

MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

Elder J. F. Brandon
Elder and Mrs. Billy Parrott
Elder and Mrs. L. M. Smith
Miguel Ibernou
Cicero Bicipo
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Don Simon Gaima
Don Juan Castro
(Spanish Language)

MISSIONARIES IN COLUMBIA

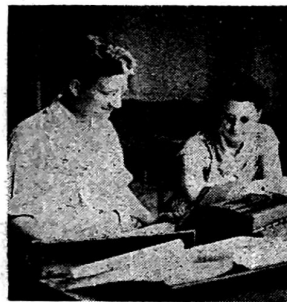
Jose Tomas del Castillo
(Spanish Language)

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The Lewises studying Spanish in Peru.



Brother Mitchell Lewis putting Peruvian license plates on the Jeep.



The boat "Bautista" with Bro. Hallum, Bro. Lewis and Bro. Don Simon Gaima with the couple who got married, ready to take them home.



Bro. Lewis rigs up a steering wheel for the boat.

I am enclosing some pictures taken recently here in Iquitos and on Polis Creek. Attendance in the services has increased some recently, especially in the Sunday School. Last Sunday, July 22, there were 73 which is the highest on record. There has been an increase each Sunday this month. The Lewises have kept well, so far, which is a blessing of the Lord. It is a joy to have them here to work with us. They are studying the language. The first month was spent in going through formalities of registering with the police, taking test for driver's license, registering the Jeep and finally getting license plates. To get the driver's license a medical examination is required — in their case a chest X-ray and blood test were dispensed with because they "look" healthy. They were finger printed a

number of times and they had to present 8 or 9 photographs. On June 24th Senora Noemi Vela de Paz was baptized. She is about 19 and has been a believer about a year and a half. Our first contact with her was about four years ago when she attended D.V.B.S. She and her husband made a profession of faith about the same time, but after a few months he got a job as watchman in a circus which came to town and got in the wrong crowd and started drinking again and stopped coming to the church services. Shortly before his wife was baptized he had a serious accident. He slipped and fell in the hold of a boat—about 15 feet. He was knocked unconscious and cut a hole in his leg. He says the minute he became conscious it dawned on him what terrible things he was doing and that the

fall was the judgment of the Lord. Since then he seemed to really have his senses and has asked for baptism and was baptized last Sunday, just a month after his wife. A little over a month ago a couple from Polis Creek, a tributary of the Momon River, which in turn is a tributary of the Nanay River, came down to Iquitos to start proceedings to get married, so that they could be baptized. Father used to make the trip up there but recently Don Simon Gaima has been going there once a month. This couple have nine children living, but have never been married. They had to have birth certificates, chest X-rays, blood tests, vaccination for small pox and inoculation for yellow fever and present a written solicitude on official paper requesting permission to marry. Then (Next page, Column one)



Don Adolfo Nunez and family. There are nine living children. The two oldest boys were away at work.

A Letter From Missionary Parrott

Manaos, Brazil,
August 4, 1951.

Dear Bro. Overbey:

We received the salary check No. 635 for August. We are very grateful for it. All of us are in better health now, except Eudora. She has been having it pretty rough, but now that we are straightened up more or less financially, she will receive the medical attention which she has not received until this time. I hope that she will be able to take it a little easier from now until the birth of the baby. As for myself I am in need of dental work and have been having a lot of toothaches recently. I went to a dentist and he tried to pull a tooth but broke it off and the bottom part of the tooth with the roots is still in there. I also have another one that will have to come out. We are glad to hear of the progress of the building at Harmony and think it is wonderful that there has been, and is so much building being done in the Detroit River Association. The

Lord is truly blessing all the churches there. I think that if every Baptist church in the land would show a greater interest in doing the mission work of the Lord, that they would all see greater progress and that in all the land there would be more building programs. Definitely, the church that obeys the Lord in the great commission is in for rich blessings materially as well as spiritually. As to the work, it is going along fine. We have been steadily going on each day preaching the Gospel, doing personal work and in every way possible, serving the Lord. We added two new preaching points this month and by the end of the month lost them both. One because the man decided to move out of town, and the other because we found that the man was bad testimony for us even though a member of the church. One young fellow was saved during the month and a great deal of interest has been shown.

On the night of July 12th one of the boys, Manuel, preached for me, but his message was extremely short and then I preached again after he finished because a number of people arrived just as he was finishing. I preached a short message and then made the invitation as usual. There was no reaction evident so we sang a song to close the service. Ordinarily I never make a second invitation after the song, but the Holy Spirit led me that night to again make an invitation and this young fellow accepted Christ. It is the custom here to ask a new Christian to give public testimony soon after his conversion and the very next day he ask for an opportunity to give his testimony. We gave him the opportunity and he gave a thrilling account of the work of the Lord in his heart. We are having some competition now in one of the services. Last Thursday, when we began the service, the people in the house next door began a service with a group of Catholics. They (Next page, Column two)



Brother Hallum baptizes Don Adolfo Nunez in Polis Creek July 19, 1951.



Brother Hallum baptizes the wife second.

HALLUM GIVEN POWER OF ATTORNEY

Brother Hallum sent a cable urgently requesting power of attorney regarding the work in Peru. The papers were drawn up and the proper seal and attachment by the Court Clerk and then the approval and endorsement by the Peruvian Consul and finally they were sent on to Brother Hallum. All this to protect the church property and the work that has been done there for sixteen years. Pray that the Lord will lead and that the church building may be so that it can not be taken away by others.



Don Adolfo Nunez and wife Atilia. This is the couple that had to go through with so much red tape to get married so they could be baptized. Here they are outside the city hall after being married.

MRS. SMITH IS IMPROVING

Mrs. Lawrence Smith has responded to the doctor's treatment and is coming along in fine shape. Brother Smith has gotten a job and is applying his mission salary to pay back the mission for the cost to bring them home etc. His plans are to stay in the States until after the baby is born and Mrs. Smith is able to care for the children, then Bro. Smith is to return to Brazil to his work there and then later Mrs. Smith will fly to Belem at the mouth of the Amazon River and Bro. Smith will go down river to meet her. Pray for them and the other missionaries.



Brother Hallum baptizes the daughter third.

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.

Encouraging News

(Preceding page, Column four) a notice had to be published in the paper stating their intentions and requesting anyone who knew of any reason why they should not marry to present themselves and say so. Finally after making four trips to Iquitos—this requires a day to come down and at least a day for doing what had to be done and a day to go back. After three weeks they were able to get married. Brother Lewis, father and I went back with them. Took them back in the boat with Brother Lewis' motor. The water was down low and we had to walk for about an hour and a half through the woods, crossing about 20 foot logs. Our baggage was transferred to a smaller canoe and paddled up. A child of the brother of Don Adolfo had died the night before and most of the people had spent the night at the wake, drinking and dancing, so few came out to the service that night. The baptism was the next morning at 8:30 and a number came for that. Three were baptized—Don Adolfo Nunez, his wife Otilia and their daughter Lucia, who is 14, who made a profession of faith quite some time ago. She is quite small for her age. She apparently had infantile paralysis years back and both legs were affected, but she is able to walk. Don Adolfo is the Lieutenant Governor of the whole creek region and in exercising his authority should be able to give good testimony for the Lord. The children are already suffering persecution in school. In the service in the evening after the baptizing there were three professions of faith, three children of a sister of Don Adolfo. She is a believer and one of her boys had already made a profession of faith, but his father is a drunkard and no good and forbade the boy to be baptized. The woman cannot be baptized as she is not married. The Momon River and Polis Creek are made up of just one turn after another. Brother Lewis rigged up a steering gear (portable) to be removed each time it is used so it won't be stolen) to attach to the outboard motor to make the steering easier. This is all for now. Yours in His service,

Marguerite Hallum.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 1951

Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	\$ 111.10
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	52.39
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Sylvania Hills Baptist Church, New Brighton, Pa.	2.58
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla.	12.94
Macedonia Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.	7.29
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	20.00
Water Valley Baptist Church, Water Valley, Ky. (Junior Class)	5.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	59.79
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	25.00
Danleyton Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Ky.	15.00
Danleyton Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Ky.	5.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	10.00
Ocoona Baptist Church, Ocoona, Va.	13.77
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	61.86
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plains, Ill.	12.00
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plains, Ill. (Young People)	5.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	31.34
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Centerline, Mich.	50.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	19.81
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	67.05
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	24.39
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
First Baptist Church, Stilwell, Okla. (By Eddie Lewis) ..	25.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	37.71
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio	2.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	67.10
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (For Starlings trip)	30.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	19.02
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	20.00
First Baptist Church, Coal Grove, Ohio	20.00
Mims Baptist Church, Mims, Fla.	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Fla.	10.62
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Boaz, Ky.	35.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	8.54
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Buchanan, Ky.	8.85
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colo.	50.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	17.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Ky.	45.00
The Bible Baptist Church, Burnsville, N. C.	57.00
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	73.84
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	21.99
Wayne Avenue Baptist Church, Kenova, W. Va.	20.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	75.00
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Rush, Ky.	61.88
Dusk Camp Baptist Church, Orma, W. Va. (Mt. Pisgah Association)	7.50
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Orma, W. Va. (Mt. Pisgah Association)	2.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	31.06
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B. T. U.)	6.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class) For Starlings and Calleys	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	300.00
Madison Street Baptist Church, Rochester, Pa.	2.80
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	26.65
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class, B. T. U.)	7.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (B. Y. P. U.) ..	5.00
Trinity Baptist Church, Keefeton, Okla.	10.00
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.	10.25
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	181.20
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Carderview, Tenn.	21.44
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Carderview, Tenn.	10.93
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Ralph Chick, Marion, Ky.	50.00
Floyd Williamson, Owensboro, Ky.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayless, Macedonia, Ill.	10.00
J. Broadus Henry, Central City, Ky. (For outboard motor for Miguel Ibernon)	10.00
Jim Blair, Karlstad, Minn.	14.87
Jim Blair, Karlstad, Minn.	15.11
Eustace Adkins, Ceredo, W. Va.	2.50
R. E. Adkinson, Lexington, Ky.	10.00
L. W. Page, Lawtey, Fla.	27.00
Carl Green, Richmond, Ky.	2.00
Carl Green, Richmond, Ky.	3.00
Miss Kitty Bullington, Atwood, Tenn.	2.00
Elder J. R. Smith, Eminence, Ky.	10.00
Mrs. Mona Ingels, Balpre, Kansas	25.00
A Friend in Avon Park, Fla.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. David Smith, Derby, Ind.	1.00
Total	\$2325.97

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.

Parrott Letter

(Preceding page, Column four) were singing some Catholic songs and chanting and praying and making all the noise they could trying to drown us out. Finally a woman started trying

to preach and I never heard such an ugly sound. I don't think there is anything so ugly as a woman trying to preach. She wound up by doing nothing but cussing us out, calling us ugly indecent names and sons of the Devil, etc. Finally her

own people got disgusted with her and left her there screaming at us alone. The following is my report for July: Houses visited, 395; Tracts distributed, 103; present in the services, 567; conversions, 1; services held, 14; average attendance, 40.5; sermons preached (myself) 7, (3 in church), Manaos, 4, Laudomiro, 5, visitors, 2.

Your Brother in the service of the Saviour,

Billy Parrott.

Bro. Lewis Builds Trailer To Haul Folk To Church

We just about have the trailer finished. It will be ten feet, six inches long and six feet wide. I think we can pick up about 25 or 30 adults and children. This country has some odd laws. A boy grabbed on the back of a truck to steal a ride and fell off and broke his leg. The truck owner had to pay the doctor bill and now the boy's parents are bringing suit against the truck owner. The truck driver did not know the boy was on his truck. The same law applies to us and the trailer, so we will have some one go along with a "club" to keep the children from getting hurt. We find the language difficult as there are so many rules to memorize, etc. The Lord was with those poor ignorant unlearned disciples (Acts 4:13) and the Lord has promised to be with his ignorant unlearned preacher in Iquitos, Peru, so we will keep trying and I am certain the Lord will bless. Mrs. Lewis and Benny are well. Preparing meals here is a large task as everything has to be prepared. You can't step out to the local A&P and buy canned goods, etc. Am sorry to hear that the Smiths had to come home. We do pray for them, especially Mrs. Smith at this time. We pray for Billy that the Lord might keep him and his in good health. I am beginning to understand how much a young missionary needs the prayers of God's people. It is difficult to wage a warfare when one has few friends, the language is difficult and the majority of the people against you. I am thankful that the Hallums are here to help us in time of need.

Your friend,
Mitchell Lewis.

Hallum Reports The Work Done In Iquitos, Peru

Iquitos, Peru
August 13, 1951

Dear Brother in Christ:

All is well as I write these words. We are praying that the Smith's recover from the sickness which has attacked them, that they may continue the work to which the Lord has called them. The checks reached us for August. The power of attorney and constitution under which the mission was incorporated has not arrived as yet. We have asked for these papers in order to put the church property in the name of the Mission. We believe it will be safer than to be in my name. One never knows what our adversaries are going to do next. As yet we don't know why the police department has been required to check up on the evangelicals. I hope that it is not



Bro. Hallum baptizing Noemi Vela de Paz in the baptistry of the First Baptist Church of Iquitos, Peru.



Bro. Hallum steers the boat while Bro. Lewis takes care of the motor in the rear.

the beginning of a movement of persecution. The police department called us to come in the other day. We carried what documents we had relating to the property. They took down data and seemed very nice about it. I hope that is the last of it. As to the time we hope to come to the US on furlough, it seems to our impression, to come about February or March of next year (1952) the Lord willing. I would like to pass by Buenaventura and stop to see Don Tomas and his work. In order to do that we believe it will be more practical to go by ship and stop at Buenaventura on the way to New Orleans (approximately 14 hours depending upon the amount of cargo to be handled.) It is a trip of 8 to 10 days and cost about \$360.00 each. What do you think about this idea? We have baptized two persons since I last wrote to you. One the husband of a woman we baptized several weeks ago. The other, a woman who is a Witota Indian of the same tribe of Don Simon Gaima. She lives in one of the places where Don Simon goes to preach. Here is a report of the totals of work done by the two workers supported by this church for the month of July. Simon Gaima: visits, 247; Religious Conversations, 63; Tracts distributed, 320; preached, 14 times. Juan Castro; Visits, 89; Religious Conversations, 84; Preached, 9 times, Bibles sold 14; New Testaments sold, 5; Portions sold, 34; tracts distributed, 1602.

R. P. Hallum.

BRO. AND SISTER STARLING ARE READY TO GO TO BRAZIL

The Starlings are about ready to go to Brazil. If we can get the money to send them, perhaps they can be on their way early in 1952. Get this on your heart and send an offering to help.



Here is the father, mother and daughter after being baptized. Thus you have the story in picture of a man and wife who have nine children getting married so as to receive Scriptural baptism.