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Bro. Mike Creiglow celebrates 65 years of service in Brazil this month. He's still serving—and God is still blessing!

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68 souls saved where darkness tried to dwell in Brazil! The Light pierced the darkness.

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God has been answering our prayers for Paul Hatcher's health. Read how He has been working and praise Him with us.

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EQUIPPED TO ENDURE: A SEASON OF FAITH & HOPE



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Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

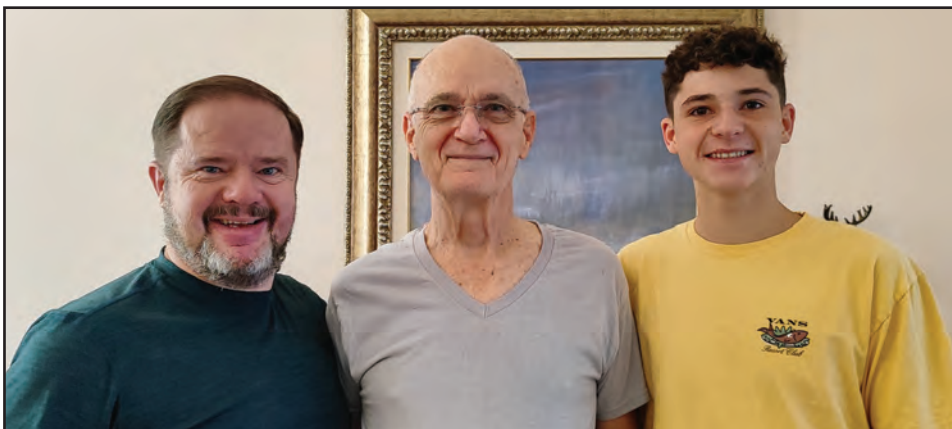
We are continually grateful for your prayers, encouragement, and support as we seek to serve the Lord in Brazil. In this letter, I would like to share a few important updates from the past months and invite you to rejoice with us in God's faithfulness.

Family Update—A Season of Faith and Hope

Recently, we had the blessing of spending time with my parents before my father began his bone marrow transplant. As many of you know, this treatment is a very demanding process, both physically and emotionally. Yet, we are encouraged by the early reports that the graft is taking well, and the doctors are optimistic. The journey is far from over, but we see the Lord's sustaining hand in each step. Please continue to lift up my father's health, my mother's strength, and our entire family as we walk through this season



Jud with two pastors who are part of the "Togetherness Network"



Jud with his father (Paul) and son (Benjamin)

together.

Missions Conference at New Life Baptist Church

Another highlight of these past months was the Missions Conference hosted by New Life Baptist Church in Lexington,

KY (Steve Wainright, pastor). The speaking schedule, the organization of the sessions, and the richness of the messages shared made this conference an extraordinary experience. It was

a joy and privilege to be part of such a well-planned, Scripture-filled, and Spirit-led gathering. Even more than the program itself, the conference was an exciting opportunity to reconnect with dear friends and supporters who have walked with us over the years, while also making new friendships that we trust will blossom into ongoing ministry partnerships. The fellowship, encouragement, and shared vision for the Great Commission left us deeply refreshed and inspired to press forward in the work God has called us to.

Laura at Liberty University

Another significant milestone in our family life is that our daughter Laura began her first semester at Liberty University this past August. Moving into a new rhythm of college life—classes, chapel, dorm responsibilities, and a new circle of friends—has been both excit-



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"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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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is always good to have unexpected, good surprises. This was the case at the Mazère Bible study three days ago. We expected the attendance at this meeting to be low because we knew of some who were away from their homes and because a major storm hit us on the road on the way to Mazère. About the time we arrived at the home of Jean-Daniel and Jacqueline news came through another participant that Florian, the young man I mentioned getting baptized in my last letter, was going to be a bit late. However, when he arrived just a few minutes late, he was accompanied by his mother and his girlfriend.

His mother had come from her home in the Island of Reunion to attend his baptism and had met several members of the study. The girlfriend showed a great interest in the Bible Study. After-

wards, I asked her about her spiritual life, and she excitedly explained how she was thrilled to have understood and trusted Jesus Christ as her Savior three years ago.

She expressed to another lady in the study how much she enjoyed it and then sent a message to the group indicating how wonderful she thought the meeting was and thanking everyone for the good reception she received. She is from Dunkirk (far north of us) and has only lived in our region for about a year. She met Florian on a hike with mutual friends. This is the way it works. Every day we have encounters. Often these encounters lead to spiritual life and fellowship.

The day before the above-mentioned study, one of the participants contacted me about her son coming to youth meetings at our home. He moved to our area for univer-

"Every day we have encounters. Often these encounters lead to spiritual life and fellowship."

- John Mark Hatcher -

sity several years ago. When he was just a boy, his mother brought him to children's classes taught by Judy during the Mazère meetings. Patricia, the mother, trusted Christ several years ago as she had regular Bible studies with Douceline, the young lady who hosted the meetings for many years. Patricia met Douceline at the library and museum where she works. Patricia is relatively quiet, but passionate about her faith in Christ.

Disciples of Jesus bringing others to their Savior.

What a blessing to be a branch of the vine, Jesus!

Your brother and sister in France,

John and Judy

**"What a blessing to be
a branch of the vine, Jesus!"**

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." - John 15:5



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May God give them wisdom and discernment.

AN UPDATE ON PAUL HATCHER

Many of you have been praying for Bro. Paul Hatcher, and we are happy to report that things are going well. Bro. Paul had a bone marrow transplant just a few weeks ago and has already overcome some of the most difficult challenges. The graft seems to be taking hold, and his blood counts are returning to normal levels. He is experiencing higher levels of energy. Even so, it will be many more days until his immune system can handle the risks of everyday life. He and Wanda are living near the hospital so that his recovery can be monitored. Their daughter Michelle and other family are also helping to care for them during this time. Please continue to pray for Paul and the family as they work through the remaining steps. But also, join us as we thank God for His great mercy and love!

"I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my supplications." -Psalm 116:1



*One-month celebration!
Paul and Wanda Hatcher*

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FROM GRADUATION TO GREATER VISION: GOD'S WORK IN PARANA AND BEYOND



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August 7, 2025

Dear friends and family,

This has been another busy month planning for the graduation and the Pastors' Conference we are going to be doing in Paraná, Brazil. The graduation has grown from nine to fifteen. How AWESOME is the God we serve!!!! And another blessing is there are 40 pastors already signed up to participate in the conference.

With this class that is graduating in September, there are nine Pastors receiving their Masters of Arts Degree in Pastoral Ministries and the other six will be receiving their Masters of Arts Degree in Biblical Studies.

The new program we are starting to use (experiment with) is proving to be a great addition for the Seminary. Changing times, changing methods—but the message remains the same! Our translators are, however, being used even more now as their duties are also occasionally to monitor the classes. Sometimes the Biblical terminology is difficult to translate, and since they are all live, we do not have time to lose in searching for an easier translation; there needs to be a more ready translation for them. So, this new program is that ready translation.

Speaking of speed, I think about the end times, how every-

thing is faster (communication, travel, etc.), and that helps me to be more focused on the Seminary giving pastors more tools to help them reach the people effectively, which is needed as never before.

As we are talking about reaching more—out of the September class, we have four of the pastors who have signed up for our Doctoral program. Again, AWESOME!!!!!! That brings it to 10 Pastors in the Doctoral program!!! That has almost doubled!!!

Now I could use a lot of prayers because I will be giving the challenge to the September graduating class. That seems like an honor, but I am a little bit ANXIOUS. So take me to the Lord in your prayers at this time please.

While on the topic of prayer, our family in Brazil needs lots of prayer. Our daughter Mary is having lots of problems with the pressure in her eyes. Our younger granddaughter Ashley—the problems she had a couple of years with intolerance of MANY foods has returned in a different twist. Our oldest granddaughter Chelsea is on heart meds and is now having eye problems like her mother. So, when it is family, it makes praying even more important. So, thanks to all for your prayer support. Keep praying for BFM, the contributors, our professor Dr. Edge in Texas as he just lost his wife to cancer, Bluegrass Baptist Seminary, our health, and our upcoming travels.

In His service,
AJ and Barbara

JOY UNCONTAINABLE: 68 SOULS SAVED, EVEN WHERE DARKNESS TRIED TO DWELL



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I will never tire of seeing the expression of joy on the face of someone when they realize that they have been saved by God's grace. Charlene and I had this privilege multiple times this month as we ministered together with a team from Virginia

and our evangelistic team, Projeto Vida. As we shared our own testimony, or as we translated for some American

teen, we watched as God worked in the hearts and minds of many hearers. We were blessed to have 64 people profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior in public schools.

Before we went to one of the schools that we ministered in, we received news that we would have to be very careful not to attempt to evangelize the students openly. There was some concern from a person in an administrative position at the school who is involved in witchcraft and demonic worship. They had raised an objection to our team being permitted to go

into the school to preach. We all prayed earnestly before we went and while we ministered as well. The result was that the teachers and students loved our team's dramatic presentation of the gospel and the personal interaction with them afterward. Although satanic forces were against us, we had the joy of seeing 4 people at that school surrender to Christ. In addition to the celebration of these new believers entering the family of

God, we are also encouraged by the boldness that these teenage evangelists have developed through their experience in

the public arena. It is our prayer that they will trust the Lord to use them anytime they are willing to obey Him and share the gospel, in Brazil, or with their fellow students in the

"We will never tire of seeing the joy on a face when someone realizes they've been saved by God's grace."

- Bobby Wacaser -

USA.

We are blessed to partner with some amazingly dedicated and humble servants of the Lord. We are also very grateful and appreciative to you who prays and gives so that we can apply ourselves to this mission effort. May the Lord richly bless you.

Thank you!

In Christ's love,

Bobby and Charlene Wacaser



65
Years in
Brazil!



September 2025 marks 65 years that Mike Creiglow has been a BFM missionary in Brazil! He and his family first arrived in Manaus, Brazil on Thursday, September 2, 1960, where they lived until they learned the Portuguese language and then moved to Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre Territory, Brazil, where he still lives and ministers today..

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ing and stretching for her. She is thriving in this environment and adjusting well to the daily routine. As parents, it is both humbling and joyful to see her pursuing God's calling for her life in this way. We ask that you pray for her continued growth academically, socially, and spiritually during this formative season.

Launching a New Master's of Youth Ministry Degree

It has been an honor to serve as a liaison and contribute to the implementation of the Master's in Youth Ministry program at the World of Life Bible Seminary in São Paulo. Working alongside Dr. Randy Smith and Dr. Dave Adams (dear friends and mentors of mine) has been both a sharpening and rewarding experience. This program is designed to equip the next generation of youth leaders with solid biblical foundations and practical ministry tools to reach young people across Brazil. Along this journey, I've had the privilege of meeting pastors, leaders, and students who are deeply committed to the gospel and passionate about discipling young hearts. The first cohort of 40 students will provide the next generation of qualified instructors for the master's program in subsequent cohorts. Seeing this vision take shape fills me with gratitude for how God is raising leaders for the future of solid youth ministry in Brazil.

New Baptist Conference in Manaus

In late August, a team from our church plant traveled to Manaus (a four-hour flight) to participate in a ministry conference hosted by Nova Baptist Church (my uncle David Hatcher serves as senior pastor there) held from the 20th to the 24th. It was truly an incredible experience to gather with pastors, missionaries, and friends from across Brazil. Worship, learning, and fellowship filled the time, challenging and encouraging us in our calling.



The Baptist Conference in Manaus



The crowd at First Baptist of Cruzeiro do Sul out in front of their new building on a Sunday morning in late August.



Equipping the next generation of youth leaders

The main sessions inspired us to continue the course while staying firmly grounded in Scripture. The ministry workshops were practical and sharpened our team's skills, aligning our hearts and ways of thinking. Each day, our team gathered to pray, discuss, and plan in light of the teaching and insights we encountered during the conference. It was a great experience and allowed our team to grow together as a unit. I was humbled and grateful for the opportunity to speak twice while there and to share in the fellowship of so many committed servants of Christ. The church invited all present pastors to participate in the pastoral ordination (during the conference) of 14 men who had already received approval for ordination.

We made the most of the opportunity to connect with leaders from diverse regions, exchanging insights and strengthening partnerships that will further the work of the gospel. Manaus itself is

such a unique setting—standing at the heart of the Amazon—and it reminded us that the good news of Christ is reaching even the most remote places.

Upon our return to São Paulo, we continued the momentum with focused planning meetings. These sessions have already yielded practical strategies for both implementing new ideas and refining existing ministries. We are encouraged by how God is guiding us, not only to learn but also to apply and adapt what He is showing us for the sake of the gospel in Brazil.

Closing Thoughts

As we reflect on these recent months, our hearts are full of gratitude. God is at work—in our family, in the ministry here in Brazil, and in the lives of so many who are seeking to serve Him faithfully. Thank you for walking this journey with us through your prayers, encouragement, and support. We could not do this without you, and we praise the Lord for your partnership in the gospel.

With love and gratitude,
Jud & Raquel Hatcher

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finish putting up a new mess hall. This replaced the old wooden one that I had built over 40 years ago. The new one is a metal structure with concrete floor and is twice as big. We also built 2 new cabins just in time for these two retreats. Several more were saved through the evangelism that happens at camp.

Yes, I have been busy. And thanks to your prayers for me and God's answer giving good health these several months, I have been able to keep up a brisk pace, to say the least.

Last Sunday we were back home at Primeira Igreja Batista. We had over 600 in the morning service. One of Pastor Pedro's granddaughters made a profession of faith. 17 more were added to the church by baptism. We took a picture of the crowd out in front of our new building, which I will share with you.

Yesterday marked the 65 years since I first set foot in Brazil. It was September 2, 1960. I was 12 when my Dad moved us to another continent. I got to see my Dad several times last month while Stateside. He is now 99 and I am 77. Praise to our wonderful Lord for doing what He did with Dad and with me. All joy and no regrets.

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

In Christ,
Mike Creiglow

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8:25 PM – Message: Dr. David Doran

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9:30 AM – Worship in Singing

9:45 AM – Message: Pastor George Sledd

Jordan Baptist Church; Sanford, Florida

10:30 AM – Worship in Singing

11:00 - 11:10 AM – Break

11:10 AM – Message: Pastor Doug Armstrong

Lake Road Baptist Church; Clio, Michigan

12:00 NOON – Lunch

TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 18TH

5:00 PM – Supper

7:00 PM – Worship in Singing

7:15 PM – Message: Bobby Wacaser, Missionary

Curitiba, Brazil

8:00 PM – Worship in Singing

8:15 PM – Message: Pastor Dave Mitchell

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 19TH

10:00 AM – Worship in Singing

10:15 AM – Message: Pastor Isaac Heil

7th Street Baptist Church; Cannelton, Indiana

11:00 AM – Worship in Singing

11:15 AM – Message: Pastor Kenny Hurst (Retired)

Storms Creek Baptist Church; Ironton, Ohio

12:00 NOON – Lunch



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PRAY & PRAISE

...IN THIS ISSUE

► MIKE & BEVERLY CREIGLOW:

PRAISE GOD for the 1,603 women packed in for the 100th quarterly meeting, while camps for men and pre-teens saw salvations and new facilities built just in time. PRAISE GOD for all their children together for the first time in over a decade! PRAY for continued health and stamina for the Bro. Mike as he presses on. [PAGE 8]

► JOHN MARK & JUDY HATCHER:

PRAISE GOD for Florian's growing witness and the faithfulness of believers like Patricia & Douceline, whose steady discipleship continues to impact lives! PRAY for continued spiritual growth and connection among the youth and newcomers in the region. [PAGE 2]

► JUD & RAQUEL HATCHER: PRAISE GOD for His sustaining hand in Paul's bone marrow transplant and PRAY as he recovers. PRAY for Laura as she begins college. PRAISE GOD for the opportunity Jud has to equip youth ministers in Brazil. [PAGE 1]

► AJ & BARBARA HENSLEY: PRAISE GOD for the growth of the graduating class and the expanding reach of the Seminary. PRAY for strength and peace for AJ as he prepares to give the graduation challenge. [PAGE 3]

► BOBBY & CHARLENE WACASER:

PRAISE GOD for the 68 students who publicly professed Christ as Lord and Savior—each one a testimony to His grace & power. PRAY for continued spiritual protection & boldness as they minister in spiritually resistant environments. [PAGE 4]

STILL HERE, STILL SERVING 65 Years of Faith, Family, & Flourishing



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September 3, 2025

Dear Brethren,

Yes, we are still here. I know you probably thought that we were finally gone, but no, we are still here. Hoping for Christ to come and get us, but until then.....

We just got back from a month in the States. Some was the ordinary, such as a number of visits to doctors and clinics. The extraordinary was getting our last 3 grandkids naturalized as American citizens and special time with all 4 of our kids together in one place after over 11 years.

Before that though, I was able to squeeze in one more visit to our works on the Moa River. The river was already very low and perfect for my new boat and motor. This is my first ever shallow water with boat higher power tail motor – a 38HP Kawashima. We didn't have time to do much testing, so I ended up having to fabricate a trim tab during the trip. Fortunately, I had taken the right tools and—along with some materials scrounged in one of the villages—I was able to keep the rig running. Since then, we have worked out the final kinks. It is a great piece of equipment. Our missionaries have used it for 2 more trips on the Liberdade and Boa Fé Rivers. Thanks to all who helped us build the boat and purchase the engine/materials.

Also, just before the trip to the US, our ladies held their 100th quarterly meeting. They shocked everybody, cramming 1603 ladies



Missionary Gevertson piloting the new boat and motor on the Moa River when he and Missionary Rondisson went with Bro. Mike to visit their works.



A Ladies' Conference hosted at First Baptist Church in Cruzeiro do Sul.

into our building on a Saturday afternoon. Not included in this number were the 30 plus men who performed the slave labor part. Proud of our faithful women.

While we were away our men had their camp with over 150 campers. Then the pre-teens had theirs with over 100 at Camp Salem, which is 25 miles down the TransAmazon Highway. Just before these activities we were able to

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