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Dear Friends,

We have learned, though not perfectly, to look at everything around us through the lens of God's sovereignty. Of course, that is both a challenge and a blessing. The apostle Peter began to sink when he got his eyes off Jesus, looking at the circumstances around him instead of focusing on the One who controlled the circumstances, who was with him. This past month we had some wonderful opportunities for evangelism and training. Of course, our enemy and the enemy of our Lord hates that, so he saw fit to bring on some distractions, and outright attacks. If the Lord had not reminded us daily of His sovereign rule and power over all things, we would have lost our focus and victories. But there was celebration in heaven over the many who surrendered to Christ during our evangelistic efforts in the public schools and squares, and our trials did



The Wacasers (center) with men from Heritage Baptist Church (Lexington, Kentucky) and Jud Hatcher (far right)

not nullify that.

We had a rare privilege to minister together with some missions-minded churches and pastors and with our fellow missionary, Judson Hatcher. As many of you know, Brazil is a huge country. "Although the total area of the US is approximately 500,000 square miles larger than the total area of Brazil, Brazil is larger than the contiguous US by approximately 300,000 square miles. About 685,924 square miles of the US is covered by water compared to only 21,441 square miles of Brazil." (worl-

datlas.com) Although Judson and Rachel minister in Brazil, we rarely get the privilege see one another or work together because of the distance between our fields of service. The time spent ministering together was a joy and we hope we'll be able to do it again in the not-too-distant future.

Yago and Manoela continue faithfully in Portugal. They are having regular in-pres-

ence services after a few weeks of virtual meetings. Both they and their members are much happier. They are also working steadily on translating their children's Bible study lessons into English to be used in Egypt and other Arab nations. Please continue to pray for them.

Projeto Vida worked alongside our visiting pastors and church teams in Curitiba, their

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The Projeto Vida Team

"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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home base, for a week, but they went immediately to some outlying towns to share the gospel after those days together. One of our missionaries, Julio, had been sidelined for some surgery, but he returned to full-time duty this month. He was really missing the daily joy of sharing the gospel to unreached youth and their families. He seems to be fully recovered, and we are thankful to the Lord for that.

Charlene and I are preparing to attend the Annual Thanksgiving Conference on behalf of Baptist Faith Missions at the New Hope Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights, Michigan, next month. We look forward to reacquainting with some of our dear brothers and sisters there, but we also hope to meet new friends and family in Christ. Thank you to pastor Terry Adkins for the invitation to attend and speak.

In Christ's love,
Bobby and Charlene WacaserLEGACY
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October 8, 2024

Dear friends and family,

As we are approaching the end of the semester (October 31st), please be in prayer for our students (pastors, church workers, and leaders) as they prepare themselves for exams. This is somewhat of a stressful time with all the other things they are involved with: economics, pastoring, working, and everyday family necessities.

We are thanking the Lord for Bluegrass Baptist Seminary and the conference we were able to participate in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. There was lots of interest created, so we are looking forward to more students signing up for classes. As you know, after Covid, we were hit just like the churches with lower attendance; however, thanks to the AWESOME GOD WE SERVE, every semester there has been increased student applications.

As this semester is closing, we already have next semester's planning in motion. There will be four classes offered and they will be: 1. Systemic Theology 2. New Testament Survey 3. Old

Testament Survey 4. Pastoral Ministries.

These classes will begin on the fourth day of February 2025. As our planning is in process, pray for the professors, the students, and the Zoom process to reach all the students effectively. Sometimes our communications systems are somewhat of a challenge and especially for me. And please remember the interpreters as it is super important that they do their job well, and also the many who volunteer in this endeavor for Christ.

Our church here in Florida, Second Baptist, is planning a trip on the 9th of October to Brazil. As you will know, Florida has experienced hurricanes and are expecting one on that day. So, if we have made the trip with no incident, please THANK GOD for His safe keeping and ask for His continued safe keeping. We are planning to see if our church can partner with Caraguatuba to help expand the ministry there. Barbara and I will be staying after the others return back to the U.S.A. to take care of more business with the Seminary. Sounds as though our departure date may be complicated by a category 3 hurricane making landfall around noon. So, unless it turns north, we may be delayed. Keep us in your prayers.

In His service,
Aj and Barbara

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MINISTERING TO FAMILIES WITH AUTISTIC & NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN



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October 16, 2024

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

I would like to take an opportunity this month to focus on some opportunities that God has opened up for Julie recently. As you already know, our daughter Chloe is on the Autism spectrum, which presents many challenges in raising and rearing her and learning how to best deal with how her autism manifests itself – lack of executive functioning, emotional dysregulation, stimulation overload, meltdowns, and occasional violent outbursts. This has caused us to have to learn a lot about autism and neurodiversity, but, especially Julie has done a tremendous amount of research on the topic in the past few years. Julie herself is neurodiverse and it has taken many years for us to learn some aspects of how her mind works and interacts with the world as well. [“Neurodiversity is the idea that the human brain naturally varies in how it functions, and that these differences are normal and should be embraced. The term ‘neurodivergent’ describes someone whose brain processes, learns, or behaves differently from what is considered ‘typical.’” Most of us would thus be labeled neurotypical because our brains work and process in ways that we would consider “normal,” although that is probably a bad term to use because there prob-

ably is really no “normal.”].

Because of her growing knowledge and experience in autism and neurodiversity, Julie has had opportunities to speak and do presentations about the topic, specifically at RVA but also one-on-one with parents of autistic children at the Kijabe Hospital. There are many children in Kenya who are neurodiverse (as is true around the world) who need special ministry and care but who often fall through the cracks in families, schools, and churches because they don’t think, act, and behave “normally,” or neurotypically. These children need the love of Jesus and the love of His people and the ministry of His churches to make it in this world, which to them is strange and does not act or behave “normal.” So, Julie was tasked with speaking on the topic and helping people at RVA and Kijabe become more aware of the needs of these children and how they can better be ministered to and helped by people who love them and want to see them grow in the love of Christ. The first time she presented, it was very well received and people began seeing the need of knowing more about the need to minister to neurodiverse children. She was asked to speak again and expand upon her previous presentation. After the second presentation some people began pushing for her presentation to be mandatory for all RVA staff. She was then asked to do research on some past and present students and to present findings on how RVA can begin to better minister to these children.

In the meantime, as I have mentioned, she has met with parents of autistic children to offer some guidance and advice to struggling parents who don’t know what to do and don’t know where to go for help. As a parent of an autistic child myself, I can tell you that there are many times in life where I feel helpless, feel like pulling my hair out, feel like quitting and giving up, and feel completely alone in my parenting struggles. I feel isolated from God’s people and His churches and oftentimes face despair. Parents of autistic and neurodiverse children need the love of Jesus and the ministry of His churches as much as their children do. I think the work and ministry that Julie has been involved in is assisting children and families and will ultimately impact the Kingdom of Christ and bring glory and honor to the name of Jesus. Please pray that God would continue to use Julie in this way, for His Kingdom and for His glory.

Pray also that God would keep us safe in Kenya and safe on the roads. We have had a problem with very long delays in receiving work permits. This week I

will have to file a second “temporary” extension for Julie’s work permit while we wait for her real work permit to be processed and approved. Without this we cannot stay in the country, so, this is actually a pretty big deal. Also, without going into much detail, Julie and I almost “bought the farm” driving to Nairobi yesterday. Driving in Kenya is always dangerous and the A104 highway (which we need to use in order to get anywhere) is considered one of the most dangerous roads in the world. We were on A104 when an incident occurred because of the reckless driving of another driver. Again, without going into detail, I thought we were dead and to this hour don’t really know how we are not dead. It took me a full ten seconds after the incident before I could breathe again and probably five minutes before my heart rate came back down to normal. I replay the incident in my mind and can only conclude that God protected us. Please pray that God keep us safe and ministering for His name in Kenya.

Blessings to all,
Roger, Julie & Chloe

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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.

You can mail your contribution to our Treasurer, George Sledd. Or you can give online by going to our website and clicking on the gold “GIVE” button.

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We pray and hope you will.

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MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 11TH

- 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 12TH

- 9:45 a.m. – Message, John Moore,
Member of Grace Baptist Church
Fairborn, OH, preparing for the ministry
- 10:30 a.m. – Singing
- 11:00 a.m. – Break
- 11:10 a.m. – Message, Pastor Mark Campbell
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church;
Salyersville, KY
- 12:00 Noon – CONFERENCE ENDING WITH
LUNCH

CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S DAY IN UBIM



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October 21, 2024

Dear Brothers and
Sisters,

Pray that all are
doing well and
blessed by our Lord
and Savior. We are
doing well thanks to
our Lord. We thank
each of you for your
prayers and support.
You are an important
part of the ministry.

We have had many
blessings. The prayer program
we mentioned in our last letter
has been really great. More and
more of the members are get-
ting involved. We have had
more visitors coming to the
church. We are encouraging the
members to get involved in dif-
ferent ministries in the church.
Several of the youth are helping
Kathy with the kids' program at
the village of Ubim. Last week
was kids' days here in Brasil.
The group put together a party

for the kids. Also, a friend of
one of the youth donated toys
for the kids. We had 60 kids.
The party was great. Then at
the mother church we had a
party on Sunday night. They
had a great time. Two of the
ladies at the church and 2 teen-
agers planned the party.

The last few months we have
had lots of problems with our
cars. Thank God, we are get-
ting them fixed and working.

Odali and Kathy Barros



31 BAPTIZED, INCLUDING ADRIANO FROM FLORIANÓPOLIS



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September 30, 2024

Dear Brethren,

Hello from Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil. It has now been exactly 3 weeks since I arrived back home after a month in the States. While in the US I had 2 more malignant tumors removed from my head plus a couple of follow-up procedures on both eyes. I am feeling fine and went straight back to my usual work routine. I get up at about 5:00AM every day and turn in at about 11:00PM. I have been able to complete several catch up/maintenance projects and some new ones, too.

I haven't made any mission trips yet. The river is at a record low level and only canoes are getting around. I have already installed an electric start kit on my 25HP engine and done all the maintenance before the rainy season comes around. I am also getting the new boat project organized. Andrew has finished the drawings and we are almost ready to start building. The engine and aluminum materials have already arrived. Hoping and praying that some of you can help me with this project.

Things are going very well at church even though we have had some major opposition in the last couple of weeks. Yesterday we had baptism and the Lord's supper. I baptized 31. More people have been saved each week since my return. One of the ones who made a profession of faith was a young deaf woman. This ministry

which finally launched a couple of years ago has grown steadily. We now have at least 5 who have been saved and 12 who attend services.

One of the men who I baptized yesterday has a unique story and was especially gratifying to me.

Adriano is from Florianópolis in southern Brazil. He manages a firm that operates here in Cruzeiro do Sul. Before he was transferred here, he had a spiritual shake up. He was Roman Catholic, but feeling empty and desperate. On a rainy day he "randomly" stopped into a Baptist church there in Florianópolis.

After my one month absence, I was back in the pulpit on Sunday night, September 22. He made his public profession of faith that night. On Thursday night he attended a one-night course for candidates for baptism. Yesterday I was privileged to baptize him and 30 other new believers.

Some of those who were baptized are from our congregations out of town. Some of them came from our congrega-



Baptismal Candidates



Mike Creiglow before the baptisms of a new 2,600 square foot metal structure. Saturday was the groundbreaking. We hope to have this building under roof in time for the first big youth camp next February.

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

In Christ,
Mike Creiglow

A pastor talked to him about Christ and told him that as soon as he got to Cruzeiro do Sul to find a church. He came to our Sunday evening service here at First Baptist. He heard me preach the gospel. That was my last time in the pulpit just before my trip to the States. After the invitation and after the service he came and told me his story. I shared the gospel with him. He trusted in Christ that very night.

tion in Guajará, state of Amazonas.

Our camp, Salém, has been busy all summer. There were 2 more retreats just since my return. The youth had one with 4 teens getting saved. Pastor Ezi who takes care of our older members also had a retreat for them. The women's retreat was the weekend that I was headed back home. They always have about 250 ladies even though the camp only has room for about 150! Friday, I laid out the mark-

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 2024-25 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 2024 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!



WE NEED TO REACH FOR OUR \$50,000.00 THANKSGIVING GOAL!

GIVE NOW!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING FAQ

(Frequently Asked Questions)

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The greatest need each month is for the Missionary Support Fund.



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PRAY ALSO FOR OUR OTHER FAITHFUL MISSIONARY FAMILIES!
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EVANGELISM, SHEPHERDING, & TRAINING ACROSS SOUTHERN FRANCE



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for serving with us. God is changing lives in wonderful ways. Our ministry is quite broad, challenging and encouraging. It is a mixture of evangelism, shepherding and training. Judy and I spend time in personal counseling of individuals

on a regular basis. We are driven to pray for wisdom, patience and the work of God in people's heart. So, in the process, we grow in our relationship with our Father and Savior as well.

There is a new regular participant in our Bible study in the city of Mazerès. This young man is a carrier sub-officer in the army. This Bible study is made up of individuals who have already placed their faith in Christ. We are presently studying the Gospel of Luke.

We are starting a new Bible Study in the city of Auterive. A family from our church moved there a couple of years ago and are excited to

host this Bible Study.

The Bible study in the city of L'Union is going very well. It is exciting to see the way God is touching the lives of the seekers who participate without missing. One lady seems to have trusted Christ though she has not

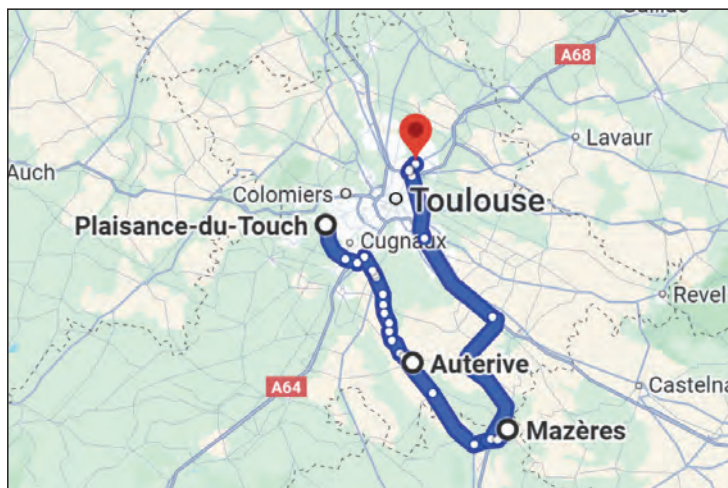
made public profession of faith. The husband of the Iranian couple who fled their country years ago always thanks me with a great smile at the conclusion of each study.

Our three other studies are going well, and we are very encouraged by the way God is working in the lives of the participants. The regular

Sunday meetings here in Plaisance du Touch are also going well. Philip is now doing the teaching as we study through the book of Acts. One young lady who trusted the Lord about a year ago is very involved in the study of the Word and church activities in addition to her Engineering Studies and job. She is the only believer in her family.

Philip and Amanda are self-supporting missionaries who work with us. A number of believers are passionately involved in serving the Lord and this is very encouraging to us.

May you enjoy God's richest blessings,
John and Judy



A glimpse of where these cities are in relation to one another. L'Union is considered a suburb of Toulouse and is located northeast of the city.

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