

MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL
 Elder J. F. Brandon
 Elder and Mrs. Billy Parrott
 Elder and Mrs. L. M. Smith
 Miguel Ibernson
 Cicero Bielgo
 Malo Dutro
 Eufrazo Soraes
 Francisco Santiago
 John Dias
 Zacharias Nunes de Abriu
 Gabriel Seraphin
 Walter Fernandes
 (Portugese Language)

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 Elder and Mrs. M. E. Lewis
 Elder and Mrs. R. P. Hallum
 Miss Marguerite Hallum
 Don Simon Gaima
 Don Juan Castro
 (Spanish Language)

MISSIONARIES IN COLUMBIA
 Jose Tomas del Castillo
 (Spanish Language)

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R. P. Hallum Writes Of Difficulties Yet Withal 11 Professions Of Faith

Iquitos, Peru
 July 11, 1951

Dear Brother in the Lord and collaborator in His service: I have put off writing you too long, I hope you will pardon me. We are well as far as I know. I have been waiting to write you, thinking that I would have something about the result of our work in Police, but as yet we have not what we commenced to do. Police is one of the parts of the field that we have been working but not as regularly as we ought to apparently. Don Simon has been going there about once a month for some-

Another Missionary Interferes With Hallum's Work

A few weeks ago he went as usual. Several of the inhabitants are of his people (Witotos). While there he learned that a young man named David Pent made some trips there. He is the son of Philip Pent who is a missionary and business man here in Iquitos and the head of another evangelical work but opposed to Baptist doctrine. David Pent had persuaded two of the believers to let him baptize them, promising to come back on another of their big feast days and baptize them. When Don Simon (Next page, Column one)

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Smiths arrived in Detroit Sunday night, August 5th, and were brought to the home of Brother H. H. Overbey, secretary of the mission and editor of the MISSION SHEETS. They left Manaus Thursday, August 2nd, and flew down river to Belém. From there they took a Pan American plane for New York. When the plane arrived in San Juan, Porto Rico, Mrs. Smith was so tired and worn out that they had to get off and spend the night in a hotel, then they resumed the journey the next day. The next day after arriving in Detroit she was taken to Dr. Fred Lapham and is now improving rapidly. See Smith letter elsewhere in this issue and pray for them.

Lawrence Smith Returns Home Due To Serious Illness On The Part Of Mrs. Smith

Manaos, Brazil
 July 4, 1951

Dear Brother Overbey:

Received your letter on the second with checks for salaries for July. We are thankful for these. Would to God that you could have been here these past weeks and have seen Verna in her condition. She had one spell of convulsions and internal spasms right after another. The only treatment that the doctor seems to know about is to have me drug her until she is out. Then it takes three or four days for her to get over the effects. She has been very sick in the fullest sense of the

word for two months. The main trouble is the food situation. We can find nothing that will give her the proper diet — everything that she eats makes her sick and at this time of the year things are even worse. The only vegetables that can be found are dried beans, rice and a root called cara which is nothing but pure starch. This with macaroni is about all besides fruits, and most of the fruits we can't eat—they are tropical and not good for people sick and one has to get used to them without getting an upset stomach. All the vegetables and foods besides fruit that can (Next page, Column two)



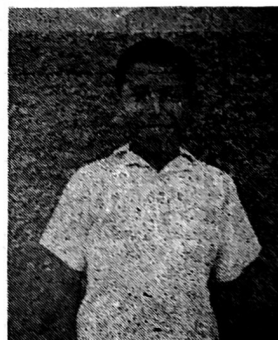
The journey is over and they arrive back in Iquitos. Brother Hallum and Juan Castro.



They have arrived at Mapa and Brother Hallum takes a picture of Santiago Ruez (standing) and Juan Castro.



Three students of the Bible who are being taught by Brother Hallum. Left to right: Simon Gaima, Juan Ruez and Juan Castro.



Augustin Soria. This 14 year old boy was baptized the first Sunday in April.



Mrs. Hallum prepares food for trip up river.

Missionary Parrott's Letter Brings Encouragement As To Missions

Manaos, Brazil
 July 4, 1951

Dear Brother Overbey:

We received the checks for July's salary and are thankful. We are grateful for the new MISSION SHEET and the LIGHT AND SHIELD. As for my work in the past month, I have no great report to show. As I told you we lost out in my best preaching point because the people there moved away but now we are concentrating in one section and actually although the crowds are not as large as they were in the other area the interest seems to be greater in that the people are more serious in their interest. We have been only having two services a week this month and waiting on the Lord to open up other places for us. The report for the month follows: Houses visited 183, present in services 208, services held 7, sermons preached: Manoel 3, Laudomiro 3 and myself 3. Gospels distributed 75. Extra number of sermons preached were in the church.

We also had a Bible study five days a week in my house for two hours each day and on Wednesday went to the church to pray and work on the church building. I worked all day two days and another half day myself, and Manoel and Laudomiro worked more at the church. I was sick and unable to go to three services which we had but the services were carried on well and had good attendance. We have another service scheduled to begin this week and possibly another next week. One of the men who was converted just recently in Lawrence's service in Parque Amazonense moved over into the area where I am working and we visited him to see if he would like to have a service in his house. He was happy to have the opportunity and this Friday we will open a new point there. A member of the church has just recently moved into the area also and I think he will want a service in his house although I have not talked with him on the subject yet. We are trying to rent a house in that area but now will have to put it off because

of my financial situation. There are already enough Christians from our church in the area to start a permanent work as soon as we get a house to start in or one of them gets a house large enough to have Sunday School

and regular services in.

Two Young Preachers Studying Hard

Manoel and Laudomiro are really studying and are learning a lot. I have started on a series of doctrinal lessons using Bro. T. P. Simmons' book, "A Systematic Study Of Bible Doctrine," as my guide. Of course I have to take it slow with them because they don't have the background that most Bible students at home have. We are going carefully over it and I am trying to teach all that I do teach in such a way that they will keep it rather than trying to cover a lot of territory. If we go too fast they will forget it all soon. I might add that I am sure that I am learning a lot myself, much more than I am teaching them because I have never covered this ground as carefully as I am now. I find that my knowledge of the Bible is extremely poor comparatively speaking and each lesson is a new fountain of blessing to me. By the time I have studied the book through one time I think I will be ready to go over it again.

I have recently read J. R. Graves' "Seven Dispensations" and am on it the second time also. It thrilled me greatly and taught me much. I cannot agree with him on the church question but his discussion of the Second Coming of Christ and the Millenium, etc., are great. I have also in this last month read C. D. Cole's "Definition Of Doctrines" again and found that I didn't read it the first time but just passed over it. I intend to read it again soon to try to get a little farther into the depths of it. I only wish that I could have more time for study so that I could really dig in and study the few books I have along with my Bible. I have always wanted to start at Genesis and go to Revelation studying Carroll's Interpretation but have not had time. Last night in business meeting the church here voted to raise their part in the pastor's salary from 700 to 900 crs. They are greatly desirous now of getting to the point where they can support their own pastor altogether. They also appointed a commission including (Next page, Column one)



Here is what is taken on a missionary journey up river. Everything that is needed must be taken along: cot, food, thermos of drinking water (boiled), lanterns, outboard motor and gasoline.

Bible Study Five Days A Week

NOTICE

Anyone desiring more information about this mission work write to the Secretary of the Mission. Address your letter to:

H. H. OVERBEY
1210 E. Grand Blvd.
Detroit 11, Mich.

Hallum Letter

(Preceding page, Column two) learned what he was planning to do he explained to them that David Pent did not have any authority to give them Scriptural baptism and that David was trying to interrupt and destroy the work of others wherever he could, and that I could come and give them Scriptural baptism. They told him that they had been believers since I had preached there sometime ago and agreed to wait until I came up to baptize them.

Brother Lewis Makes Journey With Brother Hallum

So I went up there and found I could not baptize them because they were not married, but they agreed to come to Iquitos and begin the process of getting married which is a lot of red tape. We brought them down in the boat and took them back the first trip (Bro. Lewis, Bro. Gaima and I). Since then they have made two trips about the matter and have to make another to get married. If they get married we intend, if it is the Lord's will, to take them back and baptize them where their people and neighbors can see them baptized.

Eleven Professed Faith In Christ

The last time I was up there, there were eleven people that came forward and gave their hands saying they were believers. Some are men and women living together but not married, some are boys and girls of 14 or 16 years of age. I believe some of them are qualified now for baptism. The question of marriage is a real obstacle to the gospel here. The law and the officials make it very difficult to get married. First they have to have a certificate of birth or baptism by a priest. Not many have this at hand. These people that are trying to get married are the mother and father of nine children and have an orderly home, more so than the average here. A man in the service Sunday night told me that he and his woman want to join the church but are not married, but are making an effort to get their birth certificates, etc., in order to do so. It is needless to say that we are happy about Bro. and Sister Lewis being here at hand and it is difficult to avoid spoiling Benny, he is such a lovely baby.

Yours in the Lord's service,
R. P. Hallum

P. S.: Thanks to all who have a part in providing the means for them. Reports of Juan Castro and Simon Gaima for June: Juan Castro, 98 visits, 12 Bibles sold, 5 N. T.'s sold, Portions S. 108, religious conversations 79. Simon Gaima: 422 visits, 1 Bible sold, 1 N. T. sold, 23 Portions S., 62 religious conversations and 1,506 tracts.

Parrott Letter

(Preceding page, Column five) the pastor and the two missionaries along with five other brethren to investigate the situation concerning the lots and the prospective new church.

Billy E. Parrott

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 1951

Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	\$ 25.82
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	15.08
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	27.35
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	91.74
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
Macedonia Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.	5.87
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	40.70
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	31.50
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	50.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	13.87
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.	15.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	44.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	16.97
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (B.Y.P.U.) ..	5.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	21.42
Sylvania Hills Baptist Church, New Brighton, Pa.	5.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	35.13
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colo.	50.00
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Carderview, Tenn.	19.80
English Baptist Church, English, Ky.	25.00
Oconita Baptist Church, Oconita, Va.	18.33
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	36.13
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	140.00
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliff, Ky.	50.00
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plains, Ill. (Young People)	20.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Centerline, Mich.	50.00
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla.	5.27
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	58.68
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	14.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	23.12
Bible Baptist Church, Burnsville, N. C.	43.76
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	10.38
First Baptist Church, Stilwell, Okla. (by C. Lewis)	5.00
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Buchanan, Ky.	10.00
Water Valley Baptist Church, Water Valley, Ky. (Junior Class)	5.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	9.36
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, West Virginia (Junior Class)	3.00
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	61.37
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	72.00
Freedom Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	15.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio ..	8.50
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	15.99
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	25.00
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	21.41
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio ..	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B.T.U.) ..	4.08
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (L.B.C., for new missionaries)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	300.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	157.19
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	82.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (for new missionaries)	15.00
Upper Steer Run Baptist Church, Orma, West Virginia ..	2.00
Madison Street Baptist Church, Rochester, Pa.	5.20
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	20.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
Jean Blair, Karlstad, Minn.	16.00
B. R. Matheny, Clendenin, W. Va.	5.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Mrs. J. L. Causey, Coffey, Ill.	1.00
Mike M. Bailey, Hood River, Oregon	3.00
Zach Savage, Gainesville, Fla.	35.00
Mrs. Ida C. Bryan, St. Albans, W. Va.	10.00
Miss Lodge L. Hendley, Farmington, Ky. (for Starlings and Calleys)	2.00
Mrs. Mayfair Rains, Atwood, Tenn.	3.00
Mrs. Bona O. Keith, Borger, Texas (for Peru)	50.00
Mrs. Bona O. Keith, Borger, Texas (for Brazil)	50.00
Allie Walden, Bellwood, Ala.	2.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	5.00
Elder Terry Pogue, Detroit, Mich.	1.00
L. W. Page, Lawtey, Fla.	18.00
Jean Blair, Karlstad, Minn.	16.06
A Friend in Obion, Tenn.	12.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Stephens, Orlando, Fla.	100.00
L. D. Gibson, Chesapeake, Ohio	5.00
Miss Emogene Kiger, Webbville, Ky.	5.00
A Friend in Pueblo, Ky.	10.00
B. F. Brown, Tatum, Texas	5.00
Katie Sparks, Vanceburg, Ky.	1.00

Total \$2,426.08

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for missions to the treasurer of this mission. It is best to send by check or money order. Address all offerings to:

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer, P. O. Box 648, Paducah, Kentucky

Smith Letter

(Preceding page, Column five) be bought now are starchy foods and leave an acid residue in the body so that a person has a condition of acidosis. Acidosis with pregnancy nearly always is accompanied with toxic-

ity. Any doctor will tell you this is very dangerous and causes very much trouble and is not a good condition to have before going into and at the time of labor. This condition many times causes miscarriage—every day for four weeks I gave her a 10 mgs. injection of

the yellow bodies of the ovary, etc. She is still having to take these shots. Please take this up with Dr. Lapham, etc. The acid condition of her intestines has caused liasons in her intestines and liver so that when she eats the least thing it raises this condition and she will go into vomiting, pain in the stomach going into spasms and the only thing is to dope her until all the food is gone. She will have the worst gripping pains and when her bowels move there will be practically nothing but bile, yellow and foamy. After one of these attacks she is so weak that she cannot raise up to drink or eat for two or three days, etc. I can see that she is getting weaker each day and by the time the baby comes she will not be strong enough to go through the labor. If she were not pregnant things would not be hardly so bad. I have thought of having some food sent in but she would be dead before they got here, because it takes so long to receive anything. She needs something NOW or I am afraid she won't live through the delivery. The doctor won't come to your house hardly at all when you call him and many don't make house calls at all. When they come they don't even bring a stethoscope or anything. The doctor has never made an examination of Verna yet. He seems to be lost if he isn't in his office or the operating room at the hospital. He is a very efficient surgeon with the general limitations of knowledge and equipment that is here, etc. The doctors are all Catholic here and they think that a woman pays for much sin by her suffering and if she dies in childbirth she goes directly to Heaven so they let her suffer all she can and human life is very insignificant here. I know that the life of a missionary is fraught with hardships and suffering but I don't believe that the Lord would want anyone to take unnecessary risks nor do I believe that anyone who supports the work would deny, in the case of pregnancy of life and death, whatever it took to relieve the emergency. A missionary is called of God but he isn't by any means created into a super human machine because of his calling. And I don't believe from the depth of my heart that anyone of those who contribute to the welfare in money and prayers would expect him to be or would begrudge him of the necessities in the case of life and death. Certainly every one of the board or contributors would understand if it were explained to them that we are not trying or wanting to hurt the mission in any way but rather do our best to preach the Gospel of Christ and give notice of the coming of the Lord to those who sit in darkness. Without health or life one cannot do these things in the calling of the Lord. If I didn't feel definitely that it is the case of life or death I wouldn't be asking to be brought home.

But I feel that if Verna died here it would hurt the cause of Christ and the mission more than going home and later on, after paying all expenses back to the mission field and Verna can get her health back, returning. To be sure many times nothing can be done to prevent one from dying on the field but whatever can be done to save a life I don't believe anyone would begrudge it. The problem even now is could she stand the trip, without considering how she would be later on. I have lost sleep in taking care of Verna until I am just about to give down myself. I have done my best to keep from going back but there seems to be nothing else left to do. After having sought the Lord in much agony of soul and prayer I am determined that it is His will. He only knows the agony of soul I have poured out before His throne of grace, begging His will be done and not for us to have to go home. He only knows my love and concern for the work here. He only knows how much I don't want it to fall into the hands of another that might not be true to the cause and undo what has been done. I don't know yet why the Lord called me to Brazil and not somewhere else. I knew all that I was supposed to do was to go. I didn't try to figure out why. I have earnestly prayed that He would remove this because I certainly don't want to go home. I'm not homesick for I have nothing to be homesick for and Verna certainly doesn't want to either. We are both agreed if even after we receive the money, even up to the time we enter the plane to go home if there is any way at all possible to prevent it we certainly will. Please let it be understood that I have no intention of quitting or anything like that. I would rather that all concerned know about it—I feel sure that you know that I wouldn't say anything that was untrue.

Waiting to hear from you in the shortest time possible and praying that the Lord will help you to understand the situation as fully as possible, I remain yours in the service of the Lord,
Lawrence M. Smith

(Editor's note: This letter was received on the 16th of July and we contacted Brother Harry Hille and Brother Z. E. Clark, president and treasurer of the mission, and sent Bro. Smith a check for \$600.00 for the trip home and also his next month's salary. Brother Deward Calvin, pastor of Oak Church, that sent the Smiths out has sent \$100.00 from Oak Church to the N. Y. office of the Pan American Airlines so that the Smiths will have some American money when they reach N. Y. They could not spend the Brazilian money. We have contacted Dr. Lapham and he says that he will take care of Mrs. Smith and she will be taken to a hospital as soon as she arrives if need be.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR STARLING'S AND CALLEY'S

MAY	
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.	\$ 25.39
JUNE	
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Larson, Seffner, Fla.	200.00
JULY	
Miss Lodge Hendley, Farmington, Ky.	2.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	15.00
Total	\$262.39