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# Mission Sheets

## MISSIONARIES IN PERU

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

## MISSIONARIES IN COLUMBIA

Jose Tomas del Castillo  
 (Spanish Language)

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## Parrott Organizes Church And Plans For Work There

December 14, 1951

Dear Bro. Overbey:

I am enclosing in this letter the financial report for December. We got 28 crs. for the dollar but have been promised 29 for the next check. You will be glad to know that beginning the first of the year the Tabernacle Baptist Church will be supporting full time their pastor, Bro. Santiago. I have finally accomplished the thing I set out to accomplish in this church when I first got here in 1949. They are now self-supporting and are a living proof of what a church can do if it wants to.

In CdoSul, the New Tribes missionaries are making headquarters to work in the interior. They have visited in the homes of members there, held prayer meetings in their homes, and also have preached to them. There are five missionaries there now. Also 19 more New Tribes people have arrived here in Manaus and are headed for the interior. It is possible that some of them will also go to CdoSul. It is unlikely that they will get far with the church under Bro. Miguel,

but I would think that since it has been so long since a missionary has been there that the churches in the interior would be fairly easy to toll off. Our churches there above CdoSul are in about the same condition as the church at Codajaz was under the convention. I know that we support to some extent the workers, but the work is practically abandoned as far as the missionaries are concerned.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that the Calvario Igreja Batista (Calvary Baptist Church) was organized December 2. We had delayed the organization about a month more than we intended but finally decided to organize the second of December. We organized with only six members, but there are several to be baptized and shortly we will baptize them. We are trying to get them all together at once for baptism, but it is hard to do because of the fact that some live on the river, making trips to the interior and back. I had the pleasure of being called as pastor which was what I want (Next page, Column one)

## Mitchell Lewis Praises The Hallums For The Work They Have Accomplished

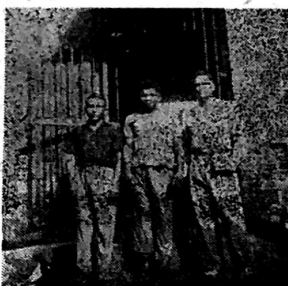
Dear Friends:

Here it is past time that I should write of how things are progressing here.

We are all enjoying good health and many other blessings of the Lord. We are learning the language rather slowly. Bro. Hallum remarked the other day that when they left we would learn a little faster. When they leave we will have to.

One can learn all the rules of grammar, etc., and still not be able to speak a foreign language.

### TWO BRAZILIAN PRISONERS SAVED



Pastor Miguel Ibernou of Cruzeiro do Sul standing on the right. The other two are prisoners of the jail who have been saved and baptized by Brother Ibernou. See the story in Brother Brandon's letter.

age. Only by actually speaking does one learn to talk properly etc. We haven't learned as rapidly as some, but I am confident that time and necessity will work to our advantage.

We have received the music lessons from Robert Harkness. I wrote the Willys Corporation for a manual in order that I might do a little work on the Jeep. They are sending me a bound copy of their mechanics book free of charge.

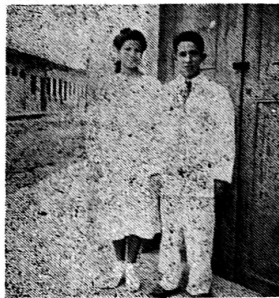
Soon the Daily Vacation Bible School will be over and I see no reason why the Hallums should not start for the United States, and let the Lewises rough it out. Bro. Hallum's legs are improving (they say). The Hallums need a rest believe me.

When we were in the United States I never even imagined the nervous strain that a person is under here. It is difficult to describe the actual conditions here. These people are irresponsible and if you can find one that will receive teaching he is a gem indeed. I do not believe in waiting for a funeral to pass out roses, so I will say now that the Hallums are among the finest people that I know. They have been very patient with us and have helped us beyond measure.

Remember the Hallums, the native workers and us when you approach the throne of grace.

Your Servant,  
 Mitchell Lewis

## PICTORIAL NEWS FROM PERU



Juan Castro and Diana Veal just before being married in Iquitos, Peru. Brother Castro is a young Peruvian Baptist preacher in Iquitos, Peru. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Iquitos and works with Brother R. P. Hallum and Brother M. E. Lewis.



This is the latest picture of the Hallums taken in Iquitos, Peru. Brother and Sister R. P. Hallum and their daughter, Marguerite. The Hallums first went to Peru in 1935. The Lord has blessed their work these past seventeen years. It has been five years now since they have been home on furlough. The Lord willing, they will be coming home in another month for a rest and medical treatment.

## CHRIST'S GRIP ON ME

"In the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes. Thus have I been twenty years." Such are Jacob's words to Laban, describing the care he had taken of his flocks. And vividly do they picture the attention and watchfulness of a really faithful shepherd.

Even as we read them, does there not float into our minds the words of One much greater than Jacob? "I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day." In both cases care is given night and day, but with what a different result. Notwithstanding all Jacob's watchfulness he has to confess that some of his flock were "torn" and others were "stolen." But the Good Shepherd says, "My sheep . . . shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand."

(Next page, Column four)

## Bro. Brandon Forwards Interesting News Of Brazil

January 15, 1952

Dear Brother Overbey:

I have received two letters from the mission field recently, perhaps some of the brethren may appreciate hearing from there.

The first one came from Miguel, after he returned from a journey up river. The letter was short and without explanation of his experiences. He stated that he found the work animated in all of the places, was gone more than thirty days, preaching two and three times daily.

There were three converted and baptized, also two who had been living excluded from the church were reconciled to the body again.

It had been so long since anyone had been there to visit the work that there was not the usual animation. I understand better how it is, the work of the Gospel must be cultivated if it is to prosper. Now that he has a motor, let us hope that he will be ever alert to visit them and exhort them in the way of the Lord.

He had also been to visit the churches at Morapirango and Japiim. He said there was not too much life in the church at Morapirango, but found things in much better condition in Japiim.

There were two baptisms at Japiim and the church was revived.

The Sunday before he wrote us, he preached in the jail, there were two converted. One of these was a man in whose home I preached 14 years ago. He is a farmer. At the time it looked that he and all of his family were to be converted, and perhaps would have been at that time but for a trifle. They were under conviction but some of their neighbors went to them and convinced them that they should not depart from the ways of their fathers. They listened to this advice and rejected the Gospel, would not consent for me to return there in their home to preach.

However, in 1948 the brother of this man who was also a farmer and lives near Japiim, was converted and had been a (Next page, Column one)

## Hallums Plan To Return Home Soon Leaving The Lewises In Charge There

Dear Brother in the Lord, greetings in His name,

The two checks for our salaries and the salary of Don Tomas, arrived on schedule and the one for Don Tomas has been sent to him. I am enclosing report sheets which he sent to me of work in November and December, 1951.

Bro. Mitchell Lewis preached his first sermon in Spanish on the night of the first Sunday in 1952.

Several times he has given short object lessons.

The theme of the message last Sunday night was, "The Resurrection." All gave close attention and we were more than pleased with his message and the way it was delivered.

We are in the middle of the Daily Vacation Bible School here in Iquitos. The attendance is good enough and the conduct of the children, so far, is better than usual.

There is some talk of a Daily Vacation Bible School in Police, some time later. I can't say about this for I cannot do anything about it owing to the condition of my feet and legs. The eczema is still holding on.

About check for paying passage to New Orleans. It should be sent in time to get here by March 15th.

I think it will be better to send enough dollars to pay for our passage from Lima, Peru to New Orleans, which will be according to our calculation, \$1,095.00. After we get to the

U. S. we can settle for other items.

Don Simon Gaima is visiting some places on Nanay River this week, with the Cocamas (he is Wetoto). His people live on Momon River.

Juan Castro works in Iquitos as colporteur.

I will close with this; keep praying for us.

Yours in the Lord's service,

R. P. Hallum  
 P. S. I am enclosing our latest photograph.

### YOUNG BRAZILIAN GIRL SAVED



Darci Pessoa a 13-year-old daughter of the deacon in the church at Cruzeiro do Sul. She remembers Brother Brandon's family of 11 years ago and writes Bro. Brandon telling of her salvation.

## 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.

## Brandon Letter

(Preceding page, Column five) very useful and active member of the church.

About the same time, one of his daughters married a believer who is a member of the church at Morapirango. His wife was converted last year, and now while in jail the Lord visited him again with conviction and he repented and believed. Later he and the other man were baptized in the jail. This man has 12 or 14 children, so if the whole family are converted it will serve to animate the church there at Morapirango.

In the picture, the pastor is with them on the inside steps of the jail, they were going to the baptism when this was made. He is in the middle.

I also had a letter from a 13-year-old girl, a daughter of the deacon of the church at Cruzeiro. I would like to quote a part of this letter, it was a blessing to me, to think that one so young would be so concerned.

"Dear Brother in Jesus Christ, I hope that this letter will arrive in your hands and find you enjoying the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Brother Miguel always reads your letters to the church and we are so glad to hear from you. Especially we enjoyed your last one that brought some pictures of the children, they have grown so and look so well. We were all very happy to receive them. I was only two years old when they left but I remember them as though it were yesterday. It seemed that I was over to your house every day. I loved Rebecca so much because she would protect me, when Jim would frighten me.

I am happy to tell you that I have, in company with two of my brothers accepted Jesus as my Saviour. I am trusting in Him only and am very happy. There have been many others converted since you left us. We are praying for your health and return, and hope it will not be long until you are able to come back and work with the church here. We are all well by the grace of God. Mother and dad send love and best wishes. Remember that nothing is impossible with God.

Darci Pessoa."

I thought perhaps you might appreciate this, if not however, it will be all right. Am sending the pictures with this request that if you should not use them, then return them to me.

I have sought the doctor recently for a check-up so I could furnish you with better information, but he is away. As soon as he returns I will find out all he will tell me and let you know so that you may inform the ones who are interested.

With very best wishes for a prosperous year in the work of the Lord,

Sincerely,  
J. F. Brandon

## Parrott Letter

(Preceding page, column two) ed, although I did not try to appoint myself. They considered that I was the only one available for the job capable of

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1952

Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	\$ 21.33
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	17.00
Northside Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	59.45
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	76.97
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	35.12
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (B. T. U.)	8.73
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Cordoverie, Tenn.	16.75
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	47.32
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (for Parrott's School)	15.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	34.56
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	33.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	50.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	54.98
Northside Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky. (Ladies Bible Class)	5.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N. C.	37.00
Water Valley Baptist Church, Water Valley, Ky. (Jr. Class)	10.00
Mims Baptist Church, Mims, Fla.	5.00
Faith Baptist Church, Lawley, Fla.	16.10
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio	5.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio	4.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Centerline, Mich.	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Ellaville, Ga.	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Ellaville, Ga.	14.00
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	20.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	42.51
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	7.07
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Boaz, Ky.	5.00
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colo.	50.00
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. (B. T. U.)	8.89
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	4.61
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
First Missionary Baptist Church, Arabia, Ohio	80.78
First Missionary Baptist Church, Arabia, Ohio	18.17
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	11.83
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Hazel, Ky.	25.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	19.85
Oconita Baptist Church, Oconita, Va.	22.88
Bible Baptist Church, Burnsville, N. C.	69.24
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	201.33
Repton Baptist Church, Repton, Ky.	15.00
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, Ky.	24.46
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	64.03
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	43.55
Hazel Baptist Church, Hazel, Ky.	2.00
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	12.67
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	13.96
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B. T. U.)	5.37
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class for new missionaries)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	300.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	149.26
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (for Parrott's School)	20.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	96.26
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	118.85
Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	23.63
Sylvania Hills Baptist Church, New Brighton, Pa.	3.20
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	25.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	33.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
Theodore J. Barwick, Louisville, Ohio	1.00
Carey E. Witt, Franklin, Ky.	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyless, Macedonia, Ill.	10.00
Mrs. Bona O. Keith, Borger, Texas	100.00
R. E. Murphey, Castor, La.	5.00
Floyd Williamson, Owensboro, Ky.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cade, Wayne, W. Va.	5.00
Mike M. Bailey, Hood River, Oregon	3.00
Eustace Adkins, Ceredo, W. Va.	2.50
Mrs. Lee Warren, Hot Springs, Ark.	1.00
Harry Robbins, Port Norris, N. J.	7.00
Mrs. Mattie Clift, Obion, Tenn.	15.00
Orville Ditchley, Grandview, Ind.	1.00
Harry Robbins, Port Norris, N. J.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Willis, Monticello, Ark.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hager Hensley, Grayson, Ky.	50.00
Floyd Williamson, Owensboro, Ky.	10.00
Miss Lady L. Hendley, Farmington, Ky.	2.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	10.00

Total \$2,691.21

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

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

handling it and also said that since I had established the work I should be its first pastor. I intend, the Lord willing, to continue as pastor until they can support their own pastor and until they are established upon a sound doctrinal basis. I think we are wrong in establishing churches and then failing to indoctrinate them. The most effective way for the missionary to indoctrinate them is as pastor, because then he has a freer hand to do it than he would if some other were pastor. I am

writing and will try to get mailed before the end of the month a history of the organization of the church from the beginning of the work.

The first half of this month has been eventful. I have organized a church and been called as its pastor and also have passed by another year of my life. Monday of this week I passed my twenty-sixth birthday. Before I know it I will be an old man.

We have been working hard in the church this week making

a pulpit, a collection box, etc. We also have a lot to do to get ready for the school. We have to make desks, blackboards, etc. I thought that I would be able to handle this expense myself and asked only for money for the books, etc., but if it is at all possible, could you send \$0 dollars to build the tables or desks. (We sent \$112.35 designated for this school. Editor) If you can't we will have to delay the school until I can get the money. I had hoped that someone would pitch in and help out on the building so that I could handle this and still have hopes, but we need to get started right away. It takes a long time to build something like that when you have to take rough lumber and plane it down yourself, sandpaper it, varnish it, and polish it.

We are having a very good Sunday School now. There are a few more each Sunday and the interest is growing. Last Sunday there were 20 present. We only have two classes now, but I think that we will have another organized in January. We have now only adults and children, but in January, we intend to divide the adult class into a men's class and a women's class. I am teaching the class and Eudora will start teaching the women. I expect her to have a hard way to go at first with the language, but she will soon get used to it and make it alright. She is very interested in taking part and I am glad. The women will be much more interested if she takes a great interest.

I want to study Portuguese beginning the first of the year and also I want to start taking voice lessons because I have felt much the lack of musical knowledge. The boy who usually leads our singing was sick for a few days and we had to get along without him. We sang and didn't do too badly, but I would hate to have to continue without him, knowing as little as I do about music. I have gotten along fine in the language and the Lord has blessed greatly, but I need to have some formal teaching with a good teacher as does Eudora. It is with thankful hearts that we find ourselves all well this month. It seems that this is the first time in many months that we have all been well.

I will sign off for now wishing all of you a Happy New Year. May God bless you and yours with the church there and all the brethren who love the Lord and wait His coming.

Your brother in the service of the Saviour,

Billy E. Parrott

## Christ's Grip On Me

(Preceding page, Column three)

An old Scotchwoman lay dying, and a neighbour asked her: "Have you got a good hold of the Lord Jesus, Nanny?"

"Nay, nay, Mary," was the answer of the dying saint; "it's not my grip of Christ, but Christ's grip of me I'm trusting to now."

Yes, that's it—"Christ's grip of me." That is what His sheep should rely on.

The earthly shepherd could watch, but he could not keep, and that is the secret of his failure. Christ is "able to keep." He could say, "Of them which Thou gavest Me have I lost none."

Ah, that is just the kind of Shepherd that you and I want, is it not? And how wonderful to think that He wants to bring

us poor wandering sheep into His fold—"that He laid down His life for the sheep." No wonder that the more His sheep realize His love to them, the more they long to love Him better.

A Negro on the shores of the river Bonny, in Africa, was condemned to death for having listened to the teaching of the missionaries and given up the worship of idols. At the last moment he was told that his life would be spared if he would return to his idolatry. With calmness he replied: "It's impossible for me to turn back to heathen worship, for Jesus has taken charge of my heart and padlocked it to Himself. The key is with Him, so you see it is impossible for me to undo it without Him."

That poor African had learned a great truth that some of Christ's sheep and lambs are very apt to forget. As some one has said, "We act as if the sheep had to keep the shepherd, instead of remembering that it is the shepherd who cares for and keeps the poor weak sheep."

When an enemy comes to our soul, seeking "to steal, to kill, or to destroy," how often we try to fight in our own strength instead of running to our Lord and saying, "Thou hast taken charge of my heart, and padlocked it to Thyself. I am Thine, and Thou wilt save me from this foe."

I do not mean to say that a Christian will never fall into sin. To say that one never sins is to brand one's self as a liar:

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

—I John 1:8.

A child of God may, through Satan's subtlety, fall often into sin, but a fall does not always kill. Many have fallen from great heights and lived to tell the story. Many also have fallen into sin and lived to tell of their redemption thru grace alone. (See Micah 7:8,9).

Peter likewise fell when he denied the Lord and punctuated his denial with profanity. Still the fall didn't kill him, and presently we hear him speak:

"You who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

—I Pet. 1:5.

I grew up on a farm where we used to raise cattle, sheep and hogs. In preparing the hogs for the show ring at the fairs, I used to wash them weekly, trim their nails and polish their bristles. When I had finished, I used to say, "Now, Mr. Hog, stay clean." Did he mind? Immediately he would make his way to the first convenient mudhole and lay down on one side. Then, as if not content with the damage done, he would roll over to completely ruin my hour's work. Why was the hog content in the mud? It was his nature and he was only acting accordingly.

I saw a pet lamb fall into the same mud-slug one day. Strangely, the sheep did not wallow therein, but got out at once, acting very much ashamed of himself. Why didn't the sheep wallow there as the hogs did daily? He was a sheep and it was contrary to his nature.

Whenever one falls in sin and wallows there, it proves he has never been saved—the old hog nature is just manifesting itself in spite of church membership, baptism, and reformation. God's dear sheep may fall in sin, but he won't remain there long, but ashamed of himself, will seek out the Lord, confess his wrongs, and repent of his sins. Accordingly I say that a saved sinner can never lose his salvation.