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## CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF GOSPEL MINISTRY IN BRAZIL— ...and the story is still unfolding



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I can hardly believe it, but it was 40 years ago that Charlene and I arrived in Brazil as young (in our mid-twenties) missionaries. The Lord has blessed us with the privilege of making Him known to thousands of Brazilians during these years. We are thankful that He still sees fit to use us for His glory in sharing the gospel and assist in planting New Testament churches.

A little different from my usual reports, I wanted to share with you a testimonial from a mission team volunteer who was with us recently. This report comes from Janet, a grandmother who came and spent a week with us in evangelistic outreach in public schools and parks. In Janet's own words:

"For many years, my husband and I have been very blessed to go on mission trips together. On our recent trip to Brazil, we had the privilege of going into junior and senior high schools with missionaries Bobby and Charlene Wacaser and Projeto Vida. We had the freedom to share what Jesus meant to



New Missionaries Waiting to Go to Brazil



Bobby sharing the Gospel with Projeto Vida

us and what He could do for each of them. One particular day, I was asked if I would share the Gospel to a very large group of students and teachers. I was okay sharing in small groups, but I was not so sure about sharing with the entire school assembly.

As the program of Gospel skits



Charlene with multiple generations she has ministered to in Brazil.



Yago & Manoela, missionaries sent out to Portugal from the Wacasers' church in Brazil, with their first Portuguese convert to Christ, Emanuel, and his friend Victoria

and testimonies began, I watched the faces of those teens. Many of them were in tears. The Holy Spirit was already beginning to touch hearts. It was then that I was reminded that many years

ago as a young 16 year-old, I was as lost, desperate and lonely as many of these young people were. I was searching for something, or someone, to fill the great void in my heart. Then someone shared with me that Jesus was the only One who could rescue me. In that moment, the quiet voice of Jesus spoke to my heart to remind that these precious teenagers of Brazil

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needed to be rescued as well. They needed someone to tell them that Jesus loved them and gave His life for them. I am so thankful that so many of these young people surrendered their hearts and lives to Jesus that day. After the program, dozens and dozens of them stayed around to meet in small groups to speak one-on-one. It was such a joy to rejoice with them about the decision they had made to follow Jesus. It was also a great reminder to me that, "...how can they believe in Him if they have not heard of Him? And how can they hear of Him, unless someone tells them?" Romans 10:14.

I am so grateful that God can use even me." - Janet Via

In just a few weeks, we will be hosting another group from the church where Janet is a member, and we pray that many souls will be saved and that the lives of those who come to minister will also be blessed by faithfully sharing the Gospel to the lost in our city.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support. May the Lord richly bless.

In Christ's love,  
Bobby and Charlene Wacaser

***We thank the Lord for both of you  
and how He has used you to impact  
so many lives for eternity in Brazil  
and beyond!***



Children hearing the Gospel in a public school



Ministering among the Tupi-Guarani Indians in Argentina

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someone to tell  
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- Janet Via -

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***May God give them wisdom and discernment.***



# CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF MINISTRY IN BRAZIL & BEYOND— *The Gospel is still spreading...*

A letter from Bro. Bobby Wacaser early in his ministry when they moved to Curitiba.

September 1, 1986

"Dear Friends,

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This place where we plan to begin is called Curitiba. This city has a population in excess of 1,000,000 people. Try to imagine in your mind arriving one day in a town where you have no Christian friends and no church to attend where you can fellowship or hear God's Word preached, then you will be pretty close to imagining what we are entering into. *It is a job not to leave this city the same way it was when we came.* By God's grace we hope to have at least one New Testament church that preaches the gospel and believes the Word of God by the time of our first furlough..."

## Going South to Curitiba - Starting from Scratch - Prayer Requests

by Bobby Wacaser

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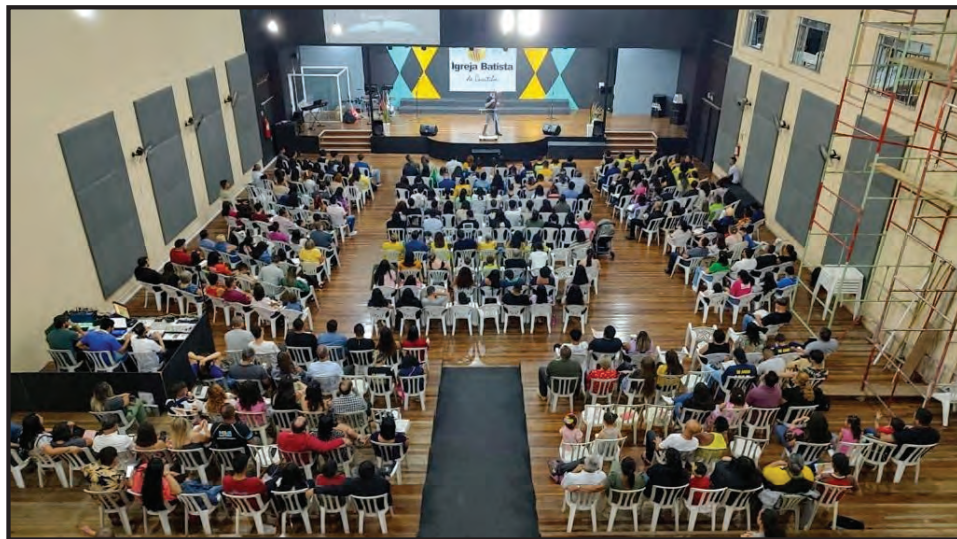


Bobby Wacaser

Starting from scratch is exciting and challenging. It also can be tiring and discouraging. We have no deacon's board to help make decisions on building plans, because there are no deacons; no ladies groups to plan fellowship meetings, because there are no ladies. Starting from scratch means just that, scratch. All the things that Baptist churches in the U.S. are accustomed to, we do not have. Charlene and I are both excited about this challenge and ask that all of you would be praying earnestly for us in this new work. In order for you to pray specifically we offer the following prayer requests:

1. A building in which to hold services.
  2. The aid of a Brazilian team of Christian workers. (4 people)
  3. Musical instruments for the services.
- We have not yet received a price on a building, but if you would like to sponsor a team of workers for one month, send your offering designated to "Wacaser Team Fund."

In Christ's Service,  
Bobby Wacaser



The current population of Curitiba is approximately 3,889,000 in the metropolitan area. This is one of their church plants.

***We can confidently say that Curitiba is better because of the faithful Gospel witness of Bobby & Charlene Wacaser. Now there are not only believers and churches that preach God's Word in Curitiba, but their Gospel influence has also spread across the ocean to Portugal through Brazilian missionaries Yago & Manoela!***

*"Portanto, meus amados irmãos, sede firmes e constantes, sempre abundantes na obra do Senhor, sabendo que o vosso trabalho não é vão no Senhor."*  
[1 Coríntios 15:58]

# EQUIPPING THE CALLED: BLUEGRASS BAPTIST SEMINARY PREPARES FOR NEW SEMESTER



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July 9, 2025

Dear friends and family,  
July for me is always a good month—why—I love July the 4th celebrations, the food. That is the one time of the year I get to eat a lot of "hot dogs" and of course I know how good they are health wise for me—it's the 4th!!!

The students in Bluegrass Baptist Seminary are happy for the intermission.

No classes!! We are anticipating around 50 to 65 students in our classes starting in August. There will be four classes. Our professor who teaches two of those classes may not be able to teach this semester due to his wife's cancer. Today they found out that she will be leaving the hospital tomorrow. They were planning treatments; radiation and chemo, but the cancer is so accelerated that she has elected NOT to do any treatments. She is in lots of pain and now is just waiting to go home to be with the Lord. Pray for her peaceful passing and for Pastor Edge.

The classes for this upcoming semester in August are: Evangelism, Discipleship, Biblical Proclamation, and Survey of Church History. Please pray for the students and the Professors (especially if Dr. Edge is unable to teach

this semester).

For the Graduation in September we have ten students prepared to graduate of these 10 three will receive Master's in Biblical Studies and seven will receive a Master's in Pastoral Ministries. All seven are pastoring churches here in Brazil. Our September is going to be a very full month. We will be having

this graduation on Saturday night then on a Sunday, we will be a part of a new church dedication, then Tuesday we will fly to another state here in Brazil to attend a Pastors' Conference for three

***"With all that is going on in our world today we need more and more well-trained Pastors."***

***- AJ Hensley -***

days. Our part in this Conference will be to give them information on Bluegrass Baptist Seminary and how they can be a part of it. Getting the word out—how AWESOME for these pastors to learn how they can better spread the Word. Our God is an AWESOME God!!! With all that is going on in our world today we need more and more well-trained Pastors.

This seminary is only possible because of Baptist Faith Missions and those who donate financially and with the faithful prayer warriors. Thanks to all.

Our prayer requests for the month: Pastor Edge and his wife in Texas, Barbara's health, the work of BFM and their missionaries, the travels in September, and health for ALL.

In His service,  
Aj and Barbara



# A RECAP OF THE BFM SUMMER CONFERENCE 2025

## Majesty & Mercy

### MAGNIFIED THROUGH MISSIONS



A Note of Thanks from Pastor Steve Wainright  
New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY

"I would like to thank the Lord for the opportunity given unto New Life Baptist Church to host the Summer Missions Conference. I would also like to thank the BFM Directors and churches for their support along with all who attended. Each preacher brought timely and uplifting messages from God's Word. Our souls were well fed and our bodies were well fed by our dear Brother T.J. and his wife Krystal Wilson. The Lord was very gracious to us in this first conference that we were able to host.

We pray that the Lord would continue to use BFM in a mighty way to share the good news of our glorious Savior in many regions, beyond where we may never personally go.

It was a very special moment when we honored Bro. Bobby Creiglow who was able to attend—he had just celebrated his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday! We thank him for coming. May all who come behind us find us faithful!" -Pastor Steve Wainright



*Letting the word of Christ dwell in us richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts to the Lord.*



*Sarah Hatcher blessed us by singing a song in Portuguese.*



*We collected a love offering for Bro. Paul Hatcher throughout the conference.*



*We enjoyed fellowship with one another around the dinner table.*



*Members from Calvary in Richmond, Kentucky fellowshiping with members from New Life in Lexington.*



*Kids having fun together.*



*Worshipping the Lord together in song!*

*Some of the BFM Directors and their wives enjoying time together over a meal. (Dave Parks, Darrell & Shirley Messer, Jonathan Turner, Mark Pyles, David Pitman, Mark Campbell, & George & Pam Sledd)*



*Special thanks to TJ & Krystal Wilson of New Life for feeding us so well throughout the conference.*



# BFM SUMMER CONFERENCE 2025

## RECORDINGS ONLINE:

All messages from the conference, including the chat with Bro. Bobby Creiglow, can be found on the BFM YouTube channel ([youtube.com/@bfmnow](https://youtube.com/@bfmnow)) or on New Life's Sermon Audio site ([sermonaudio.com/nlbclex](https://sermonaudio.com/nlbclex)).

## MESSAGES:

### God's Majestic Mercy in Missions

*Jonah 3-4 | Dave Parks*

### Entrusted with God's Message

*Luke 24:36-49; Acts 4:1-12 | Sugrim Ramesar*

### A Response to God's Glory

*Psalms 96 | Michael York*

### Guard the Gospel

*1 Timothy 1:3-5 | Landon Copley*

### A Trinitarian God, Gospel, & Goal

*Matthew 28:18-20 | David Pitman*

### God's Majesty & Mercy on Mission

*Acts 6 | Jud Hatcher*

### Honoring Veteran Missionary Bobby Creiglow"

*Matthew 25:21*

### Paul's Desire

*Romans 1:13-16 | Barry Delaney*

### The Majesty of Missions

*Jude 20-25 | Donnie Burford*

### The Great Rescue

*Galatians 1:1-5 | Sugrim Ramesar*



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## FOCUS:

### Jude 20-25

<sup>20</sup> But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, <sup>21</sup> Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. <sup>22</sup> And of some have compassion, making a difference: <sup>23</sup> And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. <sup>24</sup> Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, <sup>25</sup> To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.



We were blessed to have several BFM missionaries with us! Pictured here: Bobby Creiglow (Brazil), Sheridan & Anita Stanton (Peru), Jonathan Turner (Brazil), and Judson & Raquel Hatcher (Brazil)



Pastor Steve Wainright with Pastor Sugrim Ramesar and his wife Lisa from Trinidad.



Pastor Donnie Burford & Pastor David Pitman



Pastor Barry Delaney & Pastor David Pitman



Sarah, Benjamin, Melissa, & Laura Hatcher with Sarah Wainright

## SERVING WITH A SMILE





# Missions is...

*John A. Hatcher, December 1984*

Missions is taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to lost men.

Missions is baptizing believers in the likeness of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

Missions is teaching churches to reproduce themselves and to develop the saved into the fullness of the image of Christ.

Missions is spiritual war...the invasion of enemy territory...the freeing of enslaved men.

Missions is a costly war; an endless war.

Missions require spiritual soldiers who will go to battle unto the ends of the earth.

MISSIONS REQUIRE A MULTITUDE OF DEDICATED PERSONS WHO WILL GIVE PRAYERFULLY, SACRIFICIALLY, AND CONSISTENTLY.

Successful missions is not an accident. It is the result of dedicated men and women who yield their lives and wills to the leadership of the Holy Spirit because they know God will keep His promises.

Missions is not a Christian option; missions is Christianity.

Missions is faith at work.

FAITH DOES NOT WAIT FOR THINGS TO HAPPEN. IT IS CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S PROMISES AND POWER THAT MAKES THINGS HAPPEN.

*[written by John A. Hatcher, BFM Missionary to Brazil]*

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need to ask our Father to enable us to live out our calling, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16 – *Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount*)

May God bless you and use His light through you. Thank you for serving with us.  
John and Judy Hatcher

## VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSION FUND

*Please prayerfully consider helping us support our faithful veteran missionaries in their senior years by giving a recurring generous offering designated for "VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSION FUND."*

You can do that by simply making your contribution to Baptist Faith Missions and designating it for "**Pension Fund**" or "**Veteran Missionary Pensioners**" or by anything that says "**Pension.**" We will know what you mean, and your offerings will go directly toward honoring our **Veteran Missionaries Pensioners** who have served our Lord and us so faithfully and sacrificially.

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We pray and hope you will.

# HAS SOMEONE IN YOUR CHURCH BEEN CALLED TO MISSIONS ABROAD?

# IS GOD CALLING YOU TO WORLDWIDE MISSIONS?

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### STEP 1:

***We come alongside of Baptist churches in sending God-called missionaries.***

### STEP 2:

***We ask other Baptist churches to join us in financial and prayerful support.***

### STEP 3:

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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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## PRAY & PRAISE

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► **BOBBY & CHARLENE WACASER:** PRAISE GOD for the Wacasers' faithfulness for 40 years in Brazil! PRAY as they share the gospel in the public schools. PRAISE GOD for how He worked through the volunteers to reach Brazilian students. [PAGE 1]

**Pray also for our other faithful missionaries not in this issue:**

► **MIKE & BEVERLY CREIGLOW**  
*Serving in Brazil*

► **JUD & RAQUEL HATCHER**  
*Serving in Brazil*

► **ROGER & JULIE TATE**  
*Serving in Kenya*

## LETTING THEIR LIGHT SHINE

### *Stories of Salvation and Discipleship in Mazère, France*



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July 22, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We hope you are enjoying your life in Christ and seeing Him at work around you. As I was finishing an online live Bible study a few minutes ago, it dawned on me that I had not yet communicated with you about God's work here during the past month.

A couple of weeks ago, a young man who participates in the Bible study at Mazère followed the Lord in baptism. He was touched by friends and enthusiastically expresses his faith in Christ. This is the way it works: Friends, family and fellow workers touching the lives of others with whom they have contact and relationships; bringing to Christ those who are searching.

A couple of months ago, as Judy and I were getting on the plane to be in the USA for a month, I received a wonderful surprise. Christopher, a paratrooper in the same company as the young man whose baptism I just mentioned, sent me a text asking me about the possibility of getting baptized. He just recently started coming to the Mazère Bible Study. He has expressed his faith in Christ clearly during the Bible studies. He will not be baptized immediately because he is with his troop on a training mission in New Caledonia for four months.

It is wonderful to witness God at work in the lives of those who have trusted Him. Roxanne, one of the very active believers in our college-age group, was saved and baptized two years ago. She is in the pictures included with last month's newsletter. She is an active reader and student of the Bible. She has been having Bible studies with a couple of friends who were seeking God. In a Bible study last week with our granddaughters, Camille and Emily, along



*In June, Philip and Amanda Hatcher hosted the College and Career young adults for a weekend retreat in the foothills of the Pyrenees Mountains. These young adults are excitedly active in the ministry of Jesus Christ as they study and work.*

with Roxane, Léonie expressed faith in Christ and a desire to follow Christ in baptism. She is one of the friends with whom Roxane has been having investigative Bible studies for the past few months.

These believers did not come to Christ through our witness alone. Most people trust Jesus as Savior through the witness of a number of His disciples. We don't have to do it all. You don't have to do it all. We do



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