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DAY CAMP FOR KIDS & TEENS FROM THE MISSION IN MULTIRÃO



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December 17, 2024
Dear Brothers and Sisters,
This year is coming to an end and it is hard to believe. We praise the Lord that we are closing the year with wonderful things happening in our ministry.

We started the bus ministry again. At the mother church, "Pedras Vivas", a group volunteered to help in visitation and picking them up on Sunday morning. Also, one of the ladies of the church who is a teacher took the responsibility of the Sunday School Class. She is training others to help her. One of our teenaged girls helped Sunday for the first time. She loved it. The teacher put together a presentation for the kids to do in the church. This was the first time and they did well. The teacher wants to do more things with them. This teacher has a great passion for working with kids. Please pray that God will keep these people encouraged and bring others to help as the ministry grows.

The mission at the Multirão

village is also doing well. This last Saturday we brought the kids, teens, and some adults to our house to spend the day. There were 45 who came. They

had a great time.

We are fixing an area at our house where we can have more activities with the kids and teens from the different villages

we work with.

We are excited about the beginning of next year. May God continue blessing the ministries and encouraging more to get involved.

We thank each one of you for your prayers and support. This is an important part of our ministry. May God bless each one of you.

Love in Christ,
Odali and Kathy Barros

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December 13, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior. We are getting along fine and hope you are as well. We are excited to see God at work and to have you as fellow servants and supporters.

Judy and I just returned from a visit with Patricia in her home. You may remember our request for your intercession on her behalf in our last letter. Frankly, I did not think she would be able to return to her apartment. I was wrong. She is receiving nutrition through a stomach tube as she is not able to swallow. A medical worker comes to her place each evening to load and activate the feeding mechanism. Barbara, one of the ladies from our church, has spent numerous hours visiting Patricia and seeking to help in the administrative aspects of her care. Please

continue to pray for this needy lady that she might clearly understand and trust Christ as her Savior.

In the Fall of 2022, we began a new Bible study in the city of L'Union. The hostess was the only person besides us who was a believer. She wanted her friends to come to Christ. There are now usually 9 people at this Bible study. As perceived in their conversation, understanding of the Bible and regular worship service involvement, two seemed to have trusted Christ, though they have not yet made a public profession. The hostess followed Christ in baptism this past summer and we now have another believer from our church participating. God is at work and we are delighted. Please continue to pray for this Bible study.

Our Bible study in Mazeres is growing and last month a young army officer who attends professed his faith in Christ.

We have started a new Bible study in the City of

Auterive and there are 10 people participating. These are believers or individuals who are very interested in studying the Bible.

This week, a lady with whom Judy and I have been meeting for about a year and a half trusted Christ as Savior. The history of her life is a wreck. However, in retrospect it is obvious that God has been intervening for years in her life to draw her to Himself. Our first contact with her was three years ago through her chiropractor who is a member of the church that meets in our home. This new believer has a son in first grade and a husband who both need Christ. Please pray for her.

Our Father is at work in many other ways around us and we are very encouraged. Let us all express our thanks to our Lord and continue to intercede for those who need a Savior and for believers in their spiritual growth.

We are delighted to have you ministering with us.

In Christ,
Judy and John

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May God give them wisdom and discernment.

*"Hands to the plow, we're pressing on
And running hard to win the prize
Empowered by the love of God
With grace before and grace behind
For lo, what hope before us stands
You finish all that You began
Eternal joy is in Your hands
And all of our tomorrows"*

[From "All of Our Tomorrows" by Dave Fournier and Ryan Foglesong]

MORE IMPORTANT THAN GRADES; SURGERY & PRAYERS NEEDED



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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

I'm trying to get this newsletter out at the latest possible date. I usually do get my newsletters out late but this month I have a legitimate excuse. Last Wednesday evening Julie became very sick. I ended up taking her to the emergency room where we spent the night. By the next morning, she was admitted to the hospital with suspicions about her gall bladder. After extensive tests and a couple of days in the hospital the doctors decided it was indeed her gall bladder and that it needed to be removed.

She underwent some kind of surgery, the technical/medical name of which I cannot remember. The bottom line is that she had her gall bladder removed and spent the next couple of days in the hospital. When the doctors saw her gall bladder they knew they had made the right decision to remove it. It was severely inflamed, contained many stones, and was fraying/flaying/fileting (I can't remember what the doctor said or how he pronounced it but the bottom line was that the tissue was very soft and beginning to come

apart). It definitely needed to come out before it became very dangerous. I was able to bring Julie back home from the hospital yesterday and she is now home slowly recovering. Four nights in hospital in Kenya is no fun, let me tell you. Hopefully removing her gall bladder will help with some stomach issues she has been having lately. We shall see. Please pray for a full recovery and a future better health condition for my wife.

Julie's surgery occurred during term break, which I suppose is a blessing.

This past term I began to learn something very important about my students. I learned that to many of them, the grade they will get in my class is too important. For many of them, getting a good grade is of utmost importance. To me, however, the grade is just an assessment of whether they are possibly learning the material or not. Many of my students become obsessed with grades. I suppose that is typical among students worldwide. I tell them that the grade is important, but not all important. I have been telling them that the learning of the Bible is important. I stress that

their learning of how to minister to God's people and God's churches and God's Kingdom is really what is important. That is what they are here at this school to learn and the grade is more my way of telling whether they are importing and processing the information in the best possible way. I want them all to get a good

grade. However, more than that, I want them to learn how to minister the message of the Bible, the gospel, and the love of Jesus to God's people.

I tell them that when they are done and "out there" ministering the gospel to God's people that nobody is going to ask them what grade they received in Mr. Tate's hermeneutics and interpretation class. It will be important, however, for them to interpret and teach the Bible correctly, which Mr. Tate's hermeneutics and interpretation class will help them do. Nobody is going to care if they got an "A" in Mr. Tate's General Epistles class. However, they will care that these students and future pastors can help them in their suffering the way Peter teaches in his letters, or help them work out their faith in action the way James teach-

es in his epistle, or help them love one another in word and in deed the way John teaches in his letters.

My beloved students, keep your eyes on the prize – not a grade, but the ability to minister to God's people and glorify God in doing so.

Please pray for me, beloved. I am really struggling with Chloe right now. Her whining, screaming, and throwing things is really starting to wear me down and I feel anger rising up within me that I need God's help to control.

Even in the middle of writing this newsletter I had to stop because Chloe was mad and threw a big container of powdered, pink paint on the dining room floor. I don't know where she got it, but it exploded and powdered, pink paint was everywhere. To add to the problem, before she threw the paint, she threw a full bottle of shampoo, which also exploded. The powdered, pink paint mixed with the shampoo to make an extremely hard to clean, pink sloppy mess. I spent the next hour on my hands and knees trying to clean it up (all while fuming in my heart and muttering under my breath).

"God, please help Roger to have patience and to care more about Chloe than he does about himself."

Blessings to all,
Roger, Julie, & Chloe

*"I want them to learn how to minister the message of the Bible, the gospel, and the love of Jesus to God's people."
Roger Tate*

WACASER

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Christ as their Savior and Lord. This type of outreach may not be ideal for every church, but we have discovered at least four main benefits for ours: 1) The level of quality of the production teaches our members to present to God their best efforts and gifts, 2) The number of people who come to a dramatic gospel presentation exposes some people, who wouldn't ordinarily go to a church service, to the Word of God, 3) Our church members learn to serve, often very strenuously and costly to themselves, but joyfully for God's glory, and 4) Several of our members discover ways to use their gifts and talents for the growth of God's kingdom and are challenged to remain engaged

"Several of our members discover ways to use their gifts and talents for the growth of God's kingdom and are challenged to remain engaged in serving..."

Bobby Wacaser

in serving, even after the big events.

On a personal note, Charlene and I are presently being housed in a hotel while we await the restoration of our

house that was damaged by the floodwater of Hurricane Milton. We have been here for over a month while our insurance companies seek to use loopholes to escape responsibility for the damages. We are grateful, though, because we know that there are so many others that were much more negatively affected. The Lord has been gracious to us through it all and we know that He will see us through this for our good and His glory. Thank you for your faithful prayers for us and kind support of our ministry.

In Christ's love,
Bobby and Charlene
Wacaser

DAY CAMP FOR KIDS FROM MULTIRÃO

BARROS
Read the full story on page 1!



Zinho Barros with kids from Multirão at the day camp Odali & Kathy Barros hosted at their home

Please pray that God will keep these people encouraged and bring others to help as the ministry grows!



SUNDAY SCHOOL IN PEDRAS VIVAS



One of the ladies of the church who is a teacher took the responsibility of the Sunday School Class. She is training others to help her. One of our teenaged girls helped Sunday for the first time. She loved it.



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SCENES OF CHRISTMAS IN SÃO PAULO

Our "Um Sonho de Natal" had 406 in attendance, 89 cast & crew, and 16 decisions.



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Raquel Hatcher singing (front)



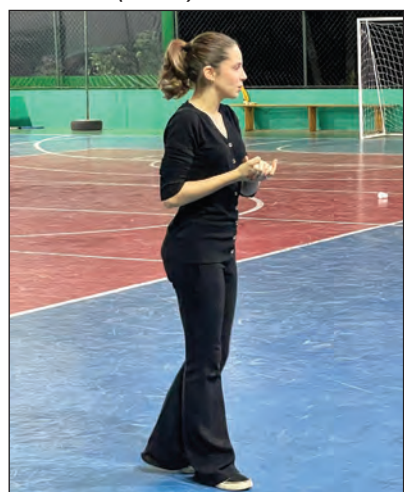
Judson Hatcher speaking



Benjamin Hatcher (center)



Laura Hatcher



Sarah Hatcher



The audience



Melissa Hatcher (right)



Melissa Hatcher (left)



Raquel Hatcher with the cast and crew



The cast and crew on set

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In the January 1965 issue of the "Mission Sheets", you can read stories of new churches being planted in different areas of Brazil.

You can read about how Bobby Creiglow was training a young man and a young church to observe all the Lord has commanded, and how he was encouraging recently organized churches to support their native pastors.

You can read about a 17-day journey John Hatcher & Harold Bratcher made to the far interior of the State of Amazonas for a church organization service.

You can read about the persecution Walter Lauerman was facing over land for two newly organized churches in Peru.

The common thread through all these letters is God's faithfulness to provide for the needs of His children and His mercy in saving souls. Praise Him for His goodness!

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TWO MORE CHURCHES ORGANIZED IN BRAZIL . . .



This is the new church building at Moita on the Moa River in the State of Acre, Brazil. This is a few hours by boat from Cruzeiro do Sul. The pastor Jose Cardoso is standing in front of the building. Brother Creiglow organized this church and this picture was taken on November 15, 1964 which was the second anniversary of the church. There were 104 inside and many outside that could not get in. Both Pastor Cardoso and Bobby Creiglow preached. (Bro. Creiglow sent a picture of the crowd in front of the building but misplaced and cannot find it).

Thankful For Prayer And Support . . . New Church Organized On Island Of Patience . . . New Church Organized In Manaus, Amazonas . . . Launch Nearly Completed

By John Hatcher

Manaus, Amazonas, December 16, 1964
Another year has come and gone. In spite of our faults and failures the Lord has blessed His work. His is the power and the honor and the glory forever and ever. The good reports from the Thanksgiving Conference blessed us and we thank God for the persons and churches which remember us in prayer and support. The promise of reward is not only to those who faithfully go but to those also who faithfully communicate. Paul wrote to the church at Philippi stating that he cared that fruit would abound to their account. Life is passing rapidly and we will have to leave everything earthly which we possess but that which is done in the Name of the Lord Jesus will be to our account for all eternity. Certainly we desire for our friends and loved ones a happy and prosperous New Year in the Lord.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED ON THE ISLAND OF PATIENCE

Two weeks ago Brother Altair, one of the Seminary students, and I left on Saturday morning for the Island of Patience. The brother has been preaching here for the last three months. Brother Newton Vasconcelos, pastor of the recently organized Moriah Baptist Church, worked in the island for about two or three years. The work was under the authority of the Zion Baptist Church. Brother Sostenes Melo the pastor of the Zion Church went up to the island on Monday and held services through the week. My purpose in going was only to attend the organization for this has been entirely the work of the Zion Church for the last two years. The organizational service was held on Sunday morning with the pastor of the Zion Baptist Church presiding. Before the service all of the people went to the river to attend the baptism of eight candidates. It poured down rain the entire morning. Some of the people who attended walked for two hours to get to the service. It was so nasty



This is the Airport building or Boca do Acre in the far interior of the State of Amazonas where John Hatcher recently made a journey of some seventeen days.

Outboard Motors And Baggage Finally Arrive In Cruzeiro do Sul . . . Native Churches To Help Support Their Pastors . . . Leaving On Long Journey Up The Jurua River

By Bobby Creiglow

Cruzeiro do Sul November 27, 1964

Dear Brethren; By this time the Thanksgiving Conference has come and gone and we trust it has been a good one with many souls revived and on fire for the Lord. We, also, had a good Thanksgiving Day, although here it is not a holiday. Our feasting was done on weiners and sauerkraut with farinha. Truly every day should be a day of thanksgiving for those who are trusting in Christ.

Just after we arrived here in Cruzeiro do Sul I rented a house near the river to store our gasoline and supplies. We also had hopes that our motors and other things that we sent from Manaus would arrive soon and we could therefore use the house to unpack, but they did not come until about three weeks ago. We had just unloaded it all off the truck and had started to unpack when the man of the house sent us word that he had sold the house and wanted us to get out the same day. I told him that it would be impossible that day, but would move the next. Within a few minutes I had rented another and the next day we moved. We are now all unpacked and have found a place for almost all the things we brought. Although we had much doubt that we would receive everything, but at last it all came in very good condition.

On November 15 we were invited by the church of Maitai to spend the day with them to celebrate their second anniversary and the dedication of their new church house. This was indeed a pleasure for us as two years ago the Lord gave us a part in helping to organize this church. We left home about 6:00 A.M. arriving there about 8:00 A.M. only to wait until 10:00 for the services to start as almost all the church at Maitai were coming and were late arriving. The pastor and I both preached to a house full of people and some that could not get inside. There were 116 inside. Their new house is made of all new lumber sawed out of the forest behind the village at a cost of about thirty-five dollars including the pews. We returned to Cruzeiro do Sul for the night services.

On Monday afternoon leaving the family at home I left with one of the native brethren on a trip up the Moa River with the first stop once again in Maitai where we met with the church to reach them their responsibility of supporting their pastor. Since their pastor is already getting less than the others I asked them to give him a ten percent raise. I have not heard as yet as to whether or not they are going to do it. Tuesday and Wednesday was spent with the church at Japiim where Brother Mario is pastor. Brother Mario has been working with Baptist Faith Missions for

about twenty years and has been the pastor of this church for a good many of them. I also discussed with the church the need of them supporting their pastor and told them that beginning the first of the year they would be expected to assume ten percent of his salary and each year thereafter assuming another ten percent until at the end of ten years they will be supporting him completely. All the brethren present said they were in favor of doing it. Thursday and Friday were spent with the church in Colonia which we organized just before coming home on furlough and where we are members. This church does not have a pastor, but there is a young man that the Lord has called to preach that has been taking care of the services. I believe that when we organized this church our work was only half done, so I plan to go back there to teach this young man and young church to observe all things whatsoever the Lord has commanded. I also believe the church will soon be supporting this young man. Saturday and Sunday was spent with Brother Cido and the church at Barao once again teaching the same things, but I don't believe this church will try to support their pastor because the pastor would rather do without than ask them for it. I have also talked to the church here in Cruzeiro do Sul about this and they have voted to do it. Pray for these brethren that they might be able to do what the Lord has told them to do. There was one soul saved on the trip also.

We plan to leave soon on a trip up the Jurua and may not be back in time to write a letter for the next issue, but will report on that trip as soon as possible. Don't forget us as you pray.

In Christ Jesus,
B. D. Creiglow



This is the crowd at Monte Verde near Boca do Acre on a Sunday morning when John Hatcher was there.

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*Another year is dawning,
dear Father, let it be
In working or in waiting,
another year with Thee;
Another year of progress,
another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.*

*Another year of mercies,
of faithfulness and grace,
Another year of gladness
in the shining of Thy face;
Another year of leaning
upon Thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting,
of quiet, happy rest.*

*Another year of service,
of witness for Thy love,
Another year of training
for holier work above;
Another year is dawning,
dear Father, let it be
On earth, or else in Heaven,
another year for Thee.*

{Frances Ridley Havergal}

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**PRAY ALSO FOR OUR OTHER
FAITHFUL MISSIONARY
FAMILIES!**

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JOY IN PRESENTING THE GOSPEL



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Dear Friends,

We love having a part in what the Lord is doing among the crowds in public presentations, church services, and school auditoriums through our ministries. It is a joy to see the gospel presented to large numbers and know that God's glory is being spread abundantly, but an equal joy comes when we hear from individuals how the love of Jesus has transformed their lives. Our missionary partners share that same joy with us.

Wyne Carolina is one of our volunteers and she told me how, after an evangelistic skit in front of a school crowd of 900 students, a confused teenaged girl sought her out to ask her to explain more clearly the gospel. Wyne, using the Scriptures, shared with her about Jesus' life, death and resurrection for the salvation of sinners, of

which she was one. In that one-on-one encounter, that young lady was enabled by the Holy Spirit to understand her need for Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. When asked what she was going to do with Christ, she confessed her sin and accepted His pardon by surrendering

her life to God. Wyne Carolina loved making God known on the stage before that crowd, but her joy was even greater to be used to introduce a new daughter to the Father and Savior. Each member of our evangelism team, Projeto Vida, shares the same sentiments. We count it a privilege to partner with them.

Pastor Cledson and the Nova Igreja Batista de Curitiba put together

a large gospel dramatic production last month. There were over 70 volunteer members of the church involved in the preparation, production, and presentation to over 400 in attendance. At the conclusion, 14 people professed

"Wyne Carolina loved making God known on the stage before that crowd, but her joy was even greater to be used to introduce a new daughter to the Father and Savior."

Bobby Wacaser

 **WACASER**
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"I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance." -Luke 15:7




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