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Brother Hallum's health)

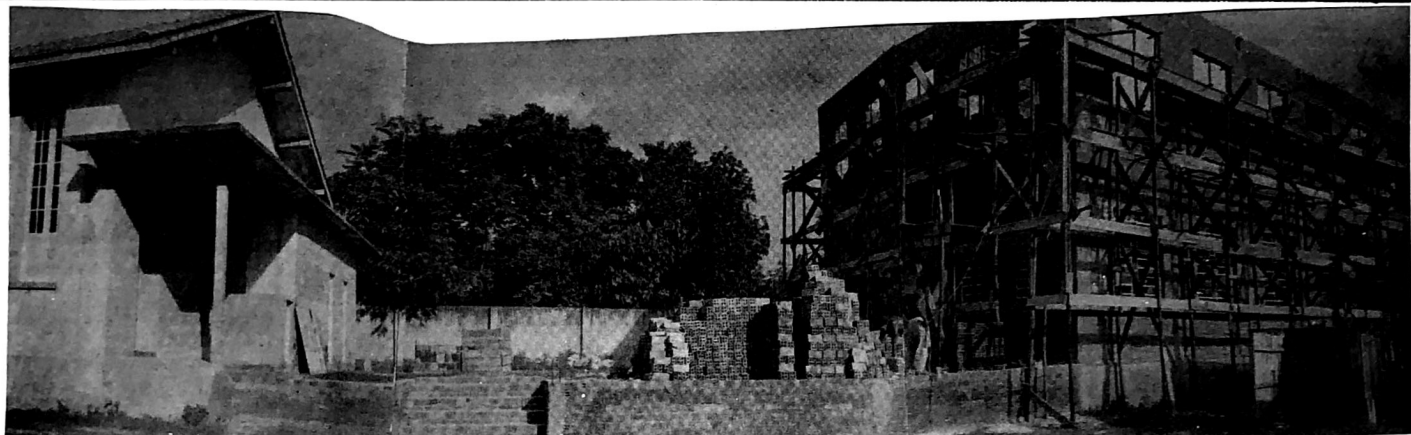
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No. 1

New Preacher's School Building



A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE PREACHER'S SCHOOL PROPERTY IN MANAUS, BRAZIL. All the property shown in this picture is that of the BAPTIST BIBLE SCHOOL OF MANAUS, AMAZONAS except the new house and lot with the large X marked above it. The lots to the left and right are to be used for future growth and dormitories. Note the school building being built back of TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH. Now is the time to have a part in the building of this Preacher's School building. Send your offering marked "For Building".



SIDE VIEW OF TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH AND BAPTIST BIBLE SCHOOL BUILDING OF MANAUS, AMAZONAS, BRAZIL. Note the second story of the school building up ready for the roof. What we have planned and prayed for so long is now becoming a reality. Brazilian preachers will be taught in this building so that they can pastor the churches in Brazil, the Lord willing. Don't you want to have a part in this great work? Send your offering marked "For Building".

CREIGLOWS NOW LIVING ON HOUSEBOAT ---

IF YOU THINK THE LORD HAS CALLED YOU TO GO TO CRUZEIRO DO SUL, THIS LETTER WILL HELP YOU TO KNOW WHETHER YOU WANT TO GO OR NOT

By Bruce Lunsford

Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre
November 18, 1961

Dear Bro. Overbey and Brethren:

We are all well and finding the things we need to eat, but not in abundance. If you want to have meat, you have to go to the market at 4:00 a.m. and get in line, and that is just on the days they have meat. If you go later than that you in all probability will be far enough back in the line that you will not get any. If you should be one of those who doesn't get any meat you can leave your basket and come back the next day that they have it. The officials line up all of the left over baskets, and run a cord through them so you will be in the same place in the line that you were the day before. The only difference is that you can go to the market at 5:00 A.M.

Kerosene is scarce. I have bought three 5 gallon cans since arriving here. It costs 950.00 cruzeiros per can which is \$3.16 which is a little over .63 cents per gallon. Bro. Creighlow hasn't lighted his refrigerator since arriving here, and there are many people who have them who are not using them because they can't afford them.

If you are thirsty, there are no soft drinks here at the present. Plenty of beer, wines, and whiskeys. We drink water which has been boiled then filtered, and have one great blessing of whole dried milk, but the supply is dwindling. We hope another boat will bring it in before the shelves are all empty of it.

By the way, there is no telephone here, no daily newspaper, no taxi service, no frozen foods, nor is electricity on all day. The power plant begins at 6:00 P.M. and stops at 9:30 P.M. with no more current until the next day. It is supposed to be 220 volts, but it would not begin to run an electric razor which I brought with me, and it is supposed to run off of 120 volts.

When you run down to the corner to get yourself some delicious flavor of the day's special ice cream, remember us. It is made here in one place, but we wouldn't dare taste it. There in the U.S.A., under the strictest of sanitary measures it can have a high bacteria count. Here there is nothing sanitary about it.

I'm not complaining, but thought you would like to know something about the place where we are. May the Lord bless you there.

Yours sincerely,

R. B. Lunsford

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.

ASHLAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH GIVES \$1,005.00 FOR PREACHER'S SCHOOL BUILDING

By H. H. Overbey

We rejoice to report that Pastor Clarence Walker and Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky has just given \$1,005.00 to help finish the Preacher's School building in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. We know that Brother John Hatcher will greatly rejoice when he hears this. Brother Hatcher wants to go ahead and finish the building without having to stop and wait for the funds to finish it with. May the Lord lead others to send in a special offering marked "For Building." No offering is too small.

TWENTY YEARS COMPLETED AS EDITOR OF MISSION SHEETS — TWENTY-FIRST YEAR BEGINS WITH THIS ISSUE — MISSION SHEETS ENLARGED IN SIZE WITHOUT ANY EXTRA COST.

By H. H. OVERBEY

Twenty years ago H. H. Overbey and Z. E. Clark entered into an agreement with J. F. Brandon concerning the mission work in Brazil. At that time Brother Brandon had organized seven churches and five had been taken away from him. He came to us with only two churches and later left us and took one of these two away from working with BFM. Since then one of the former five came back to work with us and one in Peru came to work with us and 22 others have been organized and now work with us making a total of 25 Baptist Churches we now have working with us in the Amazon Valley of Brazil and Peru. H. H. Overbey edited the paper and carried on the work as Secretary and Z. E. Clark carried on the work as Treasurer. After three years the Internal Revenue Department called on Bro. Clark and advised that he had to make out an income tax report for the past three years because he handled these funds personally and advised that the work should be incorporated as a non profit corporation. On the authority of ten churches in the Detroit River Association the work was incorporated and these churches elected the first directors and the mission has been operating on that authority ever since.

We have more churches than we have native preachers to pastor them. We now have the Baptist Bible School of Manaus, Amazonas to train native preachers and John Hatcher and Harold Bratcher are doing a great job in teaching native preachers. There are several mission points that we hope will be organized into churches in the months to come the Lord willing. In these twenty years some have done all they could to hurt or destroy this mission work, but God has blessed, and it goes, grows and glows.

Now Living On New Large Houseboat... Planning On A Very Long Journey... Rejoicing In Souls Saved

by Bobby Creighlow

Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre
Dec. 11, 1961

Dear Brethren,

The Thanksgiving conference for 1961 is now history with a good time had by all that attended and by the time you all read this letter the year of 1961 will also be history. We are thankful for both the year and the conference because both of them have been full of blessings from the Lord and we are looking forward to the coming year and hope that we can be of more use in the service of our Lord and King.

Since last month's letter we have moved into the houseboat and are now about straightened up to where we can start traveling. Up to this time we have been working on the boat during the week and making weekend trips to places near to Cruzeiro do Sul. We do not have the boat finished yet, but if all goes as planned we will leave tomorrow for a trip up the river to be gone for some time and do not know when we will return. I know that this boat will only have to return to Cruzeiro do Sul for supplies.

On Nov. 18 Bro. Lunsford and I left here to go to Japiim, where Bro. Mario is pastor. Within a few hours of traveling in the "little helper" we arrived at Maitai where we hope there will be a new church organized soon. We only planned to stop here long enough to make sure of the way to Japiim, but found it very hard to go on when they kept asking us to stay for services that night. After some time they let us go with the promise that we would stop on the way back. We arrived in Japiim in a short time and spent the rest of the day visiting with Bro. Mario and other members of his church. The next day being Sunday we were up early and soon ready for services. I was asked to do the preaching for which I was very thankful. I preached on the subject of "The Hope of The Saved" using Romans 8:29-30. At the close of the message we were very happy to see the mighty working of the grace of God. I was about to turn the services over to the pastor to give invitation, when Bro. Lunsford spoke up and told me to go ahead with the invitation and as I did this I was left standing speechless as five young people made professions of faith so fast one after the other that I just stood looking from one side of the building to the other. This was the most professions I have ever had in one service and needless to say it was a great day of rejoicing for me as well as for those who were saved, but this was not the end of the blessings for the day. In the afternoon we walked for about a half an hour to a place called Colonia where Bro. Lunsford preached with the Lord once again pouring out His

blessings by saving two more souls. If there was any credit due to man it would not be due us, but to the brethren that have labored there preaching the word of God all these years. I am sure that they would say, as we, to God be the glory because he that sows and he that reaps is nothing, but God that gives the increase. We walked back to Japiim and were soon on our way down the river to Maitai where we arrived soon after dark. Bro. Lunsford preached a good message with good attention, after which we left by moonlight for Cruzeiro do Sul and arrived about midnight.

On Sat., Nov. 25 we were invited to a wedding to conduct a preaching service. Bro. Lunsford preached a message on the wedding of Christ to His Bride (The Church) after which I preached on the wedding feast. There were many there that never attended a service of the preaching of the word of God and some that are enemies of the gospel, but they stayed for both sermons. There were no professions of faith, but there was some good seed sown and who knows what God will cause it to produce.

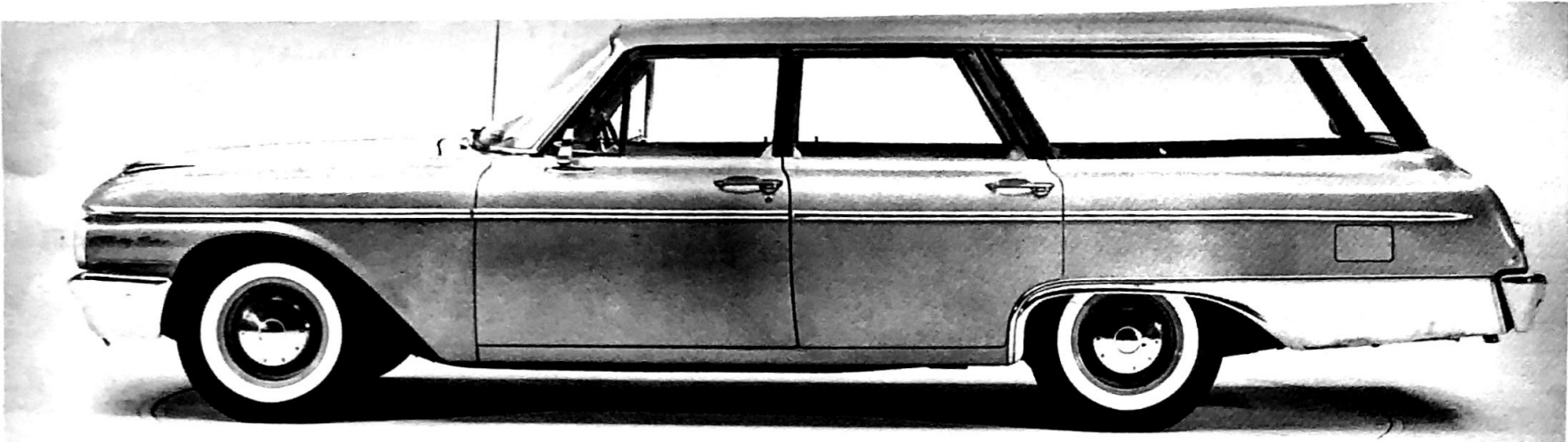
On Dec. 3 the two families of us started out on the first trip in the houseboat. After traveling about an hour up the Moa River going to Mourapriango the motor stopped so some of us returned to Cruzeiro do Sul for parts. After getting back to the houseboat we were soon under way once again, but after a little time it stopped again and by this time it was too late to try to go on for services. We put some old parts from another motor into the new motor and returned home with the first trip a failure.

Sat., Dec. 9 we went down the river two hours to a place called Guajara, this was a regular preaching point when the missionaries were here before, but there has been no one there since Bro. Lunsford left three years ago. We arrived there in plenty of time to visit and invite many to the services. That night there were between 80 and 100 that attended the service and a few less in the Sunday morning service. There were no professions of faith here, but the prospects are very good for the future. We returned to Cruzeiro do Sul that afternoon in a down-pour of rain. This was the first successful missionary trip in the new houseboat with the motor running good. Pray for us and for the work here in the Acre.

My family is all well an getting adjusted to the river life although it is much different than what we are accustomed to. May the Lord bless all of you for his Glory.

Yours In Him

B. D. Creighlow



Two and a half years ago we raised the money and bought a new station wagon for the missionaries to use on furlough. Bruce Lunsford used it one year while on furlough and Walter Lauerman used it the next year on furlough. Because we did not have a missionary coming home on furlough for another year the station wagon was sold and the funds are to be applied on another station wagon or car for Brother Bratcher to use when he comes home on furlough in July of this year. We estimate that we need approximately \$1500.00 to buy it and for the insurance, and we have only six months to raise the money. Brother Pastor will you join us in leading your church to have a special offering and send it to the Treasurer marked "For Station Wagon"? No offering is too small. Who will be the first to have a part?

Five Months Report of Progress...Two Workers
Dropped...Work Going Forward

By Walter Lauerman

Iquitos, Peru
Dec. 17, 1961

Dear Brethren:
Again we report! In the First Baptist church in Iquitos, one saved, one letter granted to Astoria church, one restoration. In 5 months since my return from the U. S. we have lost 18 members through, either exclusion, organizing, or granting of letters and yet we have only 3 less members now than when I returned as pastor. This is in Iquitos not the river work. We had 30 when I came back and 27 now. So the Lord has given a new church and we only lost 3 in all. I preached in a home on Tuesdays (a member of the church) this month and we already have a complete family that is coming from this service. I plan to add another home on another night soon. Karen my daughter and Yolanda Isquierda play the accordion and organ for these services.
I like this type of service. Our attendance is about the same with all the sickness and rain.
The new church we organized last month has taken the name of "The Independent Baptist Church," and called Alfonso Varsallo as pastor. Alfonso says they are having several visitors. Pray for this new church. I do not see much of Juan Ruis these days, so nothing to report on him.
Simon Guima still is at it hard making trips to Mapa Cocha, Polis, Sargento Lores and Capironal. Abram his son has traveled with him this month. Purificacion Taricuarima pastor at Astoria wants to start building his house this week and then move his family there in a month or so.

Bro. Taricuarima is now going back and forth from Iquitos to Astoria by boat and this is hard and does not have the effect that living on the church field does. So pray that soon he can move there. He is preaching on Saturday nights in Arenal also, a village about 30 minutes walk from Astoria, and then in the church on Sunday, then back to Iquitos Monday to take care of his family. We had again this month 2 days of special services when the pastors from the rivers were here.
I want to report also that Juan Ruis and Alfonso Varsallo are no longer with B.F.M. I want also to state briefly why. What I say will apply to both men as they both fall in the same situation. They worked at other work while receiving pay from B.F.M. and leaving go partly or completely their work. They both abandoned their work for either short or long periods. They lied about me and others many times, and above all, did not tithe at least consistently. To sum it all up they did not care about preaching as much as they did making money or taking it easy. Their wives also were a hindrance to them and their work. So by mutual agreement they go back to their previous work. We paid them to the first of the year (two months), while they were getting established again. They were given every chance and consideration and they know it. Alfonso is now pastoring the new church here and Juan Ruis is not preaching at all now. Pray for them and their families. May the Lord bless you all.
By His Grace
Walter F. Lauerman

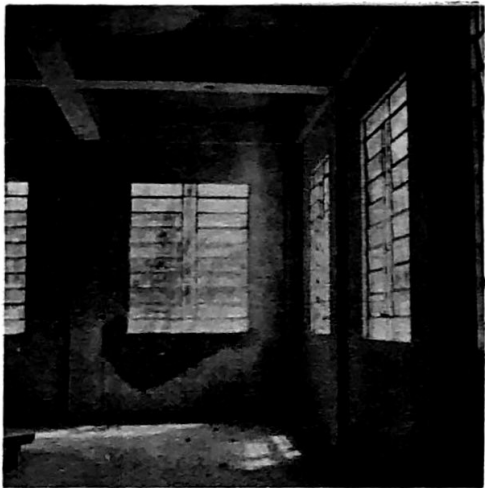
Travels Alone For First Time . . . Souls Saved . . .
Work Flourishing At All Places

By Del Mayfield

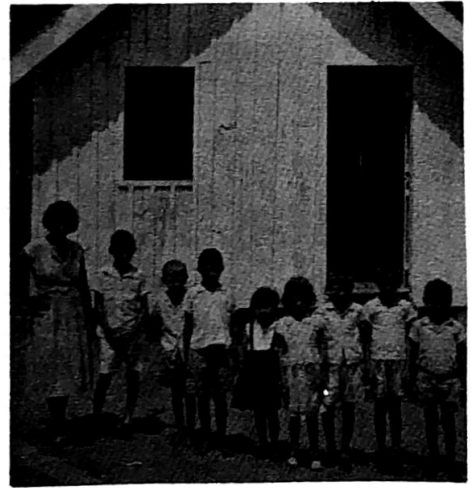
Iquitos Peru S. A.
Dec. 18, 1961

Dear Bro. Overbey & Brethren
I just returned today from a weekend at Tamishajco. This was my first trip to make by myself. One of the members of the church was going with me but was unable to go at the last minute so I went ahead by myself. I'm glad I went ahead because the Lord blessed in all the services. Saturday night had a real good crowd and then Sunday morning had a new family to come that asked if I would come to their house the next trip and preach. They live a little ways up the river from Tamishajco. So I told them the Lord willing we would come next Sunday. Then Sunday night I had several new people to come and there seemed to be more interest than ever before. This was my second weekend trip to this place this month. On Sunday the third we had a real good time. A young preacher boy in the church went with me on this trip. Both of us preached at the services and on Sunday night two young men said that they wanted to trust the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. One of these young men had walked through the rain all the way across town to be in the service. How we do thank the Lord for His marvellous Grace. We are hoping and praying that the Lord will raise up a work at this place, and we believe He will. Pray with us for the work there.
Our Friday night services at Belen have been well attended and we do thank the Lord for that. We only wish we could report that souls were saved. Last week Bro. Antonio Torres preached for me at Belen and he sure brought a good message

This was our first time to hear him preach. He is a faithful pastor and is a good missionary. The water is still low enough for us to get in and out without a canoe. But I'm sure it won't be long as the river has started to back up. All the houses in Belen are floating houses or built up off the ground and for several months they have to use canoes to get in and out. We do thank the Lord for the souls that have been saved here and are proving faithful.
On Dec. 10th I preached at the First Baptist church and enjoyed it very much. The 12th and the 13th Bro. Lauerman had classes at night for the preachers and I attended those nights and enjoyed the fellowship with our Brethren.
Bro. Antonio Torres reported good services at San Antonio, and also reported a new addition to his family, a big girl. He has three boys too.
Bro. Javier Frietas reports good services at Orellano. Has several waiting for baptism. I told him that I would return with him next month the Lord willing and help him in some of his services.
Bro. Marcial Macabauchi at Hojeal reports that the Lord is blessing and that they have the walls of their building up and as soon as possible they are going to concrete the floor. I think this is just wonderful. This village is back in the jungle and many people there never saw cement less having a building with a cement floor. Bro. Marcial is a fine pastor and we love him and his people. Pray for us and the brethren here that we'll be faithful to what He has called us to do. May the Lord bless all of you.
Yours by His Grace
Del. Ada & Eddie Mayfield.



A view inside the Assembly room of the new Preacher's School building, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.



There nine baptized by John Hatcher into the Chapada Baptist Church Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.



Three baptized by John Hatcher in Perito in the State of Maranhao. A new work in a new State of Brazil.



This creature was the 87 one that Del Mayfield preached to at San Pedro on his recent trip down the Amazo.



John Hatcher on the left and Harold Bratcher on the right with the student body of the Preacher's school.



"The old west" of Brazil. A scene in the State of Maranhao on John Hatcher's recent trip there.



"Modern State Coach" that John Hatcher traveled on in the State of Maranhao on his recent trip.



Melo Sostenes baptizing maimundo Domingo Lima in the baptistry of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Manau.

Make Your Plans Now To Attend The Spring
Missionary Conference at Lexington, Kentucky
April 2, 3 and 4, 1962

BUILDING PREACHER'S SCHOOL . . . STUDENTS SCATTERED ABROAD DOING WORK . . . VISIT TO ANOTHER STATE FOR NEW WORK . . . SOULS SAVED, BAPTIZED

Manaus, Amazonas
December 21, 1961

By JOHN HATCHER

Dear Brethren:

"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness," declares the Psalmist as he looked in retrospect viewing the works of the Lord toward His people, and continuing says, "The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing." God has blessed His work greatly for which we praise Him and as we look in prospect we see the hills covered with His flocks.

Carrying Rocks While They Rest

This is the vacation month in the Bible School so while the students and professors rest they work the most. Nearly all of the brethren have been busy on trips or are going. Some have gone and are going again. Brothers Bratcher and family and Julio Dantes have spent the month of December in Manaus in Bible school and revival. Brother Manoel Costa, student pastor, made a trip to a new place where there is no gospel work and there were six professions of faith. He is now planning a week's trip to Terra Nova and a week's trip to Jaturana and afterwards to return to the new place before the opening of school. Brother Ramilfo Tobar, student, made a fifteen day trip to Mira-aqua where he taught the children each day and had services each night. There were six professions of faith. Paulino Rodrigues returned to Benjamin Constante to visit his family. John Dias is planning a trip up the Rio Negro the first of January. Manoel Sarmiento will be in Vacation Bible School and Revivals in the month of January.

Our girl students have not worked less than the brethren. Maria da Silva is having a Bible School for the children at the Calvary Baptist Church. Elnice Holanda who helps in our home with the preparation of materials is helping in Bible schools at the Calvary Baptist Church and the Salem Baptist Church. During the last four months we have run about 20,000 sheets of mimeograph work. Pastor Verino Freitas, student, is going to Faro through the month of January. His church also has four other mission points some almost ready to be organized into churches.

The "OLD WEST" of Brazil

In the State of Maranhao, Brazil, there are 2,000,000 inhabitants and about 20 Baptist churches. The largest part of the work there has been by the Presbyterians and the Pentecosts which means actually no work of the New Testament. After reading an article concerning the medical needs in the different states of Brazil I found that our state of Amazonas had ten times more doctors per number of persons than the State of Maranhao. The thought arose, what about the spiritual need? The government statistics showed that in 1956 there were 35 counties without Baptist work. Feeling impelled to visit this state I explained the situation to the Church at the Chapada and after hearing they too thought it was the Lord's will to go. (The Chapada Baptist church paid for over half of the total expenses).

First Visit to This State

Traveling alone, on the 29th of November, I went by plane to Belem and on the next

day continued the trip to Sao Luis, the capital of Maranhao, which lies on the Northeast coast of Brazil. Here our mode of travel changed from what we have in Amazonas. Instead of water, rough roads. At 5:00 o'clock December 1, our bus left Sao Luis and our trip to the south was begun. About 200 mile south of the capital there is a little place on the map that was our destiny. Arriving there I found a restaurant, a store, and a filling station. The feeling I had was one of such desolation that the temptation to buy another ticket and go on was hard to resist, went as far as to tell the baggage boy to leave my suitcase on the bus but then decided to stay. The Holy Spirit led me to stay. This little place is called Peritoro, you won't find it on the map, however it is a cross roads with transportation going and coming in five directions.

Three Professions of Faith — One Baptized

I visited every house in this community and where they wanted to listen the Gospel was preached. With services every night there were three professions of faith. One of these was a lady who made a profession of Faith in her home as I talked to her and her husband, who was a Baptist. She Trusted the Lord and wanted to be baptized. The next night we had services in the home of a man who is an invalid. At the close of the sermon he rolled his wheel chair out in front of the table where I stood and said "I trust Jesus Christ as my Saviour." Another voice outside the door said the same words and I told him to come inside the room into the light which he did. He was a man of about 75 years. Two days later I went to visit other places and the crippled man said that he wanted to be baptized when I or another came. Two days before I had baptized the lady.

Traveling by Stage Coach

The next leg of the trip was a modern stage coach. (You will see by the picture.) After traveling about two or three minutes I wished that there had only been two or four horses instead of a 150 in that Ford motor. I was never so scared in my life.

The speed was 70 to 80 miles an hour on roads that were good for 30 or 40. Every ten to fifteen minutes we passed through communities from 500 persons to 3 or 4 thousands, all without Baptist work. On the return trip I got a ride in a truck loaded with six tons of cotton. Very enjoyable trip. arriving at night in a city called Codo the driver took me to a boarding house where I stayed for three days. The next day I was sick and did not get out of my hammock except to buy some medicine. However the next day I felt well. I found a little Baptist Church here and visited it that night but during the afternoon I spent the afternoon visiting and preaching from house to house.

Return to Peritoro

From Codo I had planned to get a plane back to Sao Luis, but felt constrained to return to the first little place, which I did. Here I stayed three days visiting the folks and teaching them the Word. On this second visit we had excellent services and the day before leaving I baptized two men, the one 75 years old and the invalid. We praise the Lord that we returned.

We pray that this will be the spearhead for a permanent work in this great state. Pray with us.

In Him,

JOHN A. HATCHER

P. S. In all the trip I traveled more than 3,800 kilometers, or about 2,800 miles.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW. LARGEST OFFERING IN THE HISTORY OF BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS

By H. H. OVERBEY

More churches had Special Thanksgiving offerings for Baptist Faith Missions than ever before and the total Special Thanksgiving Offerings were more than ever before, and the total offerings for the month of November 1961 were the largest in the history of the mission. These offerings were needed. The regular funds for missionary salaries and expenses were getting low, and the funds designated to build the Preacher's School Building were also getting low. We should always have enough funds on hand to bring all the missionaries home in case things should happen as in the Congo or in Cuba, and it could happen.

MISSION WORK IN OTHER COUNTRIES

By H. H. OVERBEY

From time to time we are asked why Baptist Faith Missions does not have work in other countries of the world besides Brazil and Peru. This is our desire and has been from the beginning. Baptist Faith Missions is a permanent work, and it is a faith work. The work in Brazil and Peru is now well established and we hope to have work in other countries as the Lord calls men to go and opens up the fields so we can get them into the countries. Join us in prayer about this that the Lord will be pleased to grant it, and perhaps sooner than we think we will have work in other countries.

HIS HEART REJOICES IN THE WORK OF B.F.M.

Dear Brethren:

May I take this opportunity to write you in the name of our Lord and tell you how much my heart rejoices to read in your paper of the mission work being carried on through Baptist Faith Missions. I enjoy very much the Missionaries' letters and the coming to the fold of our Brothers and Sisters in South America. Enclosed you will find an offering to be used in the Master's work as the Spirit leads you and may the grace of our Lord be with you in this work of faith.

Yours Brother in Christ,
E. K. Ky.

WHY NOT NOW? ???

By H. H. OVERBEY

Why not start now working toward a Special Thanksgiving Offering for Baptist Faith Missions next year? Pastor J. V. Tate has set a good example. Brother Tate kept the work of Baptist Faith Missions before his church every Sunday for a whole year and his church took up a special mission offering every Sunday in the whole year. These special offerings each Sunday were over and above, and in addition to, the regular monthly offerings to Baptist Faith Missions. The special offerings were put in the bank and then the Sunday before Thanksgiving the church had a Special Thanksgiving Offering and added these to it and as a result, Home Baptist Church of Mt. Morris, Michigan had a special mission offering of over sixteen hundred dollars. One pastor has just told us that he plans to have special mission envelopes so his people can give each week as Brother Tate's church did and then have a special offering the Sunday before Thanksgiving to add to it. Wouldn't it be wonderful if a large group of churches would do the same as Brother Tate's church did. Why not now?



Mrs. Bob Creiglow inside her kitchen on the new houseboat that they live and travel on, Acre Territory.

On Mission Journey To Maues, Amazonas... Vacation Bible School... Revival Meeting

By Harold Bratcher

Maues, Amazonas

Dec. 18, 1961

Excuse the pen since I did not bring my typewriter with me. We have now been in Maues nine days. We had our vacation Bible School last week with an enrollment of 106 and an average attendance of 51. We believe the children learned a lot during the five mornings. We had three classes; my wife taught the beginners, Brother Dantes the primaries and juniors and I the older juniors and the rest. We have had some opposition. On Tuesday one of the nuns here sent word that any child that attended our school would not be accepted as a student in the parochial schools when school begins again. This caused a few to leave. Then on Wednesday a nun appeared and stood on the sidewalk and looked over the group. On Friday night at our commencement program we had 64 present including several parents. Last night we began our revival with a small number present but we are hoping and praying that the attendance will pick up. Poverty, and ignorance of the gospel indeed abound in this place.

Maues is an interior town of the Amazonas, two days trip by boat from Manaus. At one time there was a Baptist church here but it must have died between 1935 and 1940. There is an Adventist church here in addition to the Catholic church. This is the place where Bro. Lunsford

preached and baptized some a few years ago. One of our students, Brother Julian Dantes has been coming here regularly since last April. I was here a few days in July. This is the same place where we had the discussion with the priests that I wrote about in the July MISSION SHEETS.

We have all suffered minor infirmities since arriving here but are all better now. My wife has worked faithfully cooking for us and helping in the vacation Bible School too. We are planning on returning to Manaus on December 27th. Pray with us that the Lord will give us a church here soon. The few believers here need to be strengthened and built up in the faith.

I'll back up now and give a report on the work in Manaus before we left. On the last day of November we concluded another quarter of work in the Preacher's School. It was a blessing to be in the new building this quarter. We are out of School now till February. Many of the students are already traveling and preaching at churches and mission points.

We had a good school at Zion Baptist Church. The largest attendance was 107 and a good number including several parents, at our commencement program. We take this opportunity to wish all of you a blessed Year. Remember to pray for us throughout the new year.

Yours in His Service

The Harold Bratchers

WORK PROGRESSING — GOOD REPORTS — SOULS SAVED — JOURNEY MADE — WORK PLANNED

By BRUCE LUNSFORD

Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre

December 19, 1961

Dear Bro. Overbey and Brethren.

At the present we are all well, and the work is progressing well. I hear good reports of the work at Barao and a new preaching point in the Black creek. Bro. Cido and his sons, along with Edson Bastos have been going in there. They have been the first ones to be received well there. It has several settlements along its banks, and they have been so strong in the catholic doctrine that there has been a coolness toward the believers which has discouraged workers from going in there. I look to hear good news of their last trip there. By the way, Bro. Cido has two sons who say they are called to preach. One can read and other can't. They have been going with Bro. Cido on his trips. We need workers here in the Acre, so pray for these two boys, and for others who might heed the call to preach.

Since I last wrote, I have visited Moura-piranga, Japiim, Colonia, Maita, Guajara, and Parana dos Mouras. The interest is the same as always with big crowds and good attention. I am happy to report that there were 5 professions of faith at Japiim and 2 at Colonia. Bro. Creiglow was elated

because five in one invitation was the most professions of faith he had ever had. We had hoped to get to go back there for the baptism, but probably will not get to.

Bro. Creiglow went to Parana dos Mouras and intends to work through that church with Bro. Sebastian as a missionary from it also. I am elated over the prospects of the work there under this set up, and could write a lot about it, but I will leave that up to Bro. Creiglow to tell you about. I have my plans as to where to work mostly, but must wait to see how they work out before telling you about them, but just mention them in order that you would be remembering me and the plans in your prayers.

Remember the church at Amonha especially as you pray, because there are only three members left there. All of the others have died or moved away. Raimundo Bizerra is the oldest at about 92 years of age. He said he was afraid of going blind and because of that fear he had committed to memory several books of the Bible. He is a blessing to any one who has the opportunity to visit with him. More people need to have a fear of going blind.

I was glad to hear of such a great conference at Detroit. May the Lord bless all of you there.

Yours sincerely,
R R Lunsford

RYAN ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH GIVES SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Ryan Road Baptist Church and Pastor Jack Huchel gave a Special Christmas offering of \$84.85. Many waste a lot of money at Christmas time. This church and pastor have set a good example and we trust that it will be an incentive for others.

The total offerings for December 1961 were the largest for any December in the history of Baptist Faith Missions. We thank the Lord and take courage.

EAST MAINE BAPTIST CHURCH GIVES BFM A \$500 BOND

By H. H. OVERBEY

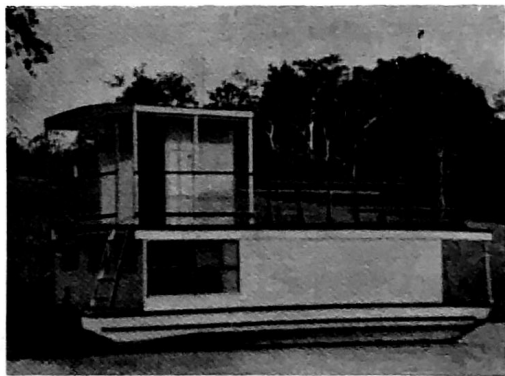
East Maine Baptist Church and Pastor Louis Maple were not able to give as large a Thanksgiving offering as they wanted to, so they have sent BFM a bond in amount of \$500.00 bearing six percent interest and due in ten years. This should be an incentive for others to do many things. Do the same or remember BFM in your will or give BFM some real estate or whatever the Lord leads you to do. Our thanks to Pastor Maple and East Maine.



Bob Creiglow and the five who made profession of faith when he preached at the Japiim Baptist Church.



Bruce Lunsford and Pastor Mario Araujo and the two that made profession faith when Lunsford preached at Colonia.



HOUSE BOAT FOR DEL MAYFIELD. Del Mayfield saw this boat while on a missionary journey and took a picture of it. Later the owner came to Iquitos, and Brother Mayfield bought it for about one fourth the cost to build. Brother Mayfield will fix it up inside "Mayfield Style" like he used to build new houses, for his family to live on while making journeys.

OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER, 1961

Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, Ohio	19.95
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Burna Baptist Church, Burna, Ky.	3.67
Maran-Atha Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	36.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	15.00
Bible Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	6.79
Scaffold Lick Baptist Church, Lexington, Ind.	40.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, West Va.	34.58
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	93.38
Bentley Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	23.68
Kirbytown Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	41.95
Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	19.00
(L. P. B. & G.) for Launch	9.35
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	14.02
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	50.00
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	100.00
Coal Grove Baptist Church, Coal Grove, Ohio	30.00
Bluff Avenue Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	13.50
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	50.00
Chattahoochee Baptist Church, Chattahoochee, West Va.	148.80
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	148.80
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Launch)	62.22
Jordan Baptist Church, Oak Lawn, Ill.	13.76
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	3.90
Valley View Baptist Church, Valley View, Ky.	34.64
Mountain Dale Baptist Church, Reese, N. C.	19.45
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	69.13
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	9.80
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadiaville, Ky.	69.88
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	10.00
Bluff Avenue Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.	10.00
West Side Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	15.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, Ky.	13.60
Calvary Baptist Church, Clay, West Va.	10.00
Worship Point Baptist Church, Lenoir, N. C.	10.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	20.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Creve Coeur, Ill.	25.28
Building Fund	100.00
Randolph Street Baptist Church, Charleston, West Va.	36.26
Julian Baptist Church, Gracely, Ky.	11.30
Logans Baptist Church, Nicholasville, Ky.	10.00
Thomas Baptist Church, Irvine, Ky.	10.00
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	10.00
Jordan Baptist Mission, Sanford, Fla.	9.19
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	52.18
Olmstead Baptist Church, Olmstead, Ky.	34.74
First Baptist Church, Church, Russell, Ky.	41.50
Members of First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	216.50
Lucasville Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio	84.25
Living Stone Baptist Church, Barboursville, West Va.	21.00
Riverside Baptist Church, Richmond, West Va.	15.00
(Mission Sheets)	10.00
Carr Baptist Church, York, Ky.	10.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Ohio	10.00
Hitchins Baptist Church, Hitchins, Ky.	5.00
Elk Lick Baptist Church, Levi, Ky.	14.20
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, Fla.	7.89
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	135.51
Freedom Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	58.97
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	122.16
South Irvine Baptist Church, So. Irvine, Ky.	25.19
(Baptist Busy Bees Thanks Giv. Off.)	15.00
South Irvine Baptist Church, Irvine, Ky.	35.33
First Baptist Church, Genesee, Mich. (Building Fund)	35.33
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio	53.38
First Baptist Church, Crete, Ill.	85.60
Hopewell Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	23.46
First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru	100.00
First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru	50.00
Little Obit Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	27.92
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, West Va.	20.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	8.85
Southside Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	46.20
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	60.44
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	84.85
(Special Christmas)	17.75
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky.	20.00
Grace Baptist Church, Ellaville, Ga.	13.42
Young People of Detroit River Association, Warren, Mich.	25.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Harvey, Ill.	10.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	50.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	50.00
Cheney Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.	48.89
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N. C.	33.88
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, Ky.	20.20
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	25.00
First Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla.	5.00
First Baptist Church, Fredensburg, Ky.	22.32
Northside Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	65.52
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	50.00
Jordan Baptist Church, East Gary, Ind.	10.00
West Grove Baptist Church, Villard, Ky.	45.58
Oak Vale Baptist Church, Dames, West Va.	5.00
Bethel Baptist Church, McCamey, Texas	197.51
Morgan Avenue Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	26.11
Morgan Avenue Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	5.00
(Building Fund)	20.67
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	19.42
New Salem Baptist Church, Dukedom, Tenn.	100.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	38.97
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	10.43
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	46.22
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	87.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	34.00
(Bethel Building)	21.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	5.00
(Building Fund)	1,005.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	25.00
Missionary Baptist Church, Gallagher, West Va.	10.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Hazel, Ky.	23.96
Rupert Baptist Church, Rupert, West Va.	25.00
Annnville Baptist Church, Annnville, Ky.	1.00
(C.A.'s) Christmas gift	12.00
Annnville Baptist Church, Annnville, Ky.	60.00
Mammoth Baptist Church, Utica, Mich.	37.00
Peoples Baptist Church, East Alton, Ill.	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.	30.00
Miss Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La.	125.00
Eric Kiger, Webbville, Ky. (Building Fund)	5.00
J. E. Roberts, (Building Fund)	3.09
Mrs. Blanch Bryan, Vanceburg, Ky.	25.09
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lewis, Stilwell, Okla.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lewis, Stilwell, Okla.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	10.09
Mrs. J. F. Brandon, Benton, Ky.	3.50
A Friend, Brooklyn, N. Y.	5.00
A Friend, Ashland, Ky.	5.00
Mrs. Ella Mergimison, Worcester, Mass.	25.50
A Friend, Calvert City, Ky. (Building Fund)	100.00
A Friend, Ky.	10.00
A Friend	200.00
Zach Savage, Gainesville, Fla. (Building Fund)	5.90
L. M. Williams, Baltimore, Md.	5.90
G. E. Duncan, White Plains, Ky.	208.15
Total Received in December for Launch	1,449.61
Total Received in December for Bethel Building	34.00
Total Received in December for Regular Off.	4,778.67
Total Received in December for All Purposes	\$ 6,470.43

Special Thanksgiving Offerings

Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	\$1,004.40
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Michigan	1,000.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	1,373.46
Grace Baptist Church, Conference for Calegrams, Warren, Mich.	107.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	2,630.20
Julien Baptist Church, Gracely, Ky.	1,314.12
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	971.65
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	530.20
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	100.00
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	165.02
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	200.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.	380.27
East Maine Baptist Church, Niles, Ill.	310.00
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	400.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	662.88
Calvary Baptist Church, Clay, W. Va.	100.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Ohio	61.25
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio	49.21
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	124.66
South Irvine Baptist Church, S. Irvine, Ky., Busy Bees	25.19
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	127.10
New Hope Baptist Church, Ferndale, Mich.	48.53
New Testament Baptist Church, Decatur, Ill.	4.50
Willow Hill Baptist Church, Willow Hill, Ill.	98.00
Wallace York, Lexington, Ky.	50.00
Fred Hearn, Lexington, Ky.	100.00
J. E. Roberts, Irving, Ky.	20.00
A Friend, Ga.	32.75
Total Special Thanksgiving Offerings	\$11,906.39

An Up To Date Financial Report

PREACHER'S SCHOOL BUILDING IN MANAUS

Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	\$17,906.76
East Maine Baptist Church, Niles, Ill.	2,579.39
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	2,455.00
Zack Savage, Gainesville, Fla.	1,750.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracely, Ky.	1,365.19
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Ohio	1,095.25
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	1,073.49
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	1,000.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	533.30
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	511.00
Morgan Avenue Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	411.75
Friends in Ga.	349.53
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	325.75
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	325.00
James H. Sims, Clarksville, Tenn.	300.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	260.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida	205.90
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Villas, N. C.	200.00
Members Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	200.00
James H. Kissell, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	200.00
Scaffold Lick Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	174.61
N. T. Baptist Church, Creve Coeur, Ill.	152.58
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	125.00
E. Kiger, Webbville, Ky.	117.50
A Friend, Calvert City, Ky.	105.00
Rollinsburg Baptist Church, Talcoot, W. Va.	100.00
Mt. View Baptist Church, Watauga, Tenn.	100.00
A Friend, Detroit, Mich.	100.00
Mrs. Hazel Williams, Greenup, Ky.	100.00
R. G. Sappenfield, Geneva, Ill.	100.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Oak Lawn, Ill.	100.00
Fred Hearn, Lexington, Ky.	100.00
LaGrange Baptist Church, Titusville, Ga.	95.00
Faith Baptist Church, Genesee, Mich.	84.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	72.25
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Spieker, Battle Creek, Mich.	75.00
Students Lexington Baptist College, Lexington, Ky.	71.41
Peoples Baptist Church, Alton, Ill.	66.58
Miss June Kay Taylor, Wingo, Ky.	62.00
Temple Baptist Church, Appalacha, Va.	52.00
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	52.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich., B.T.U.	50.00
Harold Bratcher, Manaus, Brazil	50.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Clay, W. Va.	50.00
Home Acres Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	50.00
Wallace York, Lexington, Ky.	50.00
R. G. Lancaster, New Richmond, Ind.	45.00
Salisbury Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	43.10
Mrs. J. M. Taylor, Wingo, Ky.	43.60
Grace Baptist Church, Triffin, Ohio	39.67
New Home Baptist Church, Madison Heights, Mich.	38.57
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	36.11
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	35.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Willis, Monticello, Ark.	35.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	30.00
J. E. Roberts, Irvine, Ky.	30.00
Members First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ancel McKeehan, Elizabethtown, Ky.	25.00
Bible Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	25.00
Harry Gatton, Elizabethtown, Ky.	25.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Martin, Tenn.	25.00
H. H. Kunkle, Calvert City, Ky.	25.00
Mrs. Nellie Keller, Irvine, Ky.	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kinna, Covington, Ky.	20.00
A Friend, Bardwell, Ky.	20.00
Jack Matthews, Gainesville, Fla.	17.50
Wallace Baisden, Wayne, W. Va.	15.00
Dean Kindhart, Tallula, Ill.	15.00
D. F. Kiger, Webbville, Ky.	11.00
Battle Baptist Church, Rose Hill, Ky.	10.00
Shelby Hollingsworth, Lexington, Ky.	10.00
Georgia Reeves, St. Louis, Mo.	10.00
Eugene St. Ruth, Chattanooga, Tenn.	5.00
Tallula Baptist Church, Tallula, Ill.	5.00
Friends, Appalacha, Va.	5.00
Mrs. W. O. Wilkerson, Glendale, Ky.	5.00
A Friend, Worthington, Minn.	5.00
Bethel Baptist Church, McCamey, Texas	5.00
Mrs. R. W. Carmichael, Lexington, Ky.	5.00
Mrs. Bona O. Keith, Berger, Texas	5.00
Mrs. Eva Kalm, W. Cape May, N. J.	5.00
J. E. Roberts, Irvine, Ky.	5.00
Shiloh Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas	3.00
Mrs. Orville Tarrant, E. St. Louis, Ill.	2.50
Lucasville Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio, Jr. G. S.S.C.	2.50
Mrs. Ira Kaiser, Lake Lynn, Pa.	2.00
A Friend, Salyersville, Ky.	1.00
Etzel Hundley, Smoot, W. Va.	1.00
Total Received Through December, 1961	\$36,876.52

NEW CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO SENT IN OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER, 1961

Jordan Baptist Mission, Sanford, Fla.	9.19
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	10.43
A Friend, Ky.	100.00
A Friend, from Ky.	5.00
Mrs. Ella Mergimison, Worcester, Mass.	5.00

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR LAUNCH, DECEMBER 1961

Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio., L.P.B. & B.G.	9.35
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	148.80
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan	50.00
Total Received for Launch in December	208.15
Total Received for Launch to Date	17,188.10
Cash on Hand to Finish Launch	9,351.51

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN DECEMBER, 1961

New Testament Baptist Church, Creve Coeur, Ill.	28.25
Faith Baptist Church, Genesee, Mich.	35.33
Morgan Avenue Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	5.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	21.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	1,005.00
Erell Kiger, Webbville, Ky.	125.00
J. E. Roberts, Irvine, Ky.	5.00
A Friend, Calvert City, Ky.	25.00
Zach Savage, Gainesville, Fla.	200.00
Total Received for Building in December	1,449.61
Total Received for Building to Date	36,876.52
Cash on Hand to Finish Building	9,230.82

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR BETHEL BUILDING IN DECEMBER, 1961

Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	34.00
Total Received for Bethel Building to Date	642.02

A Brief Doctrinal Statement Of Baptist Faith Missions

Baptist Faith Missions is a Baptist work. It is not Protestant. It is not unionistic, nor interdenominational. It is separate from all isms of all kinds. We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God without error as originally written. We believe in the Genesis account of creation and the fall of man. We believe in total depravity. We believe all are lost unless born again. We believe that we are saved by grace through faith and without works on the part of man. We believe that repentance and faith are inseparable graces and that all who do not repent and believe are lost.

We believe in the security of the believer. We believe that after one is saved that he should be a Baptist. We believe that Jesus Christ organized a church while here on earth during His personal ministry (before Pentecost) and that He gave that church a commission, Matt. 28:19, 20. We believe that there are two church ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism is the immersion of a saved person in water upon the authority of a true Baptist church. We believe that the Lord's Supper is restricted to each local church and that the elements are wine and unleavened bread.

We believe that the church is local, visible and that she has the Bible for her one and only and all sufficient rule of faith and practice and that the decisions of a church are final and that no other church or organization of any kind has any right to interfere with her decisions. We do not believe that there is any such things as an "invisible" or "universal" church.

We believe that the way to finance the Lord's work is by tithes and offerings. We believe that each church can give her mission money where she chooses to do so and that without interference from anyone.

We do not believe that mission money should be used to support unsound missionaries or unsound seminaries or unsound colleges. We believe that all churches should be missionary. We believe that the ordaining of preachers is to be done by a local church and not by a mission or association, etc. We believe that a mission is for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the various governments and an organization through which a church may do mission work if she so desires. This mission is not a boss of churches and does not interfere with any church or pastor. It is only a mission through which churches who choose to do so may give to the support of sound Baptist missionaries.

We believe in the sovereignty of God, in foreknowledge, predestination, election, effectual calling, justification and glorification and that whosoever will may come and that these do not contradict each other.

We believe that women should keep silent in public mixed assemblies and that God calls only men to preach. We believe in the premillennial second coming of Christ, we believe that Heaven is a real place and that Hell is a real place. We believe in the Trinity of God and that the Devil is a person, and that there will be two resurrections, one of the just and one of the unjust.

Editor's Note:

The last time this doctrinal statement was run in this paper, was in July 1960, seventeen months ago. This has been the doctrinal statement of this mission from its beginning. Each missionary who makes application is asked if he believes this without any mental reservations. We are not "hard-shell" and we do not believe anything that leads to hardshellism, and no one connected with this mission is "hardshell" in doctrine. We believe that the gospel should be preached to every creature without exception and that no one will be saved who does not hear the gospel and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

MISSION SHEETS

Hafford H. Overbey, Editor

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Seven that made profession of faith at Japim and Colonia under the preaching of Bobby Creighton and Bruce Lunsford.