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CHURCHES IN BRAZIL CONTINUE TO GROW WITH NATIONAL PASTORS



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We were pleased that our evangelistic partners from Roanoke, Virginia, were able to spend almost a week in ministry with our outreach team last month. The Lord blessed in so many ways. More than one hundred people surrendered to Christ through the gospel being shared in the schools and parks in a neighboring city, Araucaria. Our volunteers loved the time and effort spent with that team and look forward to future opportunities. One detail that stood out to me was how all four of them, though grandparents, were used so effectively among the youth of Brazil. We know that, first of all, God was work-

ing after much prayer in preparation for their trip. But I also believe that their compassion for the lost and their incredible work ethic and effort to get the word out to as many as possible were used of God for others to see Him in them. We have partnered with youth groups many times in the past, and will do so again, but observing grandparents like these minister with the passion and diligence these good folk demonstrated is inspiring.

Our traveling evangelistic team, Projeto Vida, just returned from their first full month of ministry in public schools for 2025 (the school year here begins in the middle of February). I was amazed at how the Lord opens doors of opportunity to get the gospel to so many people who may never set foot inside a church building. During this trip, our team

had the privilege of sharing the gospel in 11 public schools, reaching 3056 people. Of those present, 203 professed publicly that they were trusting in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Our partnering pastors now have the contact information of these new converts and will begin the discipleship process with them for continued growth in Christ. We are expecting an amazing year of fruit for God's glory.

I spoke with two of our national pastors this month and their reports are very encouraging. In Northern Brazil, the Nova Igreja Batista of Itacoatiara is experiencing some impressive growth. Pastor Daniel Sombra and his wife, Neuliane have a new baby girl and a lot of new baby Christians to minister to. They are having to add on to their church building to accommodate the new growth, thanks

▶▶ PRAISE GOD for continued growth of the churches that are under the leadership of national pastors!

▶▶ PRAY for those who were recently saved through their evangelistic efforts.

▶▶ PRAISE GOD for how He worked through the team of grandparents from Virginia!

to God.

Pastor Cledson and his team in Curitiba put together a couples' dinner for outreach and marriage counseling. The church continues to grow under his faithful leadership.

Charlene and I want to thank you for your prayers and loving support.

In Christ's love,
Bobby and Charlene
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FUNNY (AND FRUSTRATING) EXPERIENCES ON THE MISSION FIELD



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April 9, 2025

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ,

We are currently in between terms here in Kijabe and so there is not a whole lot going on. I am currently preparing for my next set of classes, but the students are all on break and back home (except for the international ones) and so things are a bit quiet. That gives me a little time to get my classes prepared and my heart prepared for the return of the students later this month.

Since there is not a whole lot going on currently, I will relate a funny (I mean, frustrating) situation I went through this month. So, here in Kenya we have many government documents that we need to keep up to date in order to remain in the country. When I say many, I mean MANY. One of those documents is an Alien ID card (I think the name has recently changed to the more innocuous Foreign National ID). Once you get it renewed it is good for two years. So, two years ago when my ID expired, I applied for a new one, jumping through all the required hoops and payments and trips to Nairobi to accomplish the task. I was supposed

to receive my new card within three weeks. After a month went by and I still had not received my card I started inquiring to see where it might have escaped to. I was told there was no problem but that I just needed to wait, and it would come. I kept checking every month after that in order to try and get my new card. I kept on being told the same thing for about a year until someone finally admitted to me that it might have gotten lost and that I should file a formal inquiry into the situation, which I did. A month later I checked to see what had become of my formal inquiry. I was told it never made it into the system and was probably lost. I filed another one. The next time I inquired as to its status I was told to be patient because it was being looked into. Finally, last month, I was told that my card was officially lost and that I would need to re-apply for a new one (I would have to make a new application and pay the fee all over again because the fee I paid for the last one, that I never received, couldn't be used for the new application). Thus, I reapplied, repaid, and made the necessary trip to Nairobi with my filled-out documents in hand so that I could go to the seventeenth story of Nyayo House (where the immigration department is housed), get fingerprinted, and submit my application. When I took my documents into the office and sat down in front of the immigration officer, she typed some things into her computer and then she asked me why I was applying for a new ID before picking up my previous one. I told her that it had been lost in their system for almost two years and that this is what I was told to do. She told me to wait and got up from her desk and left the

office. I waited. Three minutes later she returned, with my lost Alien ID card in hand and handed it over to me, looking very smug. Here was my card that had been lost in the system for almost two years, and she had found it in under three minutes. I couldn't believe it. However, when I looked closely at my card that she had just retrieved for me I noticed that it was going to expire in ten days. That's right. It had been renewed two years ago, sat inside someone's office for two years, and now would expire in ten days. I asked the immigration lady if I could just go ahead and apply for my new card seeing that this one was going to expire in ten days, I already had the renewal application documents in my hand right now, I had already paid (again) for the new application and was already in Nairobi at the immigration office. She promptly told me that I couldn't apply for the new card until my previous card (the one she just gave me) was expired because the computer wouldn't allow her to do it. So, I left her office with my card ready to expire in ten days and waited until it expired. Once it expired, I drove back to Nairobi to reapply. Arriving at the office I was told that the system was down and not functioning because the government had not paid their fees to the outsourced company that wrote the program. The outsourced company had shut down the system and was holding it hostage until such time as they would get paid. As of yet it hasn't gotten paid. I now have an expired card in my pocket with no way to renew it. At least I had a valid card for ten days!

If you wish to minister the gospel of Jesus in Kenya, these are some of the things you have to learn to put up with.

For the glory of God in Kenya.
Blessings to all,
Roger, Julie, & Chloe

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May God give them wisdom and discernment.

"Mothers in Israel"

Judges 5:7

During this Month – Pray for our Missionary-Wives!

"MOTHERS IN ISRAEL" Judges 5:7

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

So have our missionary-wives who have as faithfully and valiantly served with their husbands to be mothers, not only to their own children and families, but to countless others also.

In keeping with the Mother's Day tradition observed in the United States on the second Sunday in May, we want to recognize and honor our beloved missionary-wives. We lift them up to the throne of grace and rise up with their husbands and children to bless them! {*Proverbs 31:10-31*}

Beverly Creiglow ❁ Raquel Fatcher

Judy Fatcher ❁ Barbara Hensley

Julie Tate ❁ Charlene Wacaser

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

Quoteable Quotes

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

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

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

Proverbs 31

³⁰ Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.

³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands, And let her own works praise her in the gates.

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

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Stay tuned to our website for more details coming soon!

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SCHEDULE

MONDAY EVENING JULY 28
5:30 PM Supper
7:00 PM - 7:15 PM Singing
7:15 PM - 8:00 PM Speaker
8:00 PM - 8:15 PM Singing
8:15 PM - 9:00 PM Speaker

TUESDAY MORNING JULY 29
9:30 AM - 9:45 AM Singing
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM Speaker
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM Bobby Creiglow,
Veteran Missionary to Brazil
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM Break
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM Singing
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM Speaker
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← GRACEXTENDED! →

GracExtended is a new initiative where the BFM directors will identify other ministries to support in a strategic way, further extending our mission efforts. Some of this support will go to current BFM missionaries as they seek to train and encourage local pastors and engage in new opportunities. Additional support will go to selected ministries outside our normal outreach, as we seek to partner with like-minded church-planting organizations. Below are two of the projects our support assists.

Pastor Alexandre's work, a GracExtended ministry



GracExtended missionaries at work at a school, preparing to start a church plant in Londrina (Brazil)



MAKING PLANS FOR CONFERENCE IN PARAGUAY



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Dear friends and family,

With all that is going on in our native land, Kentucky, and the surrounding counties, please let us stop and pray for all those affected by the storms and the flooding and the families who have lost loved ones. What a tragedy. Kentucky has been hit by floods and tornadoes, and there have been loss of lives because of the storms.

Now some news from our Bluegrass Baptist Seminary. We have received news from our pastor-contact in Paraguay and he has his group ready for a conference and are now waiting on us for a confirmed date. God is AWESOME!! We are looking at sometime in September! Put this conference on your prayer list as this could add a great number of students to our seminary enrollment.

We are hoping we can work out the seminary graduation for this year at that same time. We have several in this semester's class that will be completing their courses and we are looking forward to them applying for their diploma.

This also could be the dedication of

the new building for the church there in São Paulo with our pastor-friend Pastor Marcos. Hopefully we can work all of this out in the same time period. If God is willing, we will do all of this in one trip—and we know Who is in control.

We are working on getting another translator for our classes. As all our classes are now online, it is important not to come up short with our translators. They are all residing in Brazil and they are the only paid workers of the seminary. As you know, our professors are all located in the United States and are pastors with degrees. Each of them are volunteers. The seminary classes are attended in four different countries: Brazil, Paraguay, Africa, and Canada (attending there is a missionary from Brazil). How AWESOME is the God we serve!!!

With all this hopeful planning, we are depending on your help in praying for everything to come together as we have planned so we can do less traveling to get more done in less time.

Barbara and I are not getting any younger and are trying to do many things, so please pray for us to stay in good health to continue God's work till He comes.

In His service,
Aj and Barbara

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- A.J. Hensley -

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up the other side of our home. She was anxious to get better acquainted. Her husband is 93 years old. He did not talk as much but seemed to enjoy the conversation. God opened yet another door.

Each week Judy and I spend a bit over an hour speaking English with a couple of ladies. The last two times the subject has been primarily about Christ and the gift of life He offers us; walking through the door to share the Good News of Jesus.

This is our life here in Southern France. Praying for God to open doors and walking through them when they are opened.

The connections our Father gives us has led to many opportunities in the past and opened the doors to establish the Bible studies we have in seven different cities. The Word is the seed and the fruit is Eternal life. Rejoice with us in the work God is doing here as you partner with us in God's work.

Your sister and brother,
Judy and John

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Looking ahead, we're calling on new missionary candidates to carry the torch, even as churches in Brazil are actively sending missionaries to other countries.

As we trust in God's timing and gracious provision, we know that He will provide the right individuals, resources, and opportunities to carry out His kingdom work.

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People often plan for the future, carefully considering how best to address the financial needs of their loved ones. Your thoughtful planning can also support faithful Baptist missionaries. A gift to the BFM Missionary Support Fund will support current missionaries, while a gift to the BFM Veteran Missionary Pension Fund will be used to care for retired missionaries and their spouses.

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GOD IS OPENING DOORS!



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April 23, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings from Southern France. We hope that your Easter Sunday was as enjoyable as ours. Sunday was a good day of rejoicing with the church at Plaisance du Touch. Emilie was here for the first time. She is the second child of parents who trusted Christ a few years ago; faithful participants in the church of Jesus that meets in our home each Sunday.

A few weeks ago, while Judy and I were out on our regular walk, we crossed a gentleman walking his dog. He was friendly and we exchanged phone information and discussed getting together. His wife is a High School English teacher. Last week we had them over for a snack and a friendship is developing. A door to connect with a couple who needs Christ.

Last week I was working in the front yard when a man about my age stopped

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John Mark Hatcher

and said, "Bonjour". It was obvious that he was interested in chatting, so I stopped my flower planting and spent a few minutes getting acquainted with him. Yesterday afternoon a lady knocked on the door and invited us to come and snack at their home in a couple of hours. It was the man's wife. He is a retired teacher and High School principal. God has opened another door.

On Monday afternoon another couple from further up our dead-end street spoke to me when they paused on the lane

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