfamiliar faces with unfamiliar cultures can be a frightening endeavor (this is something I know). I wanted to encourage them that God is with them, and His Word will not return to Him void but will accomplish what He sends it out to do. I also gave them some general tips to remember when going out to do this work: Pray, genuinely love and care for the people you will be ministering to, make your goal their good and not a conversion notch on your belt, be willing to listen as much as you are to talk, don't argue and debate, depend upon the Holy Spirit who will do the work, remember that all you really have to offer them is Jesus, and pray. I taught them some simple methods of presenting the gospel and then gave them some time to practice and get familiar with sharing it. Did I mention how impressed I am with this group of students?

Lord, God, I pray and ask that

You would bless this group of students in the Antioch club. They are giving up part of their term break and expending their time, energy, and money to bring the gospel to a group of Masai living in Samburu land. I ask that You bless them and their efforts. I ask that You empower them with Your Spirit and that Your Word would proceed from them with power and effectiveness. I ask that through them You would bless the Masai people they are going to minister to. I pray that many of the Masai people would hear the gospel message of Jesus and some of them would believe. I ask that as a result of these students' ministry that Your Kingdom would grow and expand and that Your name would be glorified and Jesus exalted. Amen.

Blessings to all,
Roger, Julie & Chloe

Things to Remember as you Share the Gospel

- ▶▶ Pray
- ▶▶ Genuinely love and care for the people you will be ministering to
- ▶▶ Make your goal their good and not a conversion notch on your belt
- ▶▶ Be willing to listen as much as you are to talk
- ▶▶ Don't argue and debate
- ▶▶ Depend upon the Holy Spirit who will do the work
- ▶▶ Remember that all you really have to offer them is Jesus
- ▶▶ And pray.

BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

Please join us in our prayers to God for His continued – and increased – blessings on Baptist Faith Missions under our new leadership who will assume their ministry responsibilities in January 2024.

Pastor David Pitman (who also serves as our Field Representative) will be serving as our President succeeding Randy Jones who has served for the past twelve years. Pastor Philip duBarry will be serving as Executive Secretary succeeding Dave Parks who has served for the past twenty-four years.

In addition, Pastor Jonathan Turner will begin serving as our Vice-President.

Fresh
Happenings
...recent developments in BFM



Dave Parks, Philip duBarry, David Pitman, Randy Jones



Philip duBarry, David Pitman, Jonathan Turner

All of these faithful servants of the Lord and BFM are pastors, BFM Directors, and *“messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ” (2 Corinthians 8.23).*

We are excited to see what the Lord has in the store for BFM in the years to come as we continue to partner with sending churches and their missionaries to go into the nations of the world to make disciples and establish New Testament churches for the Glory of God ... and all in prayerful and confident dependence on the Grace of God.

We have never been more mindful of our need of God’s sovereign provision (*“...for without Me, you can do nothing” John 15.5*); and never more confident that He will supply it *“according to His riches in Glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4.19).*

We all are renewing our prayers to God to *‘enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your habitations; do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes’ (Isaiah 54.1-2; Galatians 4.26-27).* And we are also renewing our commitment to *“Attempt great things for God; Expect great things from God.”* Thank you for your continued partnership with us!

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in the interests of Baptist Faith Missions

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BLESSED BY SERVICES IN HOMES



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November 18, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We thank God that all things are doing well here. We pray that all is going well with each of you that are part of our ministry.

The ministry is going well. Kathy and some other adults at the Pedras Vivas Church have started the youth ministry. It had been stopped for quite a while. They are enjoying the time together, and the time to learn to play some instruments and sing. We hope to get the teens more involved in the church ministries. We also hope to get more adults involved. Pray that the Lord will touch the hearts of some to want

to help in the different ministries.

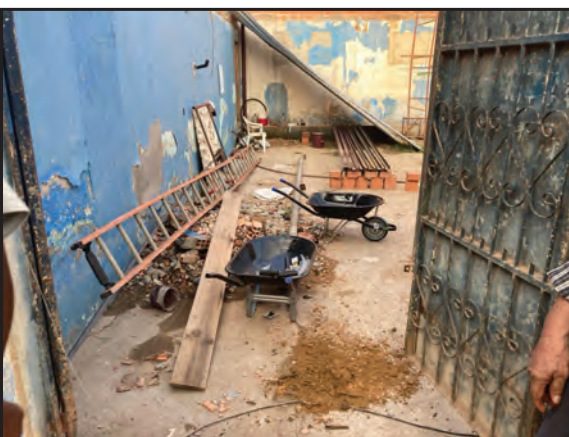
The remodeling of the Church of Cacau is coming along. We hope it will be finished soon. Also, the camp is coming along and we are hoping that soon, we can use it at least for a day camp.

We are excited about new families that are coming to the church. Some are Christians that are wanting to get involved in the church ministries. The services in the homes are still doing well. Many times, we get together and eat and then have a Bible Study. Pray with us that God opens more homes. Since we have moved here to where we live, the amount of people moving to this area has really increased.

Thanks for all your prayers and support. May God bless each of you.

Love in Christ,
Odali and Kathy

Remodeling of the Church in the Village of Cacau Pereira



Scan the code below to view a video of children in Ubim singing on our Youtube channel!



Sharing a meal together before Bible Study

Pray with us that the Lord would open more homes for services.



The last 2 years the water came up high and flooded the church building, so we are raising the floor and the roof structure.



BLUEGRASS BAPTIST SEMINARY ADDING PHD PROGRAM



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November 20, 2023

Dear friends and family,

This month we made a trip to Brazil to attend a missions conference. We were granted the privilege of telling about the Bluegrass Baptist Seminary to over 200 Pastors and Missionaries from various countries. We had a wonderful time and the Lord we serve was AWESOME with His presence there. It was even better than we had prayed for in that we got to talk to everyone there and many were interested in participating in Bluegrass Baptist Seminary. For example, there was a missionary from Argentina and they have a Seminary there in Argentina, and want all 15 of their teachers/Pastors to enroll in Bluegrass Baptist Seminary's Master's program. Many of their Pastors/teachers have completed a four-year Seminary but their schools are not accredited; but for a window of time they can take a State course to get that training accredited, and that is important because we require an accredited diploma to enroll in our Master's program.

Also present was one of the lead pastors from Temple Baptist Church in São Paulo City and we got to sit down with him and plan another

graduation for the pastors there in São Paulo. Nine of them have finished their thesis and are now ready to receive their diplomas. It will be a grand ceremony for the Master's of Pastoral Ministries, which is only given to pastors. AWESOME!

Also in January 2024 we will be initiating into Bluegrass Baptist Seminary an accredited Ph.D program.



gram. AWESOME IS THE GOD WE SERVE!!!! NOTE: we already have two students ready to enroll, one of which is a missionary to the Jews in São Paulo City.

We were able to set up a table with all our information about the Seminary and the classes for the coming year. The classes begin in January. Our family there in Cara-



guatutuba were a big help in manning the tables and talking to those interested in the Seminary.

As you know, it has been an uphill battle to get this Seminary running. Many prayers, tears and much sweat and dedication of our professors (all of whom are doctors and PhDs and are from the USA). These Professors donate their time as a gift to the Bluegrass Baptist Semi-

nary. THANKS!!!

All this being said, it would have not been possible without Baptist Faith Missions and all of the AWESOME people who give regularly and pray for the missionaries and the works of Baptist Faith Missions.

In His service,
Aj and Barbara



**"No more let sins
and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make
His blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found."**

SCENES FROM SÃO PAULO



Jud, Sarah, Raquel, Benjamin, Laura, & Melissa

Jud and Raquel Hatcher are third generation missionaries serving the Lord with their family in São Paulo, Brazil. They are part of the "SeedFactory" church planting initiative, which is a movement to plant churches in all 26 Brazilian capitals. Since 2006, at least 43 churches have been started in 5 states. Pray for their ministry and influence in Brazil.



Our middle school group



Lesson in Proverbs 3:31



Our middle school group



Raquel preparing the room to equip childcare givers in a TBRI training seminar

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November 19, 2023

Dear Friends,

Charlene and I had the privilege of fellowshiping with several of our faithful brothers and sisters in Christ last week at the annual Thanksgiving Conference in Detroit, Michigan. It was at that same event 39 years ago that the Lord called me to Brazil as a missionary. There were so many blessings and memories re-lived at this most recent event. Also present at this conference was Brother Mike Creiglow, who was my professor of Cross-cultural Missions while in Bible college in Clarksville, Tennessee back in 1980. An added blessing was that Brother David Mitchell and his dear wife, Ellen, were present. I learned from him that he had invited Mike Creiglow to lecture at the college that year while he was in the USA on furlough. Now I can see a little part of how the Lord was working to expose me to the missionaries and their works in Brazil, the field to which He would call me as my career-long ministry. And there we were, 39 years later, enjoying the fellowship, and the fact that God had orchestrated these events so that hundreds of thousands of people have heard the gospel, and

thousands have surrendered to Christ because of His sovereign and loving hand on our lives. What a great and loving Savior!

Yago and Manoela, our missionaries to Portugal sent us a video yesterday of how their ministry is progressing there. It was a joy to see their growing group meeting together to study God's word and share the gospel with the lost Portuguese people. The Lord provided them with a place to meet temporarily, but they are still searching for a more permanent place of assembling. They do a fantastic job of teaching the Bible to the new converts and even to some who have been in church for years but have never been taught the Bible thoroughly.

Our traveling evangelistic team, Projeto Vida, has had a productive month of ministry. We continue to have open invitations into public schools to share gospel skits and personal testimonies to God's grace and forgiveness. The Lord has shown them, and us, that He is still on His throne and is still transforming lives through the preaching of the gospel.

We are so grateful to you, our ministry partners, for your faithful prayers and support. We hope and pray that you are blessed with a joyous Christmas season and a prosperous New Year.

In Christ's love,

Bobby and Charlene Wacaser

**We GO...
because
HE CAME.**

Merry Christmas to you & yours from BFM!

MEALS: GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCUSS SPIRITUAL MATTERS



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November 17, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We hope this finds you enjoying blessings from the Lord and filled with gratitude during this Thanksgiving Season. Judy and I are very grateful to our Lord and Savior for all of the gifts we have received from Him.

The English Bible study in Mazere that began a month ago is going quite well. Two new participants were present and involved at the most recent session held the day before yesterday. This Bible study is for people who are interested in improving their English and getting to know the Bible better. The latest

additions are an English lady who has lived in France for about twenty years and a French girl who is a senior in High School. The young lady's mother was at our first Bible study and had returned. There are a total of seven people in this Bible study. The English lady has lived

in France for about 20 years with her husband who claims to be an atheist. She certainly does not need to improve her English, but seems to be quite interested in knowing the Bible better.

This week seems to be banquet week. Tuesday evening, we had dinner in the home of the Iranian couple who participate in one of our Bible studies. There were twelve of us from the Bible study present and Sh_____ put out quite a spread of traditional Iranian dishes. It is great

to see this couple's great interest in spiritual matters. Tomorrow we are having a Swiss fondue lunch with the members of our French Mazere Bible study in home of one of the couples who are a part of this group. We will have dinner in the evening in the home of our next-door neighbors. They have never attended the Sunday meetings but have indicated that they will do so. Meals are great opportunities for getting better acquainted

with people and often lead to conversations about spiritual matters. Following the Lord Jesus' example in sharing meals is one of the highlights of "making disciples" and we love it!

We also love being on the same team as you! Please continue to pray for us including the activities and contacts mentioned above.

May the blessings from our Father fill your lives,

Judy and John Hatcher

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- John Mark Hatcher -

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2023-24 THANKSGIVING OFFERING UPDATE: \$13,618.42

You have contributed \$13,618.42 to our 2023-24 Thanksgiving Offering as of this writing, November 21st. We know that others of you have yet to receive your Thanksgiving Offerings, especially you who give as a church body. Thank you all for your generous participation and contributions!

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

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

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- 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!



Pastor Terry Adkins welcomed Mark Campbell, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Salyersville KY, as he presented their Thanksgiving Offering to Treasurer George Sledd.

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