



THE
Orthodox Presbyterian Church
THE COMMITTEE ON
FOREIGN MISSIONS

ASSISTANCE TO THE FAMILY OF MATT BAUGH

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to look after the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. James 1:27

Alerted to the need for such by the death of the Rev. Matthew D. Baugh in Haiti on May 4, 2006, the Committee on Foreign Missions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church—conscious of the biblical duty to look after widows and the fatherless in their distress, and with a particular view towards those whose husbands or fathers, respectively, concluded their earthly pilgrimages while in active foreign missionary service under the Committee’s call or appointment—has established a **WIDOWS AND MINOR DEPENDENTS OF DECEASED MISSIONARIES RELIEF FUND** (“the Fund”)* to assist in supplying their needs (a copy of the Resolution establishing the Fund is attached).

Matt is survived by his wife, Shannon, and their five children: Andrew (10), Laura (9), SaraGrace (7), Jessica (5), and Margaret (2), all of whom have returned to the States from the mission field to re-establish family life here. It was one of Matt’s desires, should anything ever happen to him, that Shannon be able to continue with homeschooling the children. We would like to honor that desire.



Matt’s full salary and allowances will continue to be paid to Shannon until November 2006, after which we project that the cost of assisting Shannon in the support of the family until the youngest child reaches age twenty-one will total somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1.5 million. The proceeds of a life insurance policy and other death benefits payable by reason of Matt’s death are modest, but if they could be added to the sum of \$650,000 to be raised by the Fund before the end of the year and wisely invested, we should be able to meet, Lord willing, the support needs of the family. To date the Lord’s people have generously given more than \$565,000 of the \$650,000 needed by year’s end!

If you would like to contribute to help the Fund meet the needs of the Baugh family, please make your check payable to The Committee on Foreign Missions and note “Missionary Widows Fund” on the memo line or in a transmitting note. Inquiries are welcome and may be directed to our general secretary, whose contact information is below. Thank you for joining with us in looking after Shannon and the children in their affliction, and please keep this dear family in your prayers. And pray, too, that it would please our merciful Lord to raise up others—men after His own heart—to carry on the work in Haiti for which Matt gave his life.

* Formerly referred to as the Baugh Family Diaconal Fund

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