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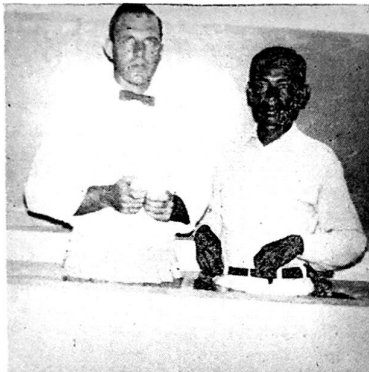
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LAUERMAN ORGANIZES CHURCH IN PERU



Missionary Walter Lauerman and family, Iquitos, Peru. The Lauermans have been in Peru two years now. In this time he has learned the Spanish language and has been preaching in that language for well over a year and has baptized 32 persons in the last 16 months and organized one church. Pray that the Lord will call another family to Peru.



Walter Lauerman baptizing Antonio Torres on August 2, 1959 in the First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru. This is the 32 person baptized by Lauerman in sixteen months. The Lord willing the Lauermans will be coming home on furlough in one more year.



New church at Astoria, Peru. This is part of the crowd in attendance, on one side the building, at the organization of "Christ's Baptist Church" on Sunday afternoon, August 9, 1959. Astoria is on the Amazon River at the mouth of the Nanay River near Iquitos, Peru. This new church has 18 charter members and they called Juan Ruis as pastor.

Hatcher In High Gear After One Month. All Churches But One Have Mission Points. Hatcher Goes To Cruzeiro do Sul. Preacher's School Begins Second Year

By John Hatcher

Manaus, Brazil
August 19, 1959

Dear Brethren,

After being back in Brazil a full month we find ourselves about settled and getting into the steady grind. The Bratchers are settled and are studying the language diligently and I am sure that not many months will pass until you will be reading where Brother Bratcher has preached his first sermon in a new language. (At least new to him.) We have visited all of the churches and mission points here and find that the work is going well. All of the churches have work in the interior except one and that one is planning to start a work soon. The churches here have a missionary spirit in general although at times we wish that it were cultivated more by practice.

Bethel Church

There were two professions of faith at their mission point on the last trip to the interior. They have been making two trips per month but are planning to start making the trip every week. The Bethel Church was renting a building but the building was sold two weeks ago and they are in dire need of another building. They have a desire to buy a building so they pray that they might realize their desire. Certainly a permanent building adds stability to the work.

Tabernacle Church

The Mission at the Chapada is going slow but the church has opened up a new preaching point about three miles out of town and there were five professions of faith in the first two services.

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The Bratchers Have Rented A House. Hard At Language Study. United With Zion Church

By Harold Bratcher

Manaus, Amazonas
August 19, 1959

Today when we went by the Post Office we received the August Mission Sheet. This was another reminder that the time had arrived to write my second letter for the paper. We enjoyed reading the M. S.

We are thankful to the Lord for His

many blessings that we have enjoyed during our first month in Brazil. We stayed with the Hatcher's until the 4th of August. On that day we moved into a house in the section of Manaus called "the Vila". It is near the Ida E. Nelson School. Our street address is Rua Pariba 675. Our mailing address is Caixa Postal 227, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil, S. A. We like our little house very much.

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New Church Organized In Astoria, Peru. Lauerman Baptizes 32 In 15 Months

By Walter Lauerman

Iquitos, Peru
August 14, 1959

Dear Brethren,

Simon Gaima

The brethren are still preaching and God is still blessing. It took us practically one whole week to paint, put tops on the boats of Simon Gaima and Javier Freitas. They really look sharp now, as they are painted inside and out with water repellent paint. Simon has decided that he definitely will work mostly in the Momon River. He made week trips to Sargento and Shiwa on the Momon. He visited one week in a small village of 5 or 6 houses, called "Santa Rosilla" on the Momon also. Simon was so impressed that he told me he was going to have regular services in this place Sundays. There are several villages close and he says some come by canoe to the services and are also very interested. It is also only 45 minutes walk by land to Shiwa, this way Simon says when there is no water in Shiwa, he still can visit this place by land. I love the way the brethren seem to be thinking for themselves now. It shows that they have an interest in their work and wanting to see souls saved.

Javier Freitas

Javier, with his newly painted boat

with new leaf top, has regular services Thursday and Sunday at Mapa Cocha and Manacamira on Saturday and San Tomas on Wednesday. With Javier preaching like this and to good crowds, I am sure the Lord will bless. God just doesn't save souls without preaching, I tell the brethren. I love the way that Javier has taken hold and the interest he has shown. After one Wednesday night service, in San Tomas, Javier was invited to a home of a family where 2 small babies had died, he said that all were very interested in his sermon that he preached from I Corinthians 15 and all are attending the services now.

Juan Castro

Juan Castro is holding services now on Tuesday nights right on the river front of the Amazon River. He has a lot of people to attend but are only listeners, so far. Of course he still has his regular services Thursday nights and Sunday. When I preached for him, when he was on a river trip, I preached to many good listeners. The Castro's have a new baby boy born on August 6th. He is named Joseph and this is their 6th child.

Church Organized At Astoria

Well the greatest news to me, is after 22 years, the church here helped to

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It is only two months till the Fifth Annual Thanksgiving Missionary Conference, Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. November 23 - 26, 1959. Make your plans now to attend. Get up a carload and share the expense of gas and oil and come on. We will furnish free meals and beds.

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New Church Organized In Astoria, Peru

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organize the people in Astoria into a Baptist Church, the first one in all these 22 years. We believe there will be more like it. July 27th we had a business meeting, granting authority to Astoria to organize in answer to their request. The church also voted to ordain Juan Ruis to the gospel ministry, sometime in the future. Unable to travel August 4, 5, and 6th as I planned, I went on August 9th after our regular services here in Iquitos. First we had to take Juan Castro's wife home from the hospital in the Jeep, then went to Juan's Mission house to pick up the organ, and headed in the Jeep then to Bellavista 5 miles from Iquitos, where we have our motors and boats. In the "Nave Evangelica" Juan Castro, Alfonso Varsalles and myself arrived at Astoria at 1 o'clock, where Juan Ruis and the people were waiting for us. The services



Walter Lauerma baptizing Berdina Torres, August 2, 1959. This woman was a member of a Protestant church for ten years with alien immersion. She saw the truth on Scriptural baptism and is now a member of the First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru.

were started with Juan Ruis leading in song and prayer, after which he turned the service over to me. Juan Castro acted as secretary for the people, reading the vote of the church of Iquitos, the right to organize from their minutes, also reading the list of names granted to be charter members of this new church. Everything was left to me to arrange as both the Church in Iquitos and the people in Astoria knew nothing of how to organize, therefore I translated the Articles of Faith that I wrote up and we used at Bible Baptist Church in Springfield, Illinois. I did this, as the Philadelphia and the New Hampshire Confession of Faith leave too much room for a person to believe as he wants to. They are not emphatic enough for me on the doctrines. This new church voted to re-

ceive these articles as did the Church in Iquitos just 2 weeks before. They adopted the name "Christ's Baptist Church" and have 18 charter members. After this, I prayed and asked God's blessing upon the new Church. Then after a song I preached a "Churches Responsibility and a Pastor's Responsibility". We all left happily and rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord. Pray for this young church and its new pastor, Juan Ruis, whom they called. These are all new believers here, and they need to be taught much, but we believe that Juan Ruis is able. They almost have their building done as the Church in Iquitos has loaned them the money they need to complete and they are paying it back in monthly payments.

32 Baptized In One Year and 4 Months

Now here in Iquitos, although having much rain this month, we averaged 71 in Sunday School. The S. S. on the rivers are about the same as last month. I have made 3 new tables and 8 benches to accommodate the growth of the children classes. My wife teaches the little folks, and Yolanda Izquierdo teaches the older children up to 12 years old. Simon's wife teaches the women and Alfonso Varsalles teaches the men. We are lacking young people and a teacher for them. I baptized Antonio Torres and his wife Bernadina on August 2nd. This makes 32 people I have baptized since April 1958 or in 1 year and 4 months. This is more than I baptized in my previous 6 years before coming here. We are continually thanking God for all these blessings and He has given us, here in Peru and are looking and believing for many, many more. The people are bringing their friends and neighbors and that is why we are having such good crowds. I have taught 4 chapters in Galatians this month and the book of Lamentations. My brethren here are seeing now, I believe and well as the church, that they need to do things for themselves, instead of waiting upon someone else to do it. Because as I told them is a possibility of me having my privileges taken away from me at anytime here.

As I said earlier I was unable to travel to Astoria, first Juan Ruis's wife has had a complete nervous break-down and this is a sad thing and she needs our prayers. She seems to be resting these days in the hospital. It sure makes it hard on Juan and the children. The doctor says it may take months or years or never to be back to normal again. This is a big blow to the work and God knows what He is doing and we leave it with Him. The second reason I have been down is my back and some days yet I can't get around. The third reason, all of my family have been sick, except my wife. They all had chills and fever and sore throats and we were afraid that little Mary would get pneumonia. Also Barbara, our daughter, stepped on a nail in our backyard, and her leg up to her knee had red streaks, and of course we were afraid of blood poisoning and lock-jaw. But with all this, my wife has stated twice, that she feels better now than she has in 5 years. I plan to go to Astoria next week, the Lord willing. Oh, yes Juan Ruis is still having his services at Picuruyaco and Arenal and has added a new place for Tuesday nights called "Sapotat" and are still many interested in these places.

Yours in Christ,
Walter F. Lauerma

Hatcher In High Gear

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Calvary Church

The pastor, John Dias, is away on a trip to Faro. He has been gone about a week and will be gone perhaps a month in all. Pray for the work in Faro that it may grow and that in a short time we

might have a number sufficient to organize a church and then to have a building since the building that we rented was re-occupied by the owner's son.

Terra Nova

The Lord willing I will go tomorrow with Brother Argemero to visit the church that was organized before Brother Lunsford left Brazil. Also we will visit the mission at Jetuarana. On the 30th of this month I plan to go to Cruzeiro do Sul and spend at least two weeks. In October I will be with the Codajaz Baptist Church for a week. In between these trips I plan to go to Maues, Faro and Santarem to see about having the launch built. Also we plan to start the Preacher's School during the month of September. So with all this we need your prayers. We pray that the Lord will bless the one day Missionary Conference at the Alexandria Baptist Church on Labor Day and also the Missionary Conference at Canfield Avenue during Thanksgiving week. Next time we will try to send several pictures of the work.

In Him,
John A. Hatcher

Bratchers Have Rented

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We have a nice yard with all kinds of flowers and bushes growing in it. We have purchased most of our furniture. We are certainly grateful to Ashland Avenue Church for the offering they gave us to help buy the furniture.

We believe that we are making a little progress in our language study. We spend as much time as possible studying each day after we get back from a class we have five mornings a week from 8 to 9.

On Sunday night August 9th, with Bro. Hatcher interpreting for us, we asked for membership in the Zion Baptist Church of this city. I asked for the privilege of writing for our letters due to the language difficulty the clerk of that church might have.

That's all the news I know to write for now. We are all in good health for which we praise the Lord. We covet the prayers of all the readers of the M. S. I close with the words of our Saviour as recorded in Matthew 9:36-38. "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Yours In His Service,
The Harold Bratchers

Miguel Ibernons Have New Baby Daughter

HE HAS SEVERAL TO BAPTIZE AND IS GRATEFUL FOR NEW SUIT

By Miguel Ibernons

Codajaz, Amazonas
August 3, 1959

Dear Brother Overbey and Brethren of the Baptist Faith Mission,

Greetings in the Highest Name, our Saviour Jesus Christ, I Peter 1:3.

I was in Manaus at the departure of Brother Lunsford and at the arrival of Brother Hatcher and the other Missionary. I received the gift that the brethren sent me, the suit and pants and I am very grateful to you Brother Overbey and to all the brethren that gave their money for the lovely gift that you sent me. I received it as a sweet smell, my spirit rejoiced to see the love that the Brethren of Baptist Mission have. Philip-

pian 4:18-21. I arrived coming from Manaus on the 30th of July. My wife was dead (that is almost) but God permitted her to live. She is very weak and we have another daughter whose name is Juracy. Yesterday, August 2, was Sunday, God accompanied us in all the work of the Lord Jesus Christ and there were two reconciliations and two conversions. There was great joy and rejoicing in the Spirit during the service. At our new work there are 18 baptized, and I have five to baptize. I intend to invite Brother Hatcher and the other Missionary (Bro. Bratcher) to visit me and then at that time I will baptize 5 in Urucuri here in the city (Codajaz) we have 7 to baptize however I do not know if I will baptize all of them, God will show me. In Liboneza there are 2 to be baptized and there are three baptized. In Mina there are three to be baptized and all this I intend to do when Brother Hatcher comes. One of the newly converted in our church was a "daughter of Mary" (catholic origination) and a singer of the Catholic Church.

From your brother in Christ,
Miguel Ibernons

Argemero Leite Tells Of Organization Of Terra Nova Baptist Church

By Argemero Leite

Brother Overbey,

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you and with all of those who fear God in truth.

Beloved, I wish that everything goes well with you and that you have good health, in the same way that it is with your soul. I am happy, Brother to notify you that by the help of God and with His confidence in me, to realize the organization of a new church in the place called Terra-Nova, which has been under my responsibility during the last year, some of the brethren cooperating with me, especially Brother Ranulfo Tobar who has conducted many services with me and has also conducted many in my absence, because of which I beg of my God to help him in his financial situation in order that he may help me with more liberty to gather souls for Christ.

Brother, the Beautiful Garden Baptist Church authorized me to organize that church there, by which authority I invited various brethren to cooperate with me on that day. The invited were the following: Missionary, Robert B. Lunsford; Pastors, Francisco R. Santiago of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mancel Moreira de Aguiar of Bethel Baptist Church, Manoel Sarmento Lima of Salem Baptist Church, Sostenes Nunes de Mello of Zion Baptist Church and Evangelist Newton de Vasconcellos Pessoa. The church was organized with fifteen (15) members which has the name of Terra Nova Baptist Church.

We baptized two people that day in Jetuarana by the authority of the Beautiful Garden Baptist Church, and they are members of it. Brother, I have much work to do however it is very expensive.

I wait for your prayers to this end, also that God will hear my prayers to prepare some brethren for this indispensable work. Brother, pray for us, and God bless you.

Of your brother and servant in Christ,
Argemero Leite

**PLAN FOR A
THANKSGIVING
OFFERING—NOW!**

Rodrigues Sends News From The Acre Territory. 48 Souls Saved In Barao Since Paul Calley Left

By Jose Rodrigues

Cruziero do Sul
July 27, 1959

Dear Brother Overbey,

Dear Brethren of North America, Brethren in the Lord Jesus Christ. I come to you by these few lines to give you the news of the work of the Lord Jesus Christ here in the Acre Territory. Here in Cruziero do Sul the work goes as usual, there is at this time a big movement in the city because of a large festival of idolatry of the Catholic Church, making many persecutions and attacks on the believers in Jesus Christ but all is alright.

48 Professions in Barao

The work in Barao is going, thanks to God, well and progressing and God has saved many souls. Our evangelist has just arrived from there bringing us good news, in the trip that he just made in the month of July there were eight conversions and now we have 10 more to baptize in that place which is so ripe for the gospel. (Thanks to God). Brethren we have since Brother Paul Calley left, 48 persons that have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ in Barao as their Saviour and I have baptized twenty and have 28 more to baptize. There are many who cannot be baptized because the Catholic priest knowing that God was going to convert many there sought to marry many of them in the Catholic

Church but God has done His work there.

Brethren, do not worry about the work here because it is being done as it always was and God is blessing. Our evangelist is a good worker in the Lord's work. We have now a young man who was saved, believing Jesus Christ, who has become a preacher of the Gospel and I am enclosing a picture for the Brethren to see. He is from Barao where we have a church to organize in the future. When a missionary comes here again he will have much to do, because God has increased greatly His people. (Glory to God).

New Large Houseboat — "Embixador II"

Brethren, other good news for the brethren, is that our boat is here in the port of Cruziero do Sul almost finished lacking only a little and I am sending a picture so you can see how your work for the Lord is going.

The church has sent for a loud speaker system for the work that the work might be more animated, and that the voice can be heard farther. I ask your prayers that God might convert more sinners for His church.

Brother send news about Brother Paul, I am anxious to hear about him, the church here is praying for him to return soon. Brother, I am anxious for a missionary to come to this field because I like to work with a Christian Missionary along. May the Lord bless you all.

Pastor Rodrigues

Fifth Annual Thanksgiving Missionary Conference

NOV. 23 - 26, 1959

At Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

People are coming from several states. Get up a carload and share the expense of gas and oil and come on. Churches pay your pastor's way so that he can come. He will come back to you a better preacher and pastor. Free beds and meals to all out of town guests.

Station Wagon — Suits Jeep Repair

Station Wagon

We need \$62.83 to finish paying for the Station Wagon. Still time to have a part.

Suits For Missionaries

The Hatchers and Bratchers took the suits for the Brazilian Missionaries with them. We still have the ones for Peru waiting for a way to send them. We have a new worker in Peru to buy a suit for and maybe soon another in Brazil. We estimate the balance at about \$134.00.

Jeep Repairs

Brother Lauerman writes that he will not be putting a new four wheel drive on the Jeep and he estimates that it will cost \$350.00 to put the Jeep in good shape. We have an offering from Canfield Avenue Baptist Church for \$60.00 and we need \$290.00 more. Please have a part in these and let us get them paid off and out of the way. Send your offerings marked "For Jeep Repair" or "For Suits" or "For Station Wagon".

Plan Now To Have Your Special Thanksgiving Offering

You can have an offering for the "Regular Fund" to help build up the treasury to send out new missionaries and support them. You can designate your offering for the "Building Fund" to help build the new preacher's school building in Manaus, Brazil. You can designate offering for the building of the launch. The most needed item is the Preacher's School Building. May we have 50 offerings to report? No offering is too small. Let everyone have a part in this. Write and tell us you are planning on a special offering and set your own Sunday to raise it.

Someone Somewhere Has A Home They Can Give To Baptist Faith Missions

Someone has some extra property that they can give to Baptist Faith Missions. We need a house for the missionaries to live in when on furlough. Some one has money or property they can will to the mission. Remember that you are not giving this to some individual to build up his estate. You can write or have your lawyer write and get the facts about how to leave it to the mission. Write H. H. Overbey, 1210 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit 11, Michigan.

Lunsford Visiting Churches

By Bruce Lunsford

Since this is the first letter to write since arriving in Ky. I feel that I should begin from the beginning. We arrived in Miami on the 13th of July, and visited with the Hatchers and Bratchers in

Miami, prior to their leaving for Brazil. It was a joy to have this time of fellowship with them, and to see the anxiety they manifested in being anxious to get to the field of service. I am sure that Bro. Hatcher has been in the swing of things for some time, and that Bro. Bratcher has already learned many things about the language by now. It is a joy to me to know that there are two great men like them on the field.

I'll begin from there and let you know some of the things I have been doing since I met them in Miami. I had the happy privilege to meet Bro. Ed Dubuc of Miami, and to have the opportunity to visit in his home on the night of July 14th and to be asked by him to visit the church where he is a member and speak to them. This church is the Southside Baptist Church of Miami, Fla. We drove on to Sanford, Fla. for a visit with the Westside Baptist Church there.

On the 26th of July we visited, and spoke to the Church at Elsie, Ky., where Bro. Conners is pastor and were very much delighted with the work they are doing there. They will soon have a new building in which to worship. On the following Sunday we visited the Salyersville Baptist Church, which is the home church of my wife. There we saw many of the people who had been praying for us regularly, and had been giving to our support.

On the 16th of August we visited the Myrtle Tree Baptist Church where Bro. Curnutte is pastor. We had an enjoyable time of fellowship at their homecoming, and were happy to have the privilege to speak to them about the work in Brazil. On the following Sunday, we visited the South Irvine Baptist Church for the second time. We had already had the opportunity to preach to them on August 2nd, but I wanted to get to hear the pastor preach, and visit with the people again. On both occasions we were blessed with the greatest of fellowship.

On August 26th we had the happy privilege to visit the Randolph Street Baptist Church of Charleston, W. Va. This was the largest group of people I have spoken to since arriving home. We were treated royally in the home of pastor Robert McNeill which has been the case with all of the pastors we have visited.

We had the privilege to visit the Mountain State Schools, of Alderson, W. Va., of which Edward Overbey is the principle. We enjoyed our visit there, and can recommend this school to anyone who wants a Christian school for their children to go to. If we were planning to be here for more than one year, we would have all of our children in it, and may send some of our children there anyway.

On August 30th we visited the Lucasville Baptist Church of Lucasville, Ohio. Bro. Craft, pastor and also preached on the radio on their regular Sunday afternoon program over a Jackson, Ohio station. This is the second time I have been on the radio since being home. The time of fellowship in the church, and visiting with the pastor and family was a joy to us.

I arrived in Detroit on September 2nd at Gethsemane Baptist Church, but got there after the pastor had already started preaching. After the close of his message I spoke to his people for a short time about the mission work. Some time in the future I will be with them for more than one day. Bro. Crain is pastor.

I am now attending the Detroit River Association which is meeting in Flint, Mich. There are several places already arranged for in the near future, and I have many requests for more places not arranged yet. If you are one of the people who have written to me about a date, and haven't heard from me, just give me

a little more time, and I will be getting in touch with you, about a date. Don't forget to pray for us, and all of the missionaries and Brazilian workers.

Yours sincerely,
Bruce Lunsford

Lunsford Makes Friend Of Government Worker. Another Of Lunsfords Many Experiences

By Bruce Lunsford

Dear Bro. Overbey and Brethren, This letter is concerning an interesting thing which came to pass here in Manaus. The man in the picture is called Nazareno. He knows enough English that the Governor has given him some sort of a political job teaching it. The first time I went to his home, he showed me all of his books in English, even to the classic funny books, of which he was very proud. I took a liking, and an interest in him, having hopes that I might be able to show him the way. I have talked to him, but he only keeps answering that he can't leave the Catholic religion. He had several pictures of his favorites saints in his house, and really thinks he is doing the right thing to pray to them, and to Mary. I hope even yet to be able to point him to the right way, because anyone with his loyalty to error would more than likely be just as loyal to truth.

We treated them nice, and asked them to our home. My explanation about their images and pictures being nothing but idolatry, had little effect on him. He has that teaching ground into him that his images and pictures are in a way like our pictures of our mothers and fathers, but would not listen to me when I was trying to tell him how we loved our parents, but didn't worship them like they do their images.

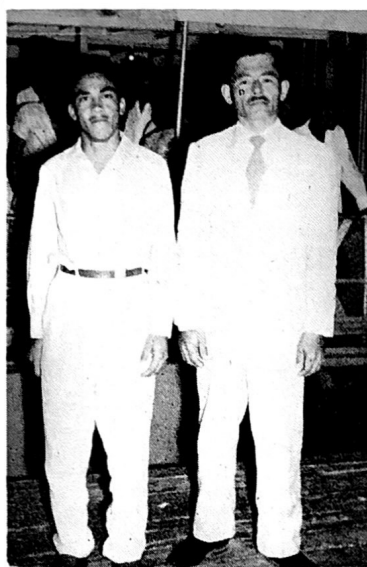


The funny, and sad, thing is that a while before their last child was born, he met me on the street and told me that he and his wife wanted Jewel and me to be the god-parents of their baby at its christening. I didn't tell him no just then, but waited until I could be in his home, so his wife could hear why we couldn't possibly take part in something we thought wrong. It gave me the best opportunity to show the plan of salvation to him that I have had, but it seemed to make no impression on him. He only went into a big long story of how he had a brother-in-law who was a Catholic, then joined some other faith, was baptized, and now had returned to the Catholic religion. After their baby came, I went there to take this picture of it, and they showed no resentment toward us, because we refused to be the god-parents of it. I still have hope that God may be able to use me to show him the way. Remember him as you pray and that there are many, many more like them here in Brazil who are so in the dark, and don't want the truth.

Yours sincerely,
R. B. Lunsford

OFFERINGS FOR AUGUST, 1959

First Missionary Baptist Church, Coal Grove, Ohio	\$12.36
Madison Street Baptist Church, Rochester, Pa.	7.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	135.39
East Main Baptist Church, Niles, Ill.	35.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	30.81
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. (M. S.)	7.50
Kirbyton Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	21.24
New Salem Baptist Church, Dukedom, Tenn.	4.80
Mr. Pisgah Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	10.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	86.96
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Launch)	86.96
Home Acres Missionary Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	11.00
Bluff Avenue Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.	10.00
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex.	5.00
Chattaroy Baptist Church, Chattaroy, West Va.	50.00
Katy Baptist Church, Fairmont, West Va.	15.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	16.06
Mr. Pleasant Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Ohio	35.03
Mr. Pleasant Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Ohio (Station Wagon)	10.00
New Union Baptist Church, Symsonia, Ky.	3.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	47.18
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Sta. Wagon)	47.18
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (L.B.C.)	5.00
East Southfield Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	24.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	30.00
Hyland Heights Baptist Church, Catlettsburg, Ky.	17.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	33.50
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	8.74
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Designated Through)	50.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Designated through)	15.00
Mount View Baptist Church, Watauga, Tenn.	345.54
Repton Baptist Church, Repton, Ky.	5.00
Drive Baptist Church, Bristol, Tenn.	17.86
Elk Lick Baptist Church, Levi, Ky.	7.74
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	17.41
Sandy Valley Baptist Church, Webbville, Ky.	10.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, Ohio	35.42
Smyrna Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	15.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	50.06
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Youth Group)	2.15
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	28.81
Temple Baptist Church, Appalachia, Va.	10.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	40.80
Jordan Baptist Church, Oak Lawn, Ill.	105.33
Jordan Baptist Church, Oak Lawn, Ill.	80.18
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	57.26
Rollynsburg Baptist Church, Talcott, West Va.	20.00
Flat Rock Baptist Church, Flat Rock, Mich.	38.00
First Baptist Church, Justice, West Va.	10.00
Carr Missionary Baptist Church, York, Ky.	10.00
Livingstone Baptist Church, Barboursville, West Va.	22.32
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	117.94
Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.	50.00
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio	35.99
Scaffold Lick Baptist Church, Lexington, Ind.	50.00
South Irvine Baptist Church, South Irvine, Ky.	10.00
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	32.96
First Missionary Baptist Church, Crete, Ill.	80.00
First Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla.	25.00
Maple Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Clemens, Mich.	10.00
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Genesee, Mich.	20.01
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	14.82
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	25.00
Pleasant View Baptist Church, Morris, West Va.	8.40
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, Ky.	42.40
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
East Sligh Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	10.00
First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru	50.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, West Va.	20.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	7.70
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	25.52
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	10.00
Southside Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	45.90
Emmaus Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	7.24
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	62.13
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	10.00
Beauty Mountain Baptist Church, Edmond, West Va.	7.21
(Suits for Missionaries)	47.00
Detroit River Association, Detroit, Mich. (Type. for Br.)	9.50
Hopewell Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	57.25
People's Baptist Church, Alton, Ill.	48.30
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Villas, N. C.	59.04
LaGrange Baptist Church, Titusville, Fla.	15.00
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky.	9.87
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Hazel, Ky.	5.00
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadieville, Ky. (Jr. Training Union)	10.00
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla.	10.00
Thomas Baptist Church, Irvine, Ky.	5.00
Oak Vale Baptist Church, Danes, West Va.	43.76
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	5.00
Rupert Independent Baptist Church, Rupert, West Va.	11.60
Bible Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	10.00
New Providence Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	13.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Wyandotte, Mich.	42.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	20.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (R.P.H.)	60.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (for Jeep repair)	53.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (Building fund)	50.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (Camera)	3.20
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (Sta. Wagon, by R. P. H.)	3.70
Valley View Baptist Church, Valley View, Ky.	22.14
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	400.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Launch)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (L. B. C.)	13.29
Temple Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	1.00
A Friend, Salyersville, Ky. (Station Wagon)	2.00
Edwyn D. Rogers, Sao Paulo, Brazil (M. S.)	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lewis, Okla.	3.00
Mrs. Blanch Bryan, Vanceburg, Ky. (Station Wagon)	20.00
Miss June K. Taylor, Wingo, Ky.	10.00
A Friend, Brooklyn, N. Y.	5.00
J. E. Roberts, Irvine, Ky.	22.00
Miss Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La.	75.00
Zach Savage, Gainesville, Fla. (Building fund)	2.00
Edith M. Baker, Lincoln Park, Mich.	10.00
Mrs. Lillian Barker, Covington, Ky. (M. S.)	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grindstaff, Elizabethton, Tenn.	200.00
(Suits for Missionaries)	
Members of Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	



Manuel Sarmiento (left) and John Dias, two of our Brazilian preachers standing beside a large river boat in the Rio Negro River, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil, just before John Dias left on a missionary journey to Faro, Para, Brazil about 400 miles down the Amazon River.

Bethel Baptist Church

MANAUS TELLS OF APPRECIATION OF MISSIONARY BRUCE LUNSFORD

By Newton Pessoa

Dear Brother Overbey,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Rom. 1:7.

Brother Lunsford and his family who have already spent some years among us (Cruzeiro do Sul and Manaus) have the day of their departure to the United States on furlough nigh at hand, and this church deemed it to be a matter of justice to make a brief report on his activities as Field Missionary.

He opened up a work in the city of Maues, Amazonas, whither he made some trips; he visited Cadajaz and Faro, and constantly kept in contact and fellowship with our sister churches. Two churches have been organized under his assistance, one at Petropolis and another one in Terra Nova.

As member of this church he has much co-operated with his tithe and offerings to further the evangelical work we began this year in the so called "Ilah da Paciencia" (Patience Isle) and its neighborhood, where people are interested in and reverent to the word of God, and six professions of faith have already been made. This area we are talking about is vast and populus. Besides the aforementioned places, we have received invitations to call on other settlements further apart, and it involves more money than we can afford now. In this respect we are already rendering financial help to a brother from church funds to closer cooperate with us in local church work, so that we ourselves can labor in the interior of Amazonas with more time at our disposal as the latter field is truly important.

Brother Lunsford has been an example of the believers in work and conversation (I Tim. 4:12); he has been indeed like the salt and the light spoken of by our Lord Jesus Christ (Matt. 5:13-14). It is not possible to desire more out of a man conceived in sin. His family is the reflex of the example found in him.

This church greets you and all the saints. (Hebrews 13:20-21).

Newton de Vasconcelos Pessoa
Church Clerk

NEW CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO SENT IN OFFERINGS IN AUGUST, 1959

Beauty Mountain Baptist Church, Edmond, W. Va.	\$ 7.20
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadieville, Ky.	5.00
Edwyn D. Rogers, Sao Paulo, Brazil	2.00

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR LAUNCH, AUGUST, 1959

Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 86.96
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
Total Received for Launch in August	\$ 136.96
Total Received for Launch to Date	\$12,182.98
Estimated Balance needed to Finish Launch	\$ 817.02

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN AUGUST, 1959

Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	\$ 53.00
Zach Savage, Gainesville, Fla.	75.00
Total Received in August for Building	\$ 128.00
Total Received for Building to Date	\$20,365.73
Estimated Balance Needed to Finish Building	\$ 9,634.27

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR STATION WAGON IN AUGUST, 1959

Mome Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	\$ 47.18
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Ohio	10.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	3.20
A Friend, Salyersville, Ky.	1.00
Mrs. Blanch Ryan, Vanceburg, Ky.	3.00
Total Received for Station Wagon in August	\$ 64.38
Total Received for Station Wagon to Date	\$2,690.97
Balance Needed to Pay for Station Wagon	\$ 62.83

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR SUITS FOR MISSIONARIES IN AUGUST, 1959

Beauty Mountain Baptist Church, Edmond, W. Va.	\$ 7.21
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grindstaff, Elizabethton, Tenn.	5.00
Total Received for Suits in August	\$12.21
Estimated Balance needed to pay for suits	\$134.00

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR JEEP REPAIR IN AUGUST, 1959

Canfield Avenue Baptist Church	\$ 60.00
Estimated Balance Needed to pay for Jeep Repair	\$290.00



The Harold Bratchers standing in the yard of the home of the John Hatchers in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. The stalk of bananas has just been cut off from a tree in the Hatcher's yard. Would you like to have banana trees in your yard?

Total Received in August for Launch	\$136.96
Total Received in August for Building	128.00
Total Received in August for Station Wagon	64.38
Total Received in August for Suits	12.21
Total Received in August for Jeep Repair	60.00
Total Received in August for Regular Offerings	\$3,770.91
Total Received in August for All Purposes	\$4,172.46

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.