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Important . . . History . . . 33 Churches . . . Everyone Read This

By Hafford Overbay

We have just received a letter from a young preacher which says in part: "The work of Baptist Faith Missions is for the most part unknown in this area. There are, however, many preachers who are dissatisfied with the Southern Baptist Convention's program of mission work. Many of these pastors may well support the Baptist Faith Missions once they find out about it." He sent a list of sixteen for the mailing list to get the MISSION SHEETS.

BRIEF HISTORY OF BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS

Eric A. Nelson went to Belem, Brazil as an independent Baptist Missionary in 1891 (seventy three years ago). Belem is at the mouth of the Amazon River. After a few years in Belem he and his wife moved 1000 miles up the Amazon to Manaus. He was supported by Pastor H. Boyce Taylor and the First Baptist Church, Murray, Ky. This church bought him a launch. He was the only Baptist Missionary in the Amazon Valley for many years. Eric Nelson died in 1939 and was buried in Manaus, Brazil after 48 years as a missionary. He organized many churches and some lived and grew 30 years without a pastor. About 1920 H. Boyce Taylor visited Brother Nelson and the Amazon Valley to see the need. Because the Southern Baptist Convention would not at that time support work in the Amazon Valley, H. B. Taylor organized the old Amazon Valley Baptist Faith Missions and several missionaries were sent out. When Brother Taylor died in 1932 the AVBFM did not have one missionary. Joe Brandon who went out in 1923 had left the mission and was supported by a church in Paducah, Kentucky and later by the Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Kentucky with others helping. In 1941 the Benton Church gave up the work to support the Cooperative program. From 1923 to 1941 Joe Brandon had organized seven Baptist Churches of which five were persuaded to leave him and affiliate with the convention. Joe Brandon came home from Brazil in 1941 and after visiting in our home for many days on two occasions, and later with Z. E. Clark and me in Brother Clark's home, Joe Brandon entered into an agreement with myself and Z. E. Clark that he would return to Brazil and do mission work under the authority of the church in Cruzeiro do Sul of which he was a member. Z. E. Clark would act as treasurer and I would edit a paper with letters from him monthly. The agreement was that the work would be permanent or Z. E. Clark and I would not have anything to do with it. Joe Brandon went back to Brazil in 1942 with only two churches (out of the seven he had organized) with him.

In 1945 the work was named BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS and incorporated and directors elected, all on the authority of the churches of the Detroit River Association of Missionary Baptists. We began to edit a

mimeograph SHEET with letters from the missionary in January 1942 and mailed it to those interested. The work began to grow and by 1948 Joe Brandon had organized four more Baptist Churches in Brazil. About this time Joe Brandon contracted leprosy and was in the Leprosarium in Carville, La. for about four years. When H. Boyce Taylor died in 1932, the old Amazon Valley Baptist Faith Missions had about \$23,000.00 in the Mission Treasury. In 1935 R. P. Hallum went to Peru and was supported by the old AVBFM till the funds were used up in about 1946. The old AVBFM dissolved and R. P. Hallum entered into an agreement with Baptist Faith Missions and we then had a work in Peru. R. P. Hallum organized the First Baptist Church in Iquitos, Peru and came home because of poor health after 20 years as a missionary. Today we have two Missionary families to Peru: The Walter Lauermans and the Del Mayfields.

The Work continued to grow in Brazil and today Baptist Faith Missions has four missionary families to Brazil: The John Hatchers, The Harold Bratchers, The Bobby Creigloes and The George Beans. In addition, we also have about 20 native missionaries. Today there is a total of twenty-five churches in Brazil and eight in Peru making a grand total of 33 in all. Others have been organized but died out.

There is one grade school in Peru and several in Brazil, all carried on by local native churches. There is a High School and a Preacher's School in Manaus, Brazil under the authority of Tabernacle Baptist Church. Seven native preachers have graduated from the Preacher's School and about seventeen are now enrolled. The MISSION SHEETS has grown to the present size, and is mailed out to about 200 churches and to several hundred individuals. The circulation has grown from 30 to about 5200. This is a Baptist work, and a faith work, and all funds are used 100% for mission work. The Secretary and Treasurer of the mission serve without any pay from the mission offerings. Those who feel led of the Lord support it. No church or pastor is interfered with if they support it or do not support it. There is nothing to join or unjoin to support the work of BFM. All missionaries get the same salary to which they agree to, and all go out on faith and trust the Lord for their salary to be paid. All missionaries are ordained and sent out by the authority of a Baptist Church and all do their work under the authority of a Baptist Church. This is a very brief history of the work of Baptist Faith Missions. May the Lord lead many other churches to help in the support of the work. For more information write to BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS 975 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Michigan 48207. Make all checks payable to Baptist Faith Missions and send all offerings to: Z. E. Clark, P. O. Box 551, Evansville, Indiana 47703.



These are the founding members (not including the four smallest children) of the First Baptist Church of Anveres, Brazil. This is the last church organized to date and makes 25 in Brazil as of now. Picture by Harold Bratcher.



This is the People present at the organization of the new church at Anveres that Harold Bratcher wrote about in his September M.S. letter.

**Short Trip To Careiro With Large Crowds And Seven
 Professions . . . Seven Days Trip To Umatia With
 Eleven Professions . . . Back To Own Church With 106
 In S. S. And Souls Saved . . . Brother Newton Ordained
 . . . 17 In N. T. Class In Seminary**

By Harold Bratcher

Dear Brethren,
 Manaus, Amazonas
 October 19, 1964
 My Mission Sheet letter for this month will be almost exclusively about four subjects: (1) My week-end trip to Careiro, (2) My 7 day trip to Umatia, (3) The work at the 14th of December Baptist Church and (4) My teaching in the Seminary.

On Friday afternoon September 18th, I left Manaus with Deacon Antonio Eugenio de Nascimento. After traveling three hours on his boat we arrived in Careiro. For about 6 months now, a brother of our church, Manoel Santos Martins has been going there each week-end. Our church recently bought a small house which this brother repaired and has been using for services and a place to stay when he is there. We rejoiced when more than 100 people arrived for the first service Friday night. The deacon preached

and 7 people, mostly adults, made professions of faith. Saturday night I preached to over 100 people also. Sunday morning we had 48 present in Sunday School and Morning Worship. Sunday afternoon we held services in a home and Sunday night it was raining hard at church time but we still had 52 present. We left Careiro after services rejoicing in the Lord. I'm planning, as of now, to go back in January for 8 days of Bible school and revival. Pray for the work in Careiro.

On September 26th, I left Manaus at 6:30 A.M. by plane-destination-Umatia, a village of about 5,000 population southwest of Manaus and close to Porto Velho. After a four hour plane ride, I arrived. No one was there to meet me. I found the house of the pastor without any difficulty. The telegram telling of my arrival had not arrived. (While I was there I sent my wife a telegram advising of my safe arrival. More than a week after I had arrived home, my wife received the telegram.) Julian Bragas, 76, is the pastor of the small congregation there. Brother Bragas is a member of Salem Church in Manaus and received a small salary from our churches here in Manaus. There is no other non-catholic work of any kind in this

Correction

In the list of offerings for September, listed in the October MISSION SHEETS was an offering from "A FRIEND" in amount of \$100.00 that was left out of the printed list. The total was correct, but the typesetter failed to set this one line. We are sorry.

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**Trip To Colonia . . . Bible School At Mourapirango
 With Five Professions And Eight Baptized . . . Trip To
 Parana Dos Mouras . . . Churches Going About The
 Same . . . Cargo Not Received As Yet**

By B. D. Creiglow

Cruzeiro do Sul
 October 23, 1964
 Dear Brethren,
 In last month's letter I forgot to tell about two professions of faith. We held a service at the mouth of the Moa River just a few minutes above Cruzeiro do Sul. At the close of the service there was a man who is the son-in-law of one of the members of the church here. There have been several saved in this place from time to time, but they just don't seem to find their way to church on Sunday, so I took the time to explain to them the need of church attendance. As yet it doesn't seem to have done any good as none of them have appeared in services. One Sunday morning during Sunday School while I was teaching, there was a lady who stood outside listening and crying. She came in and sat through the preaching. On Monday morning she came to our houseboat and said she wanted to give herself to the Lord. I asked her if she realized she was a lost

sinner and she said yes. Then I asked her if she had understood the preaching of the day before and again she said yes. She has attended some since, but as to whether or not either of these are saved only they and the Lord know.

After one attempt to go to Colonia and returning because of a broken propeller, Mike and Sherman decided to make the trip in a small canoe by paddle. The first day they got just a little over half way and slept on the beach that night. They arrived the next day tired. They planned to go on to Barao so I told them to be back in Colonia by Sunday and that we would try to meet them there. On Thursday we left with a borrowed canoe and another motor and arrived there after seven hours to find that they had not gone to Barao. This was a

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Pastor Purification baptizing five into the Astoria, Peru Baptist Church on October 5, 1964. This church now has 23 members and a new building.



The new Astoria Peru Baptist Church building with a galvanized roof. Brother Lauerman writes: "The building is nice and has two small S.S. rooms in back. I have waited five years to see this building done and I thank the Lord."

Two New Church Buildings Finished On The Rivers . . . Iquitos Church Baptized Three, Excluded Seven, And Had A Record In Offerings . . . San Pedro Church About Dead . . . Classes For Preachers

By Walter Lauerman

Dear Brethren,
Iquitos, Peru
October 19, 1964
The Astoria and Hojeal churches now have their buildings done. They are to have services to honor the occasions. Astoria will have 3 days (October 23, 24, and 25) and Hojeal October 31 and November 1. Both churches will have baptisms at this time and both will observe the Lord's supper for the first time. Hojeal has two to baptize and Astoria has 3. These churches are expecting a great time in these days and we are too. The Iquitos Church has had a good month also with 3 baptized, a record offering, 7 excluded, and 1 profession of faith. I am sorry that the flash for my camera is broken and I was unable to get pictures of the baptisms here at night. San Antonio Church also did well this month with a little increase in all parts. Tamshiyacu lost a family but had a profession of faith. But we have to report the bad with the good, I guess. The San Pedro Church looks like it is no more a church. It is in a bad way. I went there to try to straighten out some of the mess but it seems to no avail. I am going again this month and I will have the final answer next month I hope. The Mapa Cocha Church has its troubles but is doing about the same. I hope it is that they are only going through a period of slump that passes

when a few repent. Pray for these churches as they struggle. All of the brethren (pastors) have made several trips here and there this month to other places. I am glad that they are going with desire to reach the lost sheep. What a privilege. I hope they grab this opportunity.

I have spent most of my time this month helping complete the Astoria and Hojeal churches. The rest was spent teaching the preachers, house service at Simon's house, Bible study class in the church here, typing lessons for classes, translating the lessons, visiting in Iquitos, working on my motor, and a few other things I cannot take time or space to name. I visited Sunday mornings twice each at Hojeal and Astoria. I hope soon to help more at Mapa Cocha. We pray that this Thanksgiving Conference at the Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church will be the best ever. May the Lord see fit that the preaching stirs hearts to give as never before, not only to meet present needs but the needs for the growth that should and will come. All our family sends greetings to the conference and our prayers will be with you more in these days of blessings.

Your's In Him,
Walter F. Lauerman

Our Trip To Boca do Acre

By John Hatcher

Manaus, Amazonas

October 1964

Dear Brethren,
Today, brother Elizario and I sat to eat lunch. On the table there were four small fish boiled in a spiced broth. All four would weigh less than one-half pound. There was a bowl of farinha and a jar of water. There were no vegetables, bread nor salad. "Not much", was the thought which came to me and then I remembered a meal that the Master prepared at the sea's edge. There was fish and honeycomb. My eyes looked upon the two little fishes that were to be my dinner and I thought "How wonderfully two little fishes plus Jesus can satisfy."

SALVATION CAME

It was about eight o'clock a.m. when the little girl with black curly hair came to the house where we were staying. Her visit was short, for her errand was to tell us that her mother wanted us to come to her house. In a few minutes we were on our way.

The house where she lived was about ten minutes away. Upon arriving it was easy

to recognize that we were expected. The little yard was swept and the front room of the house was cleaned and in order.

Being sickly and weak in her legs the lady did not rise from the box where she sat but she invited us to enter. Her little daughter was with her.

"I called you here" she began, "because I have come to believe what you preach is the truth and it is my desire to become a member of your religion. Last night as I listened to your sermon I realized that I was lost and needed to be saved."

She continued, "What has bothered me is that I have for many years had a devotion each week to OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP and I want to know if it is necessary for me to give it up to follow Christ."

Such a question for those who have been raised in a country where paganism has not had full control cannot realize the conflicts that arise in the lives of those accepting Christ as Saviour.

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A Long Trip Into The Far Interior . . . Some Revived . . . Five Baptized . . . Indian Tribe Hears The Word . . . Nine Students Of Seminary Spend Vacation In Preaching At Many Places . . . New Semester Starts At Seminary . . . Your Help Needed

By John Hatcher

Manaus, Amazonas

September 30, 1964

Dear Brethren,

The month of September was spent on a trip to the interior to a place called Monte Verde (Green Mountain). Leaving Manaus at 7:00 on the morning of September 3, we arrived at the air strip of a little city called Boca do Acre. The air strip is just that. It is a strip cut out of the wilderness and leveled off so that in dry weather the plane can land. During the high water and wet weather the plane lands on the river. There were three or four friends to meet us at the plane. These were the friends of Elizario da Silva, the young preacher with whom I was traveling. He had met them on the other two trips that he had made there. They helped us carry our baggage. After a thirty minute walk we came to the Purus River which we crossed to come to the city of Boca do Acre.

There is in the city of Boca do Acre an English Missionary who pastors the small Baptist Church which he organized some years ago. A lady who is a member of this church opened her home to us and there we stayed for three days. During the afternoons and evenings we visited and had services in a little community across the river called Terra Firme (Firm Land or High Ground). It is named this because during the high water season it is not covered by the water.

Arriving in Boca do Acre on Thursday we stayed there during three days and then by boat we went down river to the community called Monte Verde. This is about a two hour trip by canoe. At this time of the year the river is very low and the river is filled with dangerous logs and trees which protrude up from the waters. The sandy banks are filled with the plantings of beans, corn and watermelons. When the river lowers the people plant their crops in the sand and they produce before the water rises again.

From where the boat left us, we had about a twenty minute walk to the house where we were to stay during the next 17 days. Monte Verde is a pretty place. It is a plateau rising high above the river. Its fields are green and cattle, sheep, goats and pigs speckle them. Its beauty is marred only by the fact that the green grass is filled with chiggers. At night everyone sleeps under mosquito nets.

On the two previous journeys to this place many had made professions of faith. Being left alone to the wolves, however, they had grown cold and indifferent. After three or four nights of preaching and teaching they began to warm up and take an interest and before the stay was over many had shown a good growth in the Grace of our Lord. Many of the people have complicated marriage relations and cannot be baptized. This is the common result in every place where the Catholic Church had predominated. The description of her in seventeenth chapter of Revelation certainly fits well, for her people certainly live in immorality.

REMNANT OF INDIAN TRIBE

Close to Monte Verde is the remnant of an Indian Tribe where several made pro-

fessions of faith on the two previous trips. Strong drink is the failing of all the men during a holiday and being weak in the faith it seems that the holiday which we passed there was no exception to their drinking. During our stay we stressed the need for the children of God to separate themselves from such and no doubt the ones that are his will hear and take heed. Many of the older Indians still have on their arms the tribal markings. They do not like to mix with the other people. There were two from these people baptized. There is about 150 of the tribe that still live in this general area.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

The day before leaving Monte Verde I baptized three. One being a young man who is married and the father of three children. His wife has made a profession of faith and will probably be baptized on the next trip. The other two were two young girls, ages 11 and 13. So in all there were five baptisms. These were the first baptisms ever in this place. After three weeks we returned by plane to Manaus and rejoiced and lifted our hearts in thanksgiving to Almighty God that he had kept our loved ones in perfect peace.

NEW TRIMESTER

On Monday, the 5th of October, the last quarter of 1964 begins. During this month of vacation most of the students returned to their homes.

SEMINARY STUDENTS

BUSY DURING VACATION

At least nine of the seminary students were busy during the month's vacation. Atadeu dos Santos took care of all the services at the Chapada during my trip, a total of fifteen services. Raimundo Colares was in charge of a mission point of the Bethel Baptist Church. Oseias went on a trip to the Negro River and preached ten times. Elizario da Silva was with me on the trip and he preached about eight times. Antonio Barroso preached at all the services at the Zion Baptist Church in the absence of the pastor who is on a two month trip in the states of Maranhao and Pernambuco. Renato Levino preached at Barra Vermelho and Janaueca. Moses Lima preached at Barra Vermelho and helped in his own church. Jose da Silva preached at the church in Janaueca. Brother Bratcher was traveling the entire month as was I. These nine brethren, students who receive no salary whatsoever, preached during one month in more places and more times than one missionary could reach in six months. Pray for these brethren that God will supply their needs as they prepare their lives for the ministry. Many of these very brethren who were out preaching could not read or write when they came to school.

Brethren, we are ever mindful that we need your help. Pray for us, pray for the work here and pray for the brethren that are preaching the Gospel of His Grace.

In Him,

John A. Hatcher

A Trip To Arizona To Tell Of The Work Of Baptist Faith Missions . . . Revival Meeting In Springfield, Illinois

By Del Mayfield

Alton, Illinois

October 20, 1964

Dear Brethren,

This past month has passed so fast and we are assured more and more that Job knew what he was talking about when he said that a man who is born of woman is of few days and James when he said "Life is but a vapor." I am also reminded of a plaque in a home we were visiting that said, "Only one life will soon be past, and all that's done for Christ will last." May the Lord help us to be faithful and to rejoice in His blessings.

On Sunday, September 27th we were with the East Main Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill. where Brother Louis Maple is the pastor. We had a wonderful day, preaching at the morning service and also at the evening service. After the preaching we showed the slides of the work. We enjoyed the fellowship with the pastor and people.

On Monday night and Tuesday we were with Jordan Baptist Church, Portage, Ind. Brother Warren Wilkerson is the pastor. Monday night they had services at the church and I enjoyed preaching to them. Then Tuesday night they served supper at the Rec. Hall, and after the feast we showed the slides of the work. I'm sure we will never forget the good fellowship with Brother Wilkerson and his people. We were also invited back for their first service in their new building which they are now building, and we are hoping that we'll be able to do that.

On Friday night October 2nd, we had the privilege of visiting the 1st Baptist Church, Hereford, Texas as we were on the way to Tucson, Arizona. This was an exceptionally different service. They had so many Mexicans that they preached in Spanish and English. I had the opportunity of speaking in both languages to them. The

pastor told me that there were over 5,000 Spanish speaking people in that vicinity.

On Saturday, October 3rd, we arrived at Tucson, Arizona to be with the Bible Baptist Church. Brother Hillery Howell is the pastor. We enjoyed being in his home and also preaching in the church. Sunday night after preaching we showed the slides of the work. One of the other churches came Sunday night to be in our service. We also enjoyed visiting with Brother & Sister Stevens who were members at Pleasant Plains when I was pastor there. We rejoiced with them in their new building and for the blessing with which God has blessed them.

On Sunday October 4th, we began a Revival Meeting with East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield Illinois where Brother James Hicks is pastor. We were through there Sunday the 11th. We had a good time, and I believe the church was revived, even though we didn't see any visible results. It was good being with Brother Hicks and his church. Saturday afternoon there was a fellowship meeting at Pleasant Plains Baptist Church and we had a good time with Brother Merritt and the church there. The ladies of the church sure had a supper, and I believe that they all went to our service at the East Keys Baptist, Springfield, Illinois, after supper.

We ask you to pray for us as we continue to visit churches and tell of the great need that is before us. Looking forward to being with many of you and fellowshiping together. May the Lord bless you all.

We want to thank each church that we have visited, for the good times that we had together.

Yours by His Grace,

Del. Mayfield

Life In The Interior Of The Amazon Valley

By John Hatcher

Manaus, Amazonas

October 10, 1964

Dear Brethren,
That you might know how some of the other half live I want to write you a little about "Life in the Interior of the Amazon Valley."

The people of the interior of the great Amazon Basin have one consolation--they do not know how the other half of the world lives.

SETTLEMENTS

The people settle along the many rivers and streams, these being the only means of transportation. The land is owned, almost without exception, by some rich individual who allows the people to settle. The settler will build a little shack, and then clear a large piece of land to plant manioc, the basic food in the interior.

The living conditions are deplorable, as far as health is concerned. The dogs have full run of the house as do the chickens and pigs. This is not true in every place but in a great many, perhaps more than half. If the pigs do not enter the house they have full run of the yard, rooting up and leaving a constant filth for the little children to play in. Where the people are fortunate enough to have a cow the yard resembles the barnyard for they do not have any barns. During my three weeks trip into the interior I saw many cows but not one glass of milk. They let the calves have all of the milk while the children do without.

HOUSES

The houses are simple constructions. In some regions the ground serves as the floor while in others the houses are built on stilts. The reason for this being due to the rainy season which usually lasts for five months.

Most of the houses have two divisions, and some an open kitchen on the back of the house. Some have only a roof with one small room in the center which serves as a dressing room for all and as a bedroom for the mother and father and small children. The others sleep in the open part which resembles a large porch with a rail around it.

Hanging from the round pole rafters one sees a tent like affair with the ends of hammocks extending out on each end. These are held by ropes fastened to the heavy pole

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village of around 5,000. I found Umatia to be the most difficult place that I have found in Brazil to persuade the people to attend the services. I preached 7 nights. The largest number present was the first night with 25. The smallest was on the 6th night with 8 present. It started raining about 4 p.m. and was still raining hard at church time. However, two facts give us reason to rejoice and hope for the future. Practically all the lost people who did attend made professions of faith, 11 in all and almost every home that we visited, the people listened attentively to our personal witnessing. Likewise I want to go back again to Umatia and try again. Pray for the work there. Pastor Julian Bragas has hopes of building a church building in the future. We held all services in the open front room of his house. Saturday, October 3rd at 4:30 p.m. I arrived back in Manaus by plane and as always felt glad to get home and find the family well.

Sunday October 4th found me back in the pulpit again at the 14th of December Church after an absence of 5 Sundays and 6 weeks! The attendance was normal with 106 in Sunday School. The assistant pastor, Manuel Costa, did an excellent work in my absence. We rejoiced when two people made professions of faith at the close of my message.

Tuesday, October 6th I served as moderator and interrogator of the council which ordained Newton Vasconcelos Pessoa to the gospel ministry. Brother Hatcher brought the message. Brother Newton has been recently called as pastor of the newly organized Moriah Baptist Church here in Manaus. He has served for some several years as a missionary of Baptist Faith Missions, but this is the first time he had been called to be the pastor of a church.

Wednesday, October 7th was the first day for me to teach in the Seminary for this quarter. I now have 17 in my New Testament class.

October 13th--This morning I worked with the church clerk to bring our church roll to date.

October 18th--This morning we had 102 in Sunday School at 14th Church and 1 profession of faith after the morning message. Tonight, there were 93 present and two professions.

October 19th--I am sweating as I write this letter. Our youngest son, Stephen, is suffering today from a severe asthma attack. Thus we share with you some of our experiences here in the State of the Amazonas of Brazil. We need your prayers as we feel that our situation here is like that of Paul's when he wrote 1 Corinthians 16:9 "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

Harold Bratcher

(CORRECTION: In Brother Bratcher's letter in the October M.S. it stated that his uncle, Dr. L. M. Bratcher died in Brazil in 1963. This was a typographical error. It should have been 1953. We are sorry, H.H.O.)

which supports the rafters. The tent-like affair is a large mosquito net. During the day the net is slung disorderly over the hammocks so as not to drag on the floor and at night it is dropped down so that the people can sleep under it in peace, protected from the mosquitos, insects and bats.

Everything about the houses is of the most crude design. The front and back steps are made by placing two short poles at forty-five degree angles with the bottom ends sunk into the ground to prevent slipping. Notches are then cut with a machete (large knife) and then shorter pieces of poles are placed into the notches to form the steps. Sometimes these are nailed and sometimes fastened by winding vines, cut from the forests, around and around.

At times the more ambitious dwellers build a fence around their house but more often just around the small garden and I do mean small. Usually about 10 square yards. The fences are made by setting posts and then setting sticks about five feet long one next to the other and fastening them with vines.

FIXTURES

Perhaps some of the fixtures would be more interesting to hear about.

The kitchen sink is almost invariably three or four short boards nailed side by side and fastened on one end to the kitchen window and the other nailed to a support made of two small poles and a cross piece. It is here the fish are scaled and cleaned, the dishes washed, the rice cleaned and the food prepared. The water falls through the cracks of the boards and the garbage is scrapped over the side for the pigs, dogs and chickens to eat.

WASHING CLOTHES

This chore in the interior does not offer too big a problem since the number of pieces is small. Placing the clothes in a basin or large gourd the lady of the house or one of the girls carry them to the stream to be washed. Sometimes the stream is the river and other times it is a small spring or creek. At the water's edge there is usually a large board where the clothes are moistened and then soaped. After being well soaped they are either slung over the head to be slapped over and over on the board or they are beaten with a short board or stick.

The daily bath of the wash woman and children is also taken usually the same time the clothes are washed. The bath is taken

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typical trip in that we got caught in a cold rain. We stayed there through Sunday. The church there is rather cold spiritually and is down in attendance, but the drop in attendance is due to the fact that many have moved to Cruzeiro do Sul so that their children can go to high school. There were about forty-five in services.

The water came up some and we were able to get some gasoline, so we decided to go to the Parana do Mouras. We got about half way the first day, leaving just before noon. We stopped at Tres de Maio (Third of May) about dark. We went and asked about having services and were refused, so the first night was spent with no service. The next afternoon we stopped at the home of the father-in-law of Brother Sabastian for a few minutes before going on to the Parana where we held services in the home of the sister of Brother Sabastian who lives at Sao Benton. We held a total of three services there and went on the last day to visit the brethren of Barro do Jardim. I asked Brother Sabastian to make me a new canoe and to saw me some lumber that I was needing. He is now about a week overdue to come with the lumber and a canoe of his that he is bringing for me to use while he is making mine.

We arrived back in Cruzeiro do Sul on Saturday so that Sherman Smith could catch the plane back to Manaus on Monday.

The following Sunday morning we left early, going to Mourapitanga. After the morning services the family returned home and I stayed eight days, holding Bible school in the afternoon and preaching at night. During the Bible school I taught only three stories repeating them over and over. I find that this is better than trying to cover many stories. In Sunday School the last Sunday I asked ninety-one questions with the boys answering forty-seven and the girls forty-two. There were only two that they could not answer. There were five professions of faith with four of them in Bible school. After services Sunday morning I baptized these five along with three that had made professions of faith before.

As yet we have not received our cargo that we sent from Manaus before leaving there, but the agent here says that it all has been left just a few miles down river and that it should be here soon.

The churches here are going along about like they were when we left here over a year ago with about all of them having trouble and apparently in need of revival.

Our greatest need here is more God called preachers to pastor our churches and do mission work. Join us in prayer that God will send us some to labor in His harvest. All of the family at this time are in good health. The Lord, He is good. Pray for us.

In Him,

B. D. Creiglow

Sixteen Hour Boat Journey To Mira-Aua . . . Sixty In Prayer Meeting And Seventy One In The Preaching Service . . . Another Trip On The Amazon River . . . House Stoned . . . Eight Professions Of Faith On Island . . . Four More Professions On Sunday . . . Mosquitoes And Chiggers Have A Feast

By George Bean

Manaus, Amazonas, Brasil, S.A.

Dear Brethren, October 14, 1964

It seems strange to be getting mail from the States that it is getting cold there. It sure has been hot here this month.

Sundays that I spent in Manaus this month were with the Peniel Church. Wednesday, September 23 I preached at the Peniel Church also had a baptizing Sunday September 20. Sixteen people were baptized.

Wednesday, September 30, left Manaus Harbor at ten o'clock in the morning. The boat circled the harbor for about half an hour, and when it finished there were ten small house boats tied on behind the boat and so we started down the Negro River to the Amazon River. We were on this boat for sixteen hours. We arrived at the lower end of Lake Mira-Aua at 2:30 A.M. We spent the rest of the night in a boat that was tied up there. When it was daylight we rented the boat and went to the Church at Mira-Aua. We spent four days in the home of the pastor, Brother Ranulfo, despite the fact that the first day we were there his little girl drank some kerosene and was very ill. Lake Mira-Aua is the home place of Antonio Barrozo De Lima. He is a student in the seminary here in Manaus and I went to Mira-Aua with him. This is a beautiful place and the people seem so peaceful and they love the gospel. I asked Brother Antonio if it was like this before they had the gospel and he said that it was not. Not all the people that live there are saved and some of these lost people are enemies of the believers. The church at Mira-Aua has five services a week. On the Saturday we were there they had a prayer service with about 60 people there. Sunday morning I preached with 71 in the service. Sunday afternoon we went as far as you can go in a boat and then we walked about a mile to have services in a home where Brother Antonio preached. He is a good spirit filled preacher.

We left Mira-Aua a day earlier than had been planned. Brother Ranulfo's little girl was not any better from drinking the kerosene.

He rented a boat and took her to Manaus to the doctor. She is fine now.

Friday, October 9, I left Manaus with Moses Lima, a student in the seminary here and the son of Francisco Lima a worker for BFM in the Acre.

We went four hours from Manaus by boat to a point on the Amazon River, where a man that Moses knows lives with his family. There are about three hundred people living here.

Friday afternoon was spent visiting in the homes that are on the same side of the river as the house we stayed in. There was a service planned for Friday night. When the service started, not a person was there but, instead they threw rocks at the house.

Saturday was spent visiting on an island in the middle of the river and we planned a service for Saturday night. There were about 55 people there for the service. The song service had ended and Moses was about to preach when the woman that owned the house stood up and said that she did not want to have the service in her home, that she thought we were Catholic before we started the service. So we all left this house and there were two boys in the crowd who said we could have the service in their home. Moses preached and gave an invitation for sinners to come to Jesus and eight people made professions of faith, including the two boys who owned the house.

Sunday morning Moses preached and four more people made professions of faith. We spent the rest of the day waiting for a boat to pass by going to Manaus. At 6 o'clock Sunday evening a boat stopped, loaded with pineapple and alligator hides.

The smell was awful but nevertheless we arrived in Manaus at 10 o'clock tired, hungry and just about eaten up by mosquitoes and chiggers, a small red bug that has a big bite.

Pray for us here and we will remember you in our prayers.

George Bean

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Without delay she added, "However, if it is necessary for me to give it up I am willing to do so." (Our Lady is the one worshipped as the Virgin Mary.)

The scriptures were opened and we did our best to show the truth of God's Christ in contrast with the untruth of the Roman Church doctrine. Drinking in every word, God enlightened her understanding and opened her heart to the truth, and gladly she professed Jesus as her Saviour.

Then she asked, "Can I be baptized?" I am not married to the man with whom I live but he is the father of my child. He is married to another."

"I was an orphan", she continued, "and was mistreated in the homes where I was forced to stay. This man offered to take me as his wife even though we were not married. Afterward, I contacted the leprosy and had to go to the leprosarium until my case was arrested. During my absence, 'my man' was married to another. When I came home he came back to me."

Due to the fact that they could not be married by law it was necessary to show her clearly that baptism has nothing to do with salvation but due to the fact that she was not married to her "husband" she could not be baptized. The man with whom she lives is greatly interested in being saved also.

This is the most common problem which we find among those which trust the Lord. For you who cannot imagine such things, perhaps this seems terrible. Here it is a consolation to know that The God of All Grace has provided a perfect salvation that we can announce to such needy souls, who, as far as this life is concerned, are destroyed by sin.

Leaving that humble shack our hearts rejoiced in the Lord that He had saved such a needy creature. Her countenance and skin as well as her knotty fingers revealed the effect of the leprosy. These we could not cure. But the Gospel of Jesus Christ cured perfectly and eternally the leprosy of sin. In the resurrection her body will be glorified like that of our Lord Jesus. What a wonderful Saviour.

A LATER VISIT

Passing by this home a few days later one could not help but notice the empty places on the wall where the images had been removed to be destroyed.

Is it not a wonderful thing to have the opportunity to have a part in the spreading of the Gospel of the Mighty God? May we not be slack at the job.

John A. Hatcher

Remember your Special Thanksgiving Offering

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with the clothes on, that is of the women, and then the washed clothes are placed on the head and brought to the house to be spread out for drying.

The drinking water is usually taken from the same place that the clothes are washed. Most of the time the water for drinking is carried early in the morning before pigs and cows have a chance to mess up the water. The water is carried to the house in a five-gallon kerosene can and there it is placed in a large baked clay deposit holding about five to eight gallons. Nothing is known of bacteria or germs so little precaution is taken in the handling and drinking of the water. As a result many suffer from sickness and fevers.

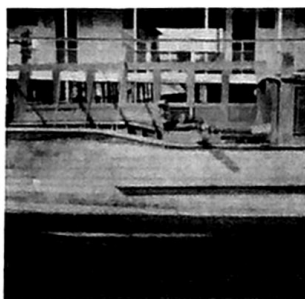
MORNING WASH-UP

When one awakes in the morning the man or woman of the house brings to the guest a tin cup (an empty milk can) or a glass full of water. This is for washing the face and brushing the teeth. One pours a little water in the right hand and lifts it quickly to wash the right side of the face and switching hands the same procedure is followed to wash the left side. A little is saved to dampen the hair. If one cup is not enough for washing the teeth also you can ask for another cup of water.

There is little to tell about bathroom facilities since the jungle is large. Baths are usually taken partially dressed otherwise it is necessary to take the bath before dawn or after dark.

This is all quite different from "back home" but nothing to compare to the difference the glory that was Christ's in heaven and what He suffered on the earth.

John A. Hatcher



Diesel engine setting on top of new launch at Manaus, Brazil, ready to be installed.



Sunday morning attendance at Acreiro, Brazil when Harold Bratcher was there. The man with the Bible raised on the right is the pastor of this mission.



Pastor Francisco Santiago baptizing four new members into the four hour old church at Anvers.



John Hatcher baptizing an Indian girl in the Purus River in the State of Acre, Brazil.



John Hatcher baptizing an Indian boy in the Purus River.



This is the house that pastor Julian Bragas built at Umatia. The open room in front serves as a meeting house for the mission.

As the Lord leads you, make all checks payable to **BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS** and mail all offerings to: **Z. E. CLARK, BOX 551, EVANSVILLE, INDIANA 47703.**



Pastor and Mrs. Julian Bragas in front of their house at Umatia where Harold Bratcher visited and held services and eleven professed faith.

Offerings for October 1964

Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	\$ 29.66
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. (Teachers)	15.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	35.26
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	9.39
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	16.79
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	35.70
Bentley Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	29.78
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Hazel, Ky.	15.60
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	71.22
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	123.31
New Hope Bapt. Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Teachers)	24.66
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	108.15
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Teachers by L. B. C.)	10.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.	42.49
Rupert Baptist Church, Rupert, W. Va.	5.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Creve Coeur, Ill.	15.00
Olmstead Baptist Church, Olmstead, Ky.	14.61
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	55.93
Flat Rock Baptist Church, Flat Rock, Mich.	13.62
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	82.11
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	26.75
Kirbyton Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	11.45
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	27.54
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	8.40
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. (Jr. Girls)	18.67
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. (Ladies Fellowship Class)	30.02
Camp Nelson Baptist Church, Nicholasville, Ky.	5.00
Randolph Street Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	100.00
Southside Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	94.61
Knotts Baptist Church, Orma, W. Va.	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	5.00
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	15.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	75.00
Beulah Heights Baptist Church, Eldorado, Ill.	5.00
White Oak Baptist Church, Booneville, Ky.	5.00
Valley View Baptist Church, Valley View, Ky.	6.38
South Irvine Baptist Church, South Irvine, Ky.	20.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	6.64
Logans Baptist Church, Nicholasville, Ky.	15.00
Battle Baptist Church, Mackville, Ky.	8.05
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	25.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	98.19
Burna Baptist Church, Burna, Ky.	7.15
Calvary Baptist Church, Clay, W. Va.	12.45
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	67.25
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky. (Primary S. S. Class)	5.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	50.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (School in Brazil)	12.00
Carr Baptist Church, York, Ky.	10.00
Faith Baptist Church, Genesee, Mich.	89.93
Faith Bapt. Church, Genesee, Mich. (Teachers L.B.C.)	15.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	35.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (For Teachers)	116.30
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	57.55
Cheney Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.	120.00
South Side Baptist Church, Rutledge, Tenn.	51.40

Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ky.	4.20
Rallysburg Baptist Church, Talcott, W. Va.	1.10
(By Youth Fellowship)	10.00
Berthel Baptist Church, Williams, Ind.	205.90
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	121.00
Members First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	71.86
Jordan Baptist Church, Portage, Ind.	10.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Ohio	10.00
Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Reese, N.C.	10.00
West Milton Baptist Church, W. Milton, Ohio (For School)	10.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	50.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	11.00
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky.	22.64
Elk Lick Baptist Church, Levi, Ky.	54.00
Peoples Baptist Church, East Alton, Ill.	12.16
Maple Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Clemens, Mich.	5.00
First Baptist Church, Hitchins, Ky.	25.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	14.90
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	39.35
First Baptist Church, Crete, Ill.	26.88
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	148.59
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	39.23
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	8.00
East Peoria Baptist Church, East Peoria, Ill.	6.20
Valley View Baptist Church, Valley View, Ky.	35.00
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	69.35
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	41.00
Mountain Dale Baptist Church, Reese, N.C.	50.00
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	30.00
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Glenville, W. Va. (By Cedar Creek & Rosedale Baptist Churches)	28.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Teachers)	3.72
West Side Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	5.00
Member of Myrtle Tree Baptist Church Everman Creek, Ky.	10.10
Ballards Baptist Church, Ayden, N.C.	17.79
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, 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.)	23.29
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	5.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio	41.59
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Villas, N.C.	8.87
Mud Creek Baptist Church, Amba, Ky.	39.96
Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	18.73
Morris Fork Baptist Church, Lawn, W. Va.	15.00
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va.	125.08
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	125.08
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Launch)	65.50
Morgan Avenue Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	22.07
Victory Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn.	2.00
W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	1.00
Blanch Bryan, Vanceburg, Ky.	30.00
Miss Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La.	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Anceal McKeen, Elizabethtown, Ky. (For School in Brazil)	5.00
J. E. Roberts, Irvine, Ky.	10.00
Ira Steele, Dayton, Ill.	21.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	22.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	21.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	39.00
Elder G. B. Trent, Williams, W. Va.	39.00
A Friend,	50.00
W. S. Land, Marion, Ky.	1.00
Mrs. Katie Buffin, Versailles, Ky.	10.00

Received in October for Teachers	\$ 282.96
Received in October for Launch Fund	175.08
Received in October for Regular Offerings	4,186.61
Received in October for All Purposes	4,644.65

RECEIVED OR TEACHERS FUND IN OCTOBER 1964

Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	\$ 15.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	24.66
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	10.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	12.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	116.30
West Milton Baptist Church, West Milton, Ohio	10.00
Faith Baptist Church, Genesee, Mich.	15.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ancil McKeen, Elizabethtown, Ky.	20.00
Mr. Katie Bubbin, Versailles, Ky.	10.00
Total Received for Teachers in October 1964	282.96

OFFERINGS RECEIVED FOR LAUNCH FUND IN OCTOBER 1964

Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	125.08
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
Total Received for Launch Fund in October 1964	175.08
Total Received for Launch Fund to Date	24,286.81
Cash in Launch Fund this Date	3,362.42

OFFERINGS FROM NEW CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS

Ira Steele, Dalton, Ill.	\$ 10.00
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