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(After 20 years on the mission field, the Hallums have retired because of Brother Hallum's health).

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THE HAROLD BRATCHERS



Missionary Harold Bratcher, wife and son Asa. The Lord willing the Bratchers will be going to Brazil at the same time that the John Hatchers return after furlough in July 1959. They all plan to return by way of Iquitos, Peru and visit the missionaries in Peru and see the work. Because of the lower plane fares on a South American Airline, they can go through Peru for the same cost or less as going to Belem and then up the Amazon. Pray for the Bratchers and that many will have a part in sending them out.

THE HISTORY OF A BIBLE

By Miguel Ibernón

(Translated from Portuguese into English by Bruce Lunsford)

My conversion to the Lord was brought about by the use of a Bible. I was 12 years old in 1928, being an orphan since I was 3 years old, but at 12 years of age I was obliged to leave off my school, and find some sort of work, to help my mother with the support of my brothers younger than I. I found some work to do and moved my studies to a night class taught by an uncle of mine, by marriage, Cazeineiro Santiago de Oliveira.

Saw a Bible

The very first night there, I noticed on a bench that he had many books, but there was one which had printed in the cover the words "Holy Bible". This first night, as soon as the class was over, I ask my uncle if I could read one of his books. He had books on masonry (lodge), and many books that he would not let anyone read, but what he did was a surprise to me. He began to put the books in a shelf, one by one, until just the Bible was left. He said, "I have many good books, but the best one I have, I will let you read, and it is this Bible. Only one thing I ask and that is that you take good care of it. I began to read and read many different places in it, but finally stopped reading, because I

didn't understand what I read. I was not even interested in it any more, but just put in my time on my studies. One day, another aunt of mine was visiting him at our class room and noticed the Bible, and ask about it. This is what he said, "This is the word of God." Then he said to her, "I don't have any idols (images is the word they use here most when referring to their idols) in my house, nor will I consent to have them. Neither have I baptized my children, nor will I do it in the future. When they grow up they will have their liberty to choose what baptism they want." This was really strange, because he was the only one in the neighborhood who believed this way.

My Uncle Dies

Three years later he died and my aunt had the children baptized (sprinkled) the very first opportunity she had, and later she married a man whose wife had died, and he had several children also. His name was, Francisco Xavier de Moura. He was a Catholic who was considered a fanatic one. He had a sanctuary in his house with 7 of the leading images in it, and all the priests who had masses in Mourapirango, had them in his house. This was nearly every Sunday. The first thing he wanted to do was burn the Bible, when my aunt and children came to his house, but she

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Mission Sheets Begin 18th Year

By H. H. Overbey

J. F. Brandon went to Brazil in 1923 with the Amazon Valley Baptist Faith Missions, which was started by the late H. B. Taylor. After five years Brother Brandon left the mission and was out with the First Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. After a few years he left them and was out with Pastor Dewey Jones and the Benton, Ky. Baptist Church. Brother Jones and this church gave up the work in 1941. Brother Brandon came to my home in Wheaton, Illinois in the fall of 1941 and stayed a few weeks. We discussed the work and entered into an agreement with Brother Brandon regarding mission work. He recommended that I go to Detroit and see Brother Z. E. Clark and that he was sure he would help. I came to Detroit and met Brother Clark and then he and I met with Brother Brandon and Brother Brandon agreed that the work would be permanent from that time on (no more changing as he had always done or we would have nothing to do with it). Others had given up the work and Brother Brandon was free to enter into an agreement with us as he did. Brother Clark and I kept our part of the agreement.

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We started sending out a mimeograph sheet monthly, beginning in January, (Continued on page 2)

Paul Calley Makes 21 Day Journey

By Paul Calley

Cruzeiro do Sul
Acre, Brazil
December 22, 1958

Dear Brethren in Christ,

Again we greet you in our Saviour's name and with the good news of new souls saved here in the Acre of Brazil. Since writing to you last we have made a three week trip upstream on the Juara River visiting the churches at Parana dos Mouras, Tatajuba and Campo de Santana, about 125 miles from Cruzeiro do Sul, our starting point. Also we preached the gospel at many preaching points along the way and the Lord blessed our journey with three souls saved.

4 Saved at Barao

There was only my wife and I on this trip. Brother Cido Francisco Lima had planned to go with us, but a week before we were to leave Brother Cido went to Barao, an Indian village and one of our preaching points. He stayed five days preaching every day and two men made professions of faith. On the way home he came by my house reporting the good news and said there were many more interested and felt that he should return the following week because of the great interest there in the gospel of our Saviour. I told him by all means that he should return, and while he was

preaching there I would be preaching upstream. When we returned from our trip Brother Cido reported two more professions of faith on his second trip to Barao. Those that are legally married or single will be baptized soon for they all want to be baptized, but we don't know about their marriage status at this time.

In the past I have estimated that half the people here living together as man and wife are not legally married but I am convinced now that I was wrong in my estimation and believe now that 75% would be more correct. The government here, especially in the Acre Territory makes it hard for people to get married and the majority just don't bother. Some go through a ceremony that the catholic priest gives them which is not legal and a good many don't bother with any kind. Many times that I know of people have come long distances to Cruzeiro do Sul to be legally married but the judge was out of town and they returned without being married. Here we only have a part time judge and he is not here half the time. He is also judge in two other towns and commutes by airplane from one town to the other and you can't get married here without a judge to sign the license etc.

Pulcalpia (New Preaching Point)

Getting back to our trip upstream, we embarked on the Embaixador on Friday, November 21st and returned 21 days later on Thursday, December 11th, having services at night and stopped

often visiting homes and places during the day. On the way to Parana dos Mouras we preached at a new place called Pulcalpia for the first time. It is a small village of eight houses of rubber workers and a one room school house where we had our service. We arrived there on Sunday morning about eight o'clock. We had intended to be at the church at Parana dos Mouras, about six hours travel by motor boat from this place for Sunday morning service but we had made too many stops along the way to arrive on time.

About three years ago we stopped at this same place but the owner who is catholic was cool toward having service there although friendly. But this time when we asked if we could have service he said, "Why not?" and gave the use of the schoolhouse. I quickly made the round to each house inviting them to the service at the schoolhouse and about 40 people attended the service including the owner of the place and his wife. Just before the services start we play hymns on our victrola and when the service starts my wife and I always sing several hymns although at the new preaching points we are the only ones that sing because they don't know the hymns. But many times they have told us how much they enjoy the hymns that we sing and we most always have very good attention when we preach. Although there was no professions of faith at this place the people listened with interest when they

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1942 with about 30 issues going out. The paper grew from one page to four, and in circulation. Then to a small printed four page to the present size. Some one called the paper the MISSION SHEETS and that is how it got its name. The Lord has blessed and we are happy to announce that with this issue we begin the 18th year of the MISSION SHEETS. This is a faith work and a Baptist work. We have not used it to build up an estate for ourselves, nor for our children. Instead we have given our time and our means that the Gospel might be carried to the regions beyond for God's honor and glory.

Station Wagon Needed

By H. H. Overbey

We need a station wagon for the missionaries to use when they come home on furlough. Brother Harry Hille was watching Brother John Hatcher load his things in the trunk of his 1949 Ford tudor and saw the need for a six passenger station wagon with room in the rear to pack and haul the things. At the Detroit Conference, Brother Samuel Arnold spoke to us about this same need. Since then Brethren Harry Hille, Eugene Clark and I have discussed it. When a missionary and family comes home on furlough, and gets off the plane, all they have is in their suitcases. No car to use, no house to go to and no furniture, and no money to buy a car. To buy one on credit is a hardship and a big loss to sell it when time to return to the field. If we had a new station wagon, (or nearly new) the missionary could use it the year he is home and then the next one would use it the next year when he comes home etc. This station wagon would be the property of Baptist Faith Missions for the missionaries to use while on furlough. We are praying that the Lord will lead some one to give, or will, a home to Baptist Faith Missions for the missionaries to live in while on furlough. But we need the station wagon now. Would you like to have a part in buying a station wagon? If fifty pastors would lead their churches to have a special offering some Sunday, we could buy one, and fifty churches would have a part and get a blessing. Brother Pastors will you join us in doing this? We can buy a new station wagon at wholesale or nearly so, the Lord willing. Maybe some pastor says "our church is too small" or "too poor." But can't they give something? Maybe \$5.00 or \$10.00. Then other churches can give \$100.00 or \$200.00 or maybe \$500.00. Just send your offering designated for "Station Wagon" to: Z. E. Clark, Box 551, Evansville 3, Ind.

Who will take the lead?

The History of a Bible

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pled with him saying, "don't destroy it, because this is the book that my husband thought the most of, and I want to keep it as a keep sake. He didn't destroy it, and as a result, it was put up to be saved.

Miguel Marries the Man's Daughter

Four years later, I began to court one of his daughters, and later married her. They thought of me as a Catholic, because my mother talked of a relative of ours who was our priest, where we came from. Only Catholics went to the house of my father-in-law, because he was such a fanatic one. One day my father-in-law heard that a Baptist Missionary (J. F. Brandon) was passing through the community to a place called Japiim, where he had a congregation which is now a Baptist church. He told the children that they had a good opportunity to get some money out of this book called the Bible, for them to get it and wait for the missionary to pass and sell it to him. When he passed, they offered it to him for sale. He got down off of his horse and looked at it and told them that he did not have enough money to buy it. They said anything he wanted to give was alright. He opened his pocketbook and showed them that he had a lot of money, but said that it was such a valuable book that with what he had he could not begin to buy it. He mounted his horse and went on his way. Again my father-in-law felt that it should be burned, but didn't do so.

Priest Reads the Bible

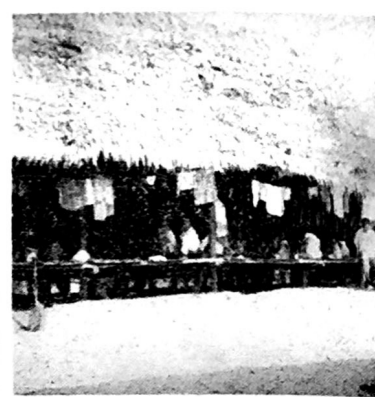
The next Sunday the priest called, Jese de Maria, of German descent, came to have mass at his house, and soon after the mass my father-in-law asked the priest if it weren't better that the Bible he had there be destroyed. He said that he wanted to read it first, then he would give them his answer. The priest went out under a mango tree and read it until the middle of the day. After he ate, he went back to his reading it again until dusk. This he did for three days. On the fourth day he said he had to go to the city, so, my father-in-law ask him, "Isn't it better that we burn the book." The priest answered this way, "No! No! No! The book is holy, no! no! do not burn it, but the only ones who can read it are the priests, because you may interpret it wrong." Then the Bible was put back in its place.

Miguel Ibernon Is Saved

This was the same year that I was married, and in about 6 months I became gravely ill and two doctors thought I wouldn't live long. I overheard my people whispering that I would not live long. It was then that I remembered the words of my teacher (my uncle) concerning the Bible, that it "is the word of God." I sent my wife to bring me the Bible, and guess where she found it. The children were using it as a ball, and were kicking it around in the yard. It was real dirty, and some of the pages were torn. We cleaned it and I began at the beginning to read of the creation, etc. How beautiful it seemed to me. I liked it so much. When I had reached the part concerning the commandments, I saw myself as I really was, a sinner. Then it was that I understood why Jesus had died on the cross, and I was saved. It was in the middle of the night, and I was so happy that I told them I was saved and that I was God's child. My wife and the others didn't believe me, but I commenced to preach to them. God cured me, and I went to a service of the Baptists, (the only other faith known there than the Catholics at that time) and professed faith.



Santo Tomas on the Nanay River near Mapa Cocha. This is how the village looks as Missionary Walter Lauerman approached it in the aluminum boat.



House at Santo Tomas where the services are held. The owner is a Catholic, but sympathetic with the Baptists. This is a new mission point recently opened up.

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heard the gospel and the owner invited us back.

1 Saved at Parana dos Mouras

After the service at Pulcalpia we continued on to Parana dos Mouras and arrived in time to preach at the church there on Sunday night and it pleased the Lord to save a man about 30 years old. This man was married by a catholic priest and won't be baptized until he is legally married. We stayed four days at Parana dos Mouras having fellowship as always with brother John Anastacio, the "Old Patriarch" and had service every night. We also had service at Sao Bento, a preaching point a few miles downstream while there.

We were a little disappointed in the slow progress that has been made the last few months in the construction of the new large houseboat. It was scheduled to be completed in March but now we hope that it will be ready the last of May. Brother Sabastion, the "Old Patriarch's" oldest son who is building the boat was sick for a few weeks and all work stopped. Also he has done some other work besides working on the boat but he has promised to concentrate on the boat from here on out until it is finished.

Tatajuba

Our next stop was Tatajuba, a few hours travel on up the Jurara from Parana dos Mouras. We arrived on Thursday and stayed through Sunday having services every night and Sunday morning and rich fellowship with Brother Londos and family. The faithful few that are left in the church there were hungry for the word and we preached much to

the church and we could tell that they were much encouraged by the word of God to carry on with a greater zeal. We also stopped at Tatajuba on our way back downstream and had service again on a Tuesday night.

2 Saved at Preaching Points

On Monday, December 1st, we continued our journey up the Jurara River and had three services and stopped at many houses between Tatajuba and the church at Campo de Santana witnessing to the lost and telling them of our Saviour. To travel direct would be less than two days journey but we took four days and two were saved along this stretch of preaching points. A boy about 16 years old was saved at a preaching point where I preached on my last trip upstream and I baptized him the next morning with a few attending the baptism service. The man that this boy works for made a profession of faith on our last trip but he is married by the priest and is not legally married as yet.

Also at Porto Preto, another preaching point, a man about 30 years old and the owner of the house where we have our services was saved and we rejoiced much over this soul. I have preached the gospel many times to this man in the last few years. I remember the time about four years ago when we stopped at a little house one night to have service and found that a catholic priest had stopped also just a little while ahead of us to stay all night. The priest met us at the door and said that we couldn't have service because it was a catholic home. But the owner of the house, whom we had befriended in time of sickness invited us in and over the protests of the priest, gave us permission to have service. The catholic priest stayed on for a little while but was offended in the

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Over 200 People Saved

The preacher was a missionary (J. F. Brandon) from the U.S.A., and he went home for a visit, his wife (Mrs. Brandon), my wife and I travelled in a launch and I preached to the people in different places. We opened the work in Peri Peri, Para dos Mouras, Morapirango (my home community), Matai of the Moa, and Campo de Santana, where today we have churches (at most of these places) organized. My father-in-law who wanted to burn the Bible was converted. Some of the preachers of the Acre Territory of today were converted under the preaching of this preacher, using this very copy of the Bible. Over 200 people made professions of faith in services where this Bible was read and used.

To Jesus Christ Be The Glory

God knows that the Glory is for Jesus

Christ first, and this copy of the Bible which I used for over two years, in my personal ministry. A cousin of mine ask if she could have the Bible as a keepsake of her father who brought it into this territory. I was very sad to part with it, since it had become a part of me, but I couldn't refuse it to her. She took it and recovered it and it can be found in her home, Gabriela, daughter of Cazeineiro de Oliveira, Peri Peri, Acre Territory, Brazil. All those children, whom my uncle would not have sprinkled while he was living, and whose mother broke his request by having it done after his death, are saved and faithful to God. Many have been influenced by the messages read from this Bible, who no doubt will be saved later, God willing. I was converted by its message in 1937, and have been preaching it ever since for 21 years, I Cor. 1:21.

MAKING FIVE MORE BAPTISTS IN PERU



Missionary Mitchell Lewis baptizing Senora Ruis, Nov. 19, 1958. She is the wife of Bro. Juan Ruis who is one of our Peruvian Missionaries.



Justin Martin Rodrigues, Nov. 26, 1958. This man was saved during a series of messages by Bro. Lewis on the "TRAIL OF BLOOD"



Senor Samuel Lopez, Dec. 14, 1958. This man and wife were saved at the Mission Astoria where Juan Ruis is the Missionary.



The wife of Samuel Lopez, Dec. 14, 1958. This couple came to Iquitos, Peru, got legally married on Dec. 2, 1958 so they could be baptized.



Senor Jorge Lamas Vasquez, Dec. 14, 1958. Two of these five baptisms were announced last month, but did not get the picture in time for the December paper.

One Saved, Three Baptized in Iquitos, Peru

By Mitchell Lewis

Iquitos, Peru
Dec. 19, 1958

Dear Friends,

This month one elderly man was saved and we baptized three people. We baptized Senor Samuel Lopez and his wife who live in Astoria and attended the services of Juan Ruis. We also baptized Senor Jorge Lamas Vasquez who was saved this month.

Juan Castro is very well pleased with his mission set-up. He has a very good location and the building is brick with a tin roof and he also has electricity. We took over the organ from the church and Juan is preaching to small groups of from seven to fifteen. May it please the Lord to raise up another Baptist Church in this city.

The church bought an old piano and Genaro Torres will start taking lessons so we should have some music in a few months. We praise the Lord for his goodness toward us in these last few months. My wife writes that she is much better. I hope to be with her and the children within a month or so.

Yours in Him, Mitchell E. Lewis

Nine Saved Under Simon Gaima's Preaching. Couple Gets Legally Married to be Baptized

By Walter Lauerman

Iquitos, Peru S. A.
December 15, 1958

Dear Brethren:

The mind has never been able to comprehend the Grace of God and every day I am more amazed at its magnificence. Here in Peru the Brethren and I have preached the same messages from the same Bible only in another language as I preached at home and more here have responded to His Word in a few months than all my 6 year ministry at home. The Lord was pleased this past month to save two souls at Mapa Cocha under the preaching of Simon Gaima. Then last week in a little village on the Nanay River 7 came in response to the invitation of Simon. Simon was beaming from ear to ear as he told of this experience and who wouldn't? We continue to thank the Lord for the privilege to have fellowship with these faithful brethren. Simon also besides preaching at Mapa on Sunday has made trips to Shiua and Sargento Lores on the Momon River and Picuruyaco on the Nanay River. On the way back from Picuruyaco he stopped at this village where the 7 were saved. Simon also one week took boat B.F.M. bought for Juan Ruis to use, up the Momon to have a top put on it just like his. While the man was building it Simon preached in his home the 3 nights. Simon also is still going to the new village near Mapa Cocha, Santo Tomas, I spoke of last month. He preached at Santo Tomas in the morning and Mapa Cocha in the evening. Juan Ruis reports good services at Astoria also this past month. He says the house is always full. Pray for us that we may find a larger place to preach in there. Samuel Lopez and his wife were married Dec. 2 and Brother Lewis baptized them December 14. I was to baptize them, but then Bro. Lewis had one to baptize and the baptism was in Iquitos at the church, I told him to go on and baptize all as he was already to be in the water and these being from the Mission at Astoria would be members of the church and Bro. Lewis was the pastor here. The church here had given me authority to preach and baptize on the Rivers, so it made no difference which one of us did it.

Juan Castro has started services here in Iquitos on the opposite side of town from the church. The crowds have been low so far. Pray also for this brother

and his new services. I thought that before I came here perhaps these brethren might not be as sound as the preachers back home, but I have found out they are very sound and we can talk over the Bible in the same way as I could to any of the brethren back home. We love them more every day. I have not received any word from Polis, from Bro. Freitas, this month yet. Yesterday (Dec. 14) I stayed in Iquitos for the first time in several months on Sunday because the doctor says that our new baby might come any day now. It will not be too soon for us all. Our whole family talks continually of this great event. So perhaps by next month we ought to have this gift of God. It was good to be at home with the family Sunday afternoon. My comfort always seems to be in my home with the family. When all else goes wrong I always can go home to the family and find comfort. After all this ought to be this way. They sure have picked up the Spanish the last few months. Deborah knows more Spanish than English. I went to Mapa Cocha with Simon the other weeks of this month so as to see and preach at San Tomas. I like nothing better than to preach at a place where no gospel has ever been preached. I am doing here what I always wanted to do back home, but never had the opportunity or the money. For all this we owe and thank continually the churches that support Baptist Faith Missions. May the Lord bless you all is our prayer.

Your's In Christ,
Walter F. Lauerman

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debate that followed and left just before service started. A few in the crowded room was offended also because they were Catholics and left with the priest and among those that left was this man. But later on he started coming back to the services and gave us an invitation to have services at his home. The Holy Spirit had began His work. "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" Acts 2:39.

We also had service a few miles below Porto Preto at a new preaching point for the first time where there are about ten houses on both sides of the river within a mile. About 35 people attended the service and listened with good attention. In one of the homes at this place there was a woman about 55 years old dying with some kind of infection, probably tetanus. It started with a bad

tooth and her face and tongue was so swollen that she couldn't talk or swallow and couldn't close her mouth but she was still conscious. This woman had attended our services several times when she lived further upstream but had never made a profession of faith. I told her over again how to saved by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and she made motions with her hands and tried to smile but we won't know until we get to heaven if she was saved.

Campo de Santana

We arrived at Campo de Santana late in the afternoon on Thursday, December 4th and stayed thru to Monday having services every night and three times on Sunday. The old church building which was about to fall in the river from the banks caving in was torn down and the church will soon start building a new one. In the meantime they are having services at the home of Brother Manuel Rodrigues de Brito, (Nelsin - nickname) a leader in the church and who has taken responsibility of construction of the new church building. The church has 7000 cruzeiros in their building fund and while I was there they voted Brother Manuel authority to buy material etc. and to over-see the construction. The attendance was good at the services and while there we visited in most all of the members homes and on Sunday afternoon we had a service in one of the members home a little way downstream from the church sight. About 50 attended the service and some were lost that heard the gospel.

We could write much about our stops on the way back but this letter is already long and space will not permit. Since our return to Cruzeiro do Sul we have been making major repairs on the hull of the Embaixador. Some places the hull was too rotten for safe travel and since it will be at least five months before the new houseboat is finished it was necessary to make the repairs now. The new houseboat which will be called the (Embaixador II) is being made out of much better lumber than the present Embaixador and will last three times as long. My wife's health was better than we expected on this long trip, although she has had a few sick days since our return to Cruzeiro do Sul but is better now. We covet your prayers and may the Lord bless all of you there.

Yours in Christ, Paul M. Calley
P.S.—We received the telegram of Christian greetings from the Fourth Annual Missionary Conference at Canfield Baptist Church in Detroit and also from Annual Association meeting at Grace Church in August. We appreciate the greetings as a reminder that many of our brethren in many churches think of and pray for us in His service here.

Bruce Lunsford is away at Faro, hence no letter for this issue.

OFFERINGS FOR DEC. 1958

Valley Drive Missionary Baptists Church, Bristol, Tenn.	49.46
Chattahoochee Baptist Church, Chattahoochee, West Va.	50.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	16.88
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	10.97
Kirbyton Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	47.43
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	10.00
Madison Street Baptist Church, Rochester, Pa.	5.90
Rupert Independent Baptist Church, Rupert, West Va.	5.00
Bluff Avenue Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.	10.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	206.84
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. (M.S.)	7.50
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	78.48
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio (Launch)	31.40
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	118.00
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Designated Thru Leach Station Baptist Church, Catlettsburg, Ky.	12.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Wyandotte, Mich.	14.00
Carr Missionary Baptist Church, York, Ky.	10.00
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Genesee, Mich.	18.43
First Missionary Baptist Church, Coal Grove, Ohio	10.56
Katy Baptist Church, Fairmont, West Va.	15.00
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas	8.00
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas (M.S.)	1.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	94.07
East Southfield Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	19.21
Olmstead Baptist Church, Olmstead, Ky.	32.06
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	40.88
Julien Baptist Church, Gracely, Ky.	39.50
Julien Baptist Church, Gracely, Ky.	12.90
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	25.83
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla.	5.00
Bratton Baptist Church, Morehead, Ky.	4.00
Bratton Baptist Church, Morehead, Ky.	6.08
Grace Baptist Church, Annnville, Ky.	5.00
Grace Baptist Church, Annnville, Ky. (Thanksgiving Offering)	64.55
Elk Lick Baptist Church, Levi, Ky.	12.69
Missionary Baptist Church, Denver, Colo.	34.46
South Irvine Baptist Church, South Irvine, Ky.	10.00
Maple Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Clemens, Mich.	10.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	18.39
Calvary Baptist Church, Hartsel, Ky.	19.22
Pleasant View Baptist Church, Morris, West Va.	11.00
Mt. View Baptist Church, Watauga, Tenn.	153.48
Scaffold Lick Baptist Church, Lexington, Ind.	40.00
Scaffold Lick Baptist Church, Lexington, Ind.	30.75
New Union Baptist Church, Symsonia, Ky.	2.50
Sandy Valley Baptist Church, Webbville, Ky.	10.00
Harbor View Missionary Baptist Church, Harbor View, Ohio	27.18
Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.	50.00
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	22.00
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Eddyville, Ky.	20.00
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	53.00
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	43.20
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	25.00
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio	25.35
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	29.65
Appalachian Independent Baptist Fellowship, Bristol, Tenn.	6.45
Repton Baptist Church, Repton, Ky.	9.00
Valley View Baptist Church, Valley View, Ky.	5.00
First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru	45.00
First Baptist Church, Alexander, Ky.	100.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	10.00
Clay Independent Baptist Mission, Clay, West Va.	5.00
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	12.00
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	22.28
First Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla.	25.00
Germania Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	40.00
Emmaus Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	36.19
South Side Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	52.87
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	12.80
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky.	15.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, West Va.	10.00
Flatrock Baptist Church, Flatrock, Mich.	115.00
First Missionary Baptist Church, Crete, Ill.	15.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	69.19
Bulah Baptist Church, Elizabethton, Tenn.	3.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Oak Lawn, Ill.	60.16
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	6.15
People's Baptist Church, Alton, Ill.	37.16
East Sligh Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	10.00
Bible Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	25.55
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	50.00
Berkley Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	12.94
Myrtle Tree Baptist Church, Everman Creek, Ky.	21.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	46.72
West Side Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	10.00
Temple Baptist Church, Glenville, Ohio	18.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	7.98
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	20.80
Home Acres Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	11.14
Home Acres Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. (L.B.C.)	4.00
Fulton Baptist Church, Fulton, Miss.	10.00
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Villas, N.C.	65.24
First Baptist Church, Siloam, Ky.	33.55
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	65.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (By R.P.H.)	22.35
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (Bldg. Fund.)	32.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (Suits for Mission.)	8.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (Houseboat)	2.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	50.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Centerline, Mich.	75.57
Hyland Heights Baptist Church, Catlettsburg, Ky.	12.00
La Grange Baptist Mission, Titusville, Fla.	22.36
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	400.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Launch)	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Suits for Missionaries) B.T.U.	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (L.B.C.)	10.00
Riverside Baptist Church, Richwood, West Va.	5.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Elsie, Ky.	21.15
Little Jordan Missionary Baptist Church, Gary, Ind.	8.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
A Friend, Hammond, La. (By R.P.H.)	8.00
A. W. Hahn, Detroit, Mich.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sturm, Buchanan, Ky.	10.00
Wallace Baisden, Wayne, West Va.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lewis, Stilwell, Okla.	25.00
Mrs. Blanch Bryan, Vanceburg, Ky.	2.00
A Friend, Cleveland, Ohio	8.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00
Mrs. James M. May, Salyersville, Ky.	3.00
Members of Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	140.00
Zach Savage, Gainesville, Fla. (Bldg. Fund)	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grindstaff, Elizabethton, Tenn.	5.00
A Friend, Salyersville, Ky.	1.00

HOW WE DID IT

By Sidney Fisher

The special Thanksgiving missionary offering that Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church gave this year to Baptist Faith Missions has been a great blessing to both church and pastor. Truly it is more blessed to give than to receive. How did we do it? First of all we voted in business meeting several months before the time to take a special offering for that purpose. We set a goal which we thought we ought to reach. That goal was \$400.00. That seemed a large amount at the time for a church with a small membership. We asked each member to pray about the offering daily and to pray personally for grace to give as the Lord would have them to. We want to give credit here to those who are not members of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, but gave their offering through our church. The fact that these saints who do not live in this community felt impressed to give through Mt. Pleasant at this particular time was we think an answer to prayer. A large part of our offering came from this source. We would have gone way beyond our goal if there had not been an offering outside our membership, but we are thankful for these who felt impressed to help us. Our members gave over \$600 of the total.

I think I know a little something of how Paul must have felt, his pardonable pride in the unselfish giving of the churches of Macedonia where he had labored in the gospel of Jesus Christ. What a joy it must have been to write relative to a special offering they had taken, the unusual size of it, especially in view of their straitened circumstances: 2 Cor. 8:1. Moreover brethren I do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia. We ascribe the desire to give and the willingness to give on the part of the Mt. Pleasant Church to the same cause—the grace of God.

We kept the offering before the people in our announcements. We constantly sought to proclaim the great truths of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ in their salvation as the basis for our appeal to sacrificial giving. We pointed toward it in our planning, in our praying, in our preaching. Other important factors I must not forget to mention was the revival meeting which Brother Overbey held for us in which eight souls were saved and the church strengthened. He also brought the work of Baptist Faith Missions before the people. Later we had Brother John Hatcher for three services and he also was a blessing to our church. One young man was saved the first time Brother Hatcher preached for us. Every time we have had one of the missionaries of Baptist Faith Missions our church has been blessed.

Yes, the giving of the Thanksgiving offering has been a blessing to both church and pastor. We appreciate this opportunity brethren to do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

Sidney Fisher



BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Educandos, Manaus,
Amazonas, Brazil

NEW CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO SENT IN OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER, 1958

Hyland Heights Baptist Church, Catlettsburg, Ky.	\$12.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Elso, Ky.	5.00
Clay Independent Baptist Church, Clay, W. Va.	5.00

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR LAUNCH DECEMBER, 1958

Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	\$ 31.40
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	118.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
Total Received in December for Launch	\$ 199.40
Total Received for Launch to date	\$10,898.48
Estimated Balance Needed to Finish Launch	\$ 2,101.52

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN DECEMBER, 1958

Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	\$ 32.00
Zack Savage, Gainesville, Fla.	100.00
Total Received in December	\$ 132.00
Total Received to Date for Building	\$19,878.23
Estimated Balance Needed	\$10,121.77

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR HOUSEBOAT, DECEMBER, 1958

Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	\$ 2.00
Total Received in December for Houseboat	\$ 2.00
Total Received to Date for Houseboat	\$ 4,158.63

Six Churches Organized In Four Years

By H. H. Overbey

It was my happy privilege and experience to go to Brazil and Peru and visit the mission work there in the summer of 1954. From the summer of 1954 to the summer of 1958, (four years) six churches have been organized in Brazil. 1. Campo de Santana; 2. Parana dos Moras; 3. Tatajuba; 4. Faith at Cruzeiro do Sul; 5. Belo Jardim (Beautiful Garden) Japim, Manaus; and 6. Bethem at Edicandos in Manaus.

Two New Brick Church Buildings

A new Brick church building has been built at Codajas and the new one for Tabernacle Baptist Church in Manaus, where the Breezeway and Preacher's School building is to be built on the back. These two buildings are all paid for in full and we have \$5,145.23 on hand as a start for the Preacher's School Building.

New Houseboats and Motors

A new houseboat (The Embaixador) and a small canoe and three outboard motors have been built, bought and paid for and greatly used at Cruzeiro do Sul in the Jurua valley. A new aluminum houseboat, two canoes and three outboard motors have been built, bought and paid for and are in use at Iquitos, Peru. A diesel engine and many other items have been bought and paid for and we have \$5,492.57 towards building the launch for the diesel engine etc. (estimated balance needed to finish launch \$2,300.92) Brother John Hatcher plans to have the launch built as soon as he returns to Brazil after furlough this coming summer the Lord willing. Then he plans to build the Preacher's School building as soon as the funds are all on hand. This is just a bit of history that has taken place in the past four years for God's honor and glory. Aren't you glad you had a part?

Remember Baptist Faith Missions In Your Will

By H. H. Overbey

We are not advocating that anyone should wait until they die to use their means for mission work. Every Baptist ought to give to missions regularly as the Lord provides all his life. And every man ought to provide for his family. First Timothy 5:8 says—"But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." But, there are some here and there, who do tithe, and who do give offerings over and above their tithe, and who do provide for their own house, that have no children to leave their property to. We can think of nothing better, after taking care of one's own till death, than to will the property to Baptist Faith Missions. Then it will be used 100% for mission work. Many die without making a will and then distant relatives sometimes go to court and fight over the estate. Every person with property ought to make a will. This will save a lot of court costs afterwards. When you make your will remember Baptist Faith Missions. "I hereby give, devise, and bequeath unto Baptist Faith Missions, of Detroit, Michigan, the sum of dollars (\$) and/or the following described property: (Full description of property) to be paid out of my real or personal estate owned by me at my decease."

Total Received in Dec. for Regular Offerings	\$3,759.00
Total Received in Dec. for Launch	199.40
Total Received in Dec. for Building	132.00
Total Received in Dec. for Houseboat	2.00
Total Received in Dec. for Suits	33.00
Total Received in Dec. for All Purposes	\$4,125.40

As the Lord leads you, make all checks payable to BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS and mail all offerings to Z. E. CLARK, BOX 551, EVANSVILLE 3, INDIANA.