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## 37 Churches In Brazil And Peru . . .

### Coming Conferences

There are now three annual Missionary Conferences in the interest of Baptist Faith Missions. Here are the places and dates for 1966. Make your plans now to attend: Spring Missionary Conference, Lexington, Ky., April 4, 5 and 6, 1966; Labor Day Missionary Conference, Independence, Ky., September 5, 1966 and Thanksgiving Missionary Conference, Detroit, November 21 to 25, 1966. Also, there is an Annual Missionary Conference in the interest of missions in general at Clarksville, Tenn., August 23, 24, and 25, 1966.

### Land Transportation Fund

It was decided at the Annual BFM Directors meeting to start a "Land Transportation Fund" for the purpose of supplying a Jeep or car for the missionaries who need them to use. Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan has designated \$2500.00 for a Jeep for Brother George Bean to use as he does not travel on the rivers. Both John Hatcher and Harold Bratcher need a Jeep. We trust that the Lord will lay it on the hearts of several churches to give to this fund over and above what they now give. Mark your offering "Land Transportation Fund" and send in the usual way.

### Boat And Motor Fund

It was also decided to change the name of the "LAUNCH FUND" to "BOAT AND MOTOR FUND". This fund has been used to buy or build launches, houseboats, outboard motors and boats or canoes. They constantly wear out and have to be replaced the same as automobiles do and have to be constantly replaced. Two Churches, Bryan Station Baptist, Lexington, Kentucky and Grace Baptist Warren, Michigan, give to this fund regularly each month, and without this we could not keep the missionaries supplied with river transportation. May the Lord lead others to also give regularly to this fund.

### Thanksgiving Conference News

The Thanksgiving Conference was truly great. There were 75 Baptist Preachers in attendance by actual count. The speakers were at their best and heaven came down our souls to bless. Grace Baptist Church was a great host and gave over \$7,300.00 as a Thanksgiving offering to Baptist Faith Missions. Eleven States, Canada and Peru were represented. By actual count 155 people were bedded down and furnished free meals. There may have been others who stayed in the homes of relatives or friends that are not included in this number. The food was furnished and prepared by the women of Grace Baptist Church and by Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church. We are already preparing for the Conference next year. Make your plans now to attend.

### Bratcher Takes Mission Sheets Readers On Imaginary Trip Into The Interior, To The Cemetery And To A Street Revival

By Harold Bratcher

Dear Brethren,  
Manaus, Amazonas  
November 16, 1965  
It is a hot November afternoon here in Manaus. My wife has gone to a Women's meeting at the Zion Church. Asa Mark has gone to visit a little neighbor boy. Stephen is taking his afternoon nap and Joel has just woke up.

Just a few days after writing the October Mission Sheet letter, I left Manaus for some 8 days work with the Mission of the 14th of December Church at Amatori. I conducted a 6 day Vacation Bible School. We enrolled 68 and had an average attendance of 35. Brother Manuel Costa came on Monday night so from Wednesday until Saturday we divided our forces and held services in two different



Harold Bratcher

places each night. On Friday night I preached at the "Colonia" of Amatori, another little village about a half an hour on down the river, to an estimated 50. My heart was made to rejoice when the couple in front of whose house the was held, made a profession of faith. Saturday night we held a service across the river. Only a small number were present and a

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### Salaries Of All Missionaries Increased

Due to the terrible inflation, it has been necessary to increase the salaries of all the missionaries. They needed it badly. Now more offerings are needed. Remember that this is a faith work and we do not have any guarantee from any church that they will continue their support. Pray and increase your offerings, as the Lord leads. In the cablegrams of greetings to all the missionaries from the conference we mentioned the increase in salaries. Here is the reaction of George Bean as he received the Cablegram telling of the raise and new Jeep:

"I went to the Telegram Company to get the Telegram and when I opened it I started to cry in the Telegraph Office, then I started for home and came in the door with tears streaming down my face. I then handed my wife the Telegram and she was afraid to open it. I told her to open it that it had good news, and then she opened it and began to cry also. All I can say is that the Lord is good to us. The raise in salary is God-sent because at the end of each month we are down to the bottom of the barrel. This has been a good Thanksgiving Day for us. We give God all the praise. He is so good to us and we Love His Son so much for what He has done for us."

Some churches have already begun to save and give for the Thanksgiving offering next year. Come thou with us and we will do thee good. You cannot outgive God. Give it a try and see.

### The Dempsey Hendersons Plan To Leave For Brazil In July 1966

The Dempsey Hendersons had planned to leave for Brazil as new missionaries in January 1966, but the doctor found that Brother Henderson had a stomach ulcer. X-ray now shows that the ulcer is cleared up, but the doctor advised him to wait a few more months before going.

### Mission Work In Other Countries

For several years it has been our desire to have mission work in other countries besides Peru and Brazil. At the annual meeting Brother Eugene Clark asked all to pray that the Lord would open up other fields of mission work and call sound missionaries to go to them. We request every pastor and church to join us in prayer about this.

If you help to support the work of Baptist Faith Missions in Brazil and Peru, then here is a list of some of the things that your offerings have helped to make a reality! One Launch, Four Houseboats, many outboard motors and small boats, a house in Iquitos, Peru, the Church, Breezeway and Preacher's School Building in Manaus, Brazil and the equipment used by all the missionaries and 37 Churches organized and now doing business for their Lord. Many hundreds have been saved and baptized who have died and gone on to glory, waiting to meet us in Immanuel's Land one Fair Morning. Here is a list of the 37 churches and the names of their pastors.

Church	Pastor
1. Calvary, Manaus, Amazonas . . . . .	John Dias
2. Tabernacle, Manaus, Amazonas . . . . .	Francisco Santiago
3. Zion, Manaus, Amazonas . . . . .	Antonio Barosso
4. Bethel, Manaus, Amazonas . . . . .	Manuel de Aguiar
5. Salem, Manaus, Amazonas . . . . .	Manuel Sarmento
6. 14th of December, Manaus, Amazonas . . . . .	Harold Bratcher
7. Chapada, Manaus, Amazonas . . . . .	John Hatcher
8. Peniel, Manaus, Amazonas . . . . .	Julio Dantas
9. Moriah, Manaus, Amazonas . . . . .	Newton Vasconcelos
10. White Sand, Manaus . . . . .	Aanoel Alves dos Santos
11. Bairro Vermelho, Manaus . . . . .	Jose Francisco da Silva
12. Belo Jardim, Interior of Amazonas . . . . .	Argemero Leite
13. Terra Nova, Interior of Amazonas . . . . .	Manuel Costa
14. Mira Aua, Interior of Amazonas . . . . .	Ranulfo Tobar
15. Januaria, Interior of Amazonas . . . . .	Manuel Costa
16. First, Isle of Patience, Amazonas . . . . .	Anticir Rodrigues
17. Second, Isle of Patience . . . . .	Atadeu R. dos Santos
18. Memanso, Interior of Amazonas . . . . .	Manuel Costa
19. Anvares, Interior of Amazonas . . . . .	Argemero Leite
20. Codajaz, Interior of Amazonas . . . . .	Antonio Nascimento
21. Ourucuri, Interior of Amazonas . . . . .	
22. Petitorio, Interior of Maranhao . . . . .	Sostenes Melo
23. Faith, Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre . . . . .	Miguel Ibernorn
24. Mourapirango, Acre . . . . .	Miguel Ibernorn
25. Matai, Acre . . . . .	Jose Cardozo
26. Japiim, Acre . . . . .	Mario Araujo
27. Colonia, Acre . . . . .	Bobby Creiglow
28. Barao, Acre . . . . .	Francisco Lima
29. Parana dos Mouras, Acre . . . . .	Sebastian Astoshiao
30. Campo de Santana, Acre . . . . .	
31. First, Iquitos, Peru . . . . .	Jorge Macahuachi
32. Mapa Cocha, Peru . . . . .	Abraham Gaima
33. Astoria, Peru . . . . .	Purificacion Taricuarima
34. Hojeal, Peru . . . . .	
35. San Antonio, Peru . . . . .	Antonio Torres
36. Pucallpa, Peru . . . . .	Alberto Britto
37. San Francisco, Peru . . . . .	

All of these churches but four have pastors. Some of the pastors serve more than one church. There are perhaps as many or more Mission points as there are churches. Some of the Mission points will soon be organized into churches, the Lord willing.

### Pastor Earl Thomas And Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church Take The Lead In Starting The "Land Transportation Fund"

Dear Brother Overbey,

As we have previously discussed the needs for land transportation for certain of our missionaries, we are glad to know that the ground work has been laid for a Land Transportation Fund.

Our church has had a desire to do something towards helping Brother Bean to get the jeep he once wrote about needing so badly. Since our Church sent the Beans' under our authority, we feel it a privilege to help in establishing this new fund.

In a few days will follow a check from our Church towards this needed fund.

We sincerely hope that other churches will join us in this new undertaking.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor, Earl W. Thomas



Francisco Santiago, Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. He is 80 years old and going strong.



New Mission house of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. Pastor Santiago is standing in the door.

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Harold Bratcher baptizing Senhor Verdianodos Silva Arana at Amatori on Sunday October 24, 1965. Five more Baptists in this mission at Amatori.



Harold Bratcher with five that he has just baptized at Amatori. Amatori is on the Amazon River downriver from Manaus, Amazonas.



A group of children on the last day of Grade School in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.

## All Are Well Again . . . Hurried Trip To Save A Life . . . Trip Down River With 14 Professions

By B. D. Creiglow

Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre  
November 18, 1965

Dear Brethren,  
We got this past month started off in a big way with Mike and I both becoming ill. With me it was a small thing and within a few days I was up and going again, but with Mike it was another story. After several days feeling bad and turning yellow we thought it best to consult a doctor.



Bobby Creiglow

After diagnosing his illness as a liver infection came the prescribing of several kinds of medicines and two to three weeks of complete rest. The two to three weeks stretched into almost four weeks in which he could not even as much as walk from the beach to church. This was bad for me as I could not leave home for more than a day at a time, because the houseboat has been taking on some water and must be bailed every day. This along with the other errands that he always takes care of has kept me pretty well confined to Cruzeiro do Sul. During this time I have been taking care of the Sunday services here in Cruzeiro giving Brother Miguel an opportunity to go to Mourapiranga where he is pastor, also. Mike is still weak and has lost some weight, but other than that he is well once again.

One day while Betty and I were cleaning out the warehouse getting ready to take the speedboat out of the water to repaint it we looked out the door and saw the deacon of the church in Japiim coming on a horse. He told us that the wife of Brother Enos Ibernem, the assistant pastor of Colonia, had given birth to her first child and was dying. He handed me a letter giving all of her symptoms which we took to the doctor. The doctor prescribed three kinds of injections and said that she should be brought in for further treatment. The deacon's horse was very tired from the five hour hard trip and he knew he would not get back there until late that night. This, along with the fact that I was asked in the letter to take the medicine in the speedboat I decided to take it in spite of the fact the river was very low. It had rained very hard that day bringing the river up just enough that within three hours after the deacon arrived with the letter I delivered the medicine, only stopping long enough in the Moa River to take the motor and steering wheel off the boat to pass under a tree that had fallen across the river. When I arrived in Colonia, the injections were given to a patient who did not as much as feel the needle, because she was in a coma. After prayer service, plans were made for me to take them to Cruzeiro do Sul early the next morning. All went well the next day until we were about two thirds of the way to Cruzeiro. The motor began to jump out of gear and soon would not stay in gear at all above a slow idle. We stopped at the house of a government worker who has a pick-up truck and he took them on to Cruzeiro do Sul. After about five days of treatment they returned to Colonia, she having made good progress. They say it will be a long time before she will be back to normal and there will be about three days she never will remember. We have not heard from them since they returned to Colonia.

I had an invitation to go below Cruzeiro do Sul about an hour and a half to hold services last Sunday. With Mike just off the sick list we thought it best for him not to make the trip, so he and Betty stayed and went to church here while Brenda and I went. We arrived about nine, but it seemed that there was one family that could not get there until some time later. We waited and waited until about noon when at last they arrived making a total of about twenty-two including Brenda and I and another saved lady. I preached a message on salvation trying to make it as plain and simple as I could. At the close of the service I asked all that would put their trust in Jesus for their soul's salvation to stand up. To my pleasant surprise there were fourteen that stood up. I told them that they should present themselves to the church in Cruzeiro do Sul for baptism and then asked if any of them had any questions. I was asked to explain baptism, at which time I started the second sermon of

the day. After this, came a short message on the need of attending services regularly and tithing. After eating a late lunch we left then about three that afternoon. Just when we got in sight of Cruzeiro do Sul we ran into a downpour of rain to make it a perfect trip. It always rains when we have a good trip. They plan to get together at least two Sundays a month and come here to services. To do this they will have to leave there about dawn to get here in time for services. The Lord has set a new record with me. Just four years ago this week I was in Japiim and He saved five, which was the most I had ever had in one service up until that time and now four years later He gives me these. I hope He does not let this record stand four years.

In Christ,  
B. D. Creiglow

## A Report On Each Preacher Student In The Baptist Bible Seminary Of Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. This Will Thrill You

By John Hatcher

Manaus, Amazonas  
November 16, 1965

Dear Brethren,  
As these lines are written the thought comes to me that perhaps many are still remembering the Missionary Conference and the good eats and Thanksgiving turkey. May it also have pleased the Lord to fill your souls with a renewed zeal to reach more with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.

This has been a busy month for us and the Lord has blessed with health and strength.

### SEMINARY

There are sixteen students enrolled in the day classes of the Seminary and four in the night classes. From all appearances the classes have been some of the best since the beginning of the school. Even though you do not know them, I would like to acquaint you with the names and the work of each of the Seminary students.

- (1) Elizario da Silva-member of the 14th of December Baptist Church and has a work in the interior some 600 miles from Manaus. He travels there regularly during the vacation period of school.
- (2) Manoel Brito-came from the Acre, was a member of the Campo de Santana Baptist Church. He is 35 years old and has four children. He does not seem to have the gift to preach but has been greatly used here due to the fact that he takes charge of the Seminary dining room, the buying and preparing of food, etc.
- (3) Raul Vera-comes from the Boca do Acre, some 600 miles away. He was baptized by Brother Aguiar, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church. He teaches a class in his church and also preaches in open air services regularly. A good student.
- (4) Francisco Moreira and (5) Jose Francisco da Silva-These are father and son. Jose is the father. Jose came from Janauaca Baptist Church which is a work organized out of the 14th of December Baptist Church. Jose worked in a mission in Barro Vermelho, a suburb of Manaus. This is now an organized church and doing a good work. They also have a work in the interior. Francisco works with his father and plays the accordion. The son not only studies in the Bible School but is finishing his primary school this year and will enter high school next year.
- (6) Pedro da Silva-a single boy about 20 years of age. He came from the Mira-Aua Baptist Church and is now a member of the 14th of December Church. Pedro is finishing his primary studies this month and is studying in the Bible School. He is at present taking care of a mission of his church in the interior. When Pedro came three years ago he did not know how to read and write. Next year he will enter High School while he also studies in the Bible School.



John Hatcher

## The Mission At Sao Luis Growing . . . New Mission Point Opened Up 35 Miles In The Interior . . . Greatly In Need Of A Jeep

By George Bean

Caixa Postal 500  
Sao Luis, Maranhao  
November 15, 1965

Dearest Brethren,  
Greetings in the name of our dear Lord and Saviour. May His grace and love be over each one of the MS readers.

We have this to report this month. Sometime during the month one or all of us has had the flu, which left us weak and run down. Last week I went to the doctor with stomach trouble. He sent me to get X-rays taken and three other tests. When the results of the tests are completed, I will take them back to doctor so he can begin treat my ailment.

The Lord is blessing our work here in Sao Luis and it is growing. There is more interest shown every day. We



George Bean

give Him the praise for this. We still have services Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On Mondays I teach Brother Agostinho his classes. In our work we have had seven professions of faith this month. One was the wife and two children of Brother Agostinho. One was a nine year old girl that lives next door to our mission house who has not missed a service since we opened the building last June 20th. Last night a six year old girl made a profession of faith.

### OPENED NEW PREACHING POINT AT ARRAIAL

Tuesday October 19, Brother Agostinho and his two adopted sons and I went to Arraial to have a service. Arraial is located 35 miles south of Sao Luis and is located on the edge of the jungle on the Atlantic Sea coast. There is only one way to get there and that is to go down the Federal Highway 20 miles and then turn left on a one lane sandy dusty road for 15 miles. When you meet another car on the road you have to back up to find a spot wide enough for the two cars to pass. After traveling for one hour and fifteen minutes we arrived to find an interior village of about 700 people living there.

Brother Agostinho knew one man that lived there and when we arrived we found that this man was not home. We then told another man our mission. He said he was the owner of all the land there and that he had built a schoolhouse and that we were welcome to use the schoolhouse for services. He then sent a Coleman lantern for us to use, and also sent boys in every direction to tell the people that we were going to have a service. In 30 minutes 30 people came to the first preaching of the Gospel, as far as I know in Arraial.

Saturday October 23, we returned and had our second service in the same schoolhouse, with 30 people attending.

Saturday October 30 we went back to Arraial and spent most of the day. We visited in every home and that night about 75 were present for services. The jeep that took us there returned at 11:30 pm to bring us back to Sao Luis (he was supposed to arrive at 8 pm) I arrived home 2:30 am, covered with dust.

Saturday November 6, my wife June, Cathy, and Mary Ellen, our daughters, made the trip to Arraial and we had services again. I am thankful for my faithful wife and children. I was especially thankful that she was able to make this trip. This was the first opportunity she had to go into the interior for services. On the trip back the jeep drowned out in a creek and we had to push it out to start it as the battery was weak and the driver soon ran it down trying to start the motor. Only one thing to do and that was everybody out and wade to the bank and then try to push the jeep out of the sandy creek. We soon found this was impossible to do, as it was in the sand. Brother Agostinho got two natives to help push the jeep out. I looked back and my wife was pushing the jeep also. Soon we had it started and on our way home.

There is one believer in Arraial. We are waiting for the Lord to save some of these folks. They are dirt poor and often have all the clothes they own on their backs. There houses are built on another man's land and he gives them permission to build them out of poles that they get in the jungle. They are still poorer, for in all of this, they are lost and ignorant of God's word and righteousness. Pray for us as the Lord has opened this door unto us that we may remain faithful unto Him that called us unto the marvelous light of the Lord Jesus Christ. We would like you to think of a burden that we have on our heart. It is about a jeep. It is a constant battle to arrange transportation to go into these places that do not have any kind of public transportation. I have to argue and bicker with the drivers about a price and I never know when I get back whether he is going to charge me more or not. It would be much better if we had our own transportation so we could arrange our trips with more time to do personal work. There are hundreds of places like Arraial. The need is great! Give, and think about this as the Lord leads.

Yours In His Service,

George Bean

These are the preachers enrolled. Four young ladies are enrolled and all are teachers in our grade school or high school. It is worthy to note that the majority of our preachers are coming out of the interior and that perhaps the most of them are coming from our newest works. So we praise the Lord for these blessings. Out of the 14 preacher boys there are 10 who are actively engaged in the work of the gospel, that is, with a work of their own and are being supported by their own churches or personally with the exception of two. So by this you brethren will rejoice in the fact that there is a desire on the part of some, if not many, to

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Sunday Morning, October 24, 1965 all seated inside the building ready to hear Harold Bratcher tell them about the Blood of Jesus Christ that washes white as snow. The building is air conditioned but the pews are not cushioned according to Brother Bratcher. The dog slept through the sermon.

## Church Building In Pucallpa Nearing Completion . . . Light Plant Needed . . . Leaving On Trip Downriver In Houseboat

By Del Mayfield

Pucallpa, Peru, S.A.

Apartado 166

November 18, 1965

Dear Brethren,  
I'm writing a few days early this month as we're leaving tomorrow for downriver. We had planned to go last week, but were unable to leave because the river went down to about the bottom. But the rains the last few days have raised it about to the top. We hope to visit several of the mission points as we'll not be able to visit them all this trip. We're very anxious to see the people, and I'm sure they'll be very happy to see us. Remember the people when you pray and also us that the Lord will give us safe trips from time to time. We rejoice in the good health that the Lord has granted unto us both.



Del Mayfield

Now for the news of the work. We have the building well on its way. The roof is done, with the exception of the trim work. It is all plastered. Now for the floor and ceiling. Then the painting and trim work. We're hoping to be in the building before the first of the year. Of course this will depend on the funds that come in. I'd like to mention this as someone might like to make this a mission project for his church. We are going to need a light plant for lights for the building. We thought the city would have lights out that far by the time we get finished, but only a few streets now have lights as their motor is very small. We have a small light plant that Brother Gormley and the folks at Bryan Station Church gave us while we were home, but it is too small for the church, and our home. We need a diesel motor and not less than a 3,000 watt generator. The small light plant has been a blessing as it only weighs a few pounds and is very easy to carry up and down the banks of the river for services. Pray with us about the need and then do as the Lord would lead you to do. We sure appreciate those who have helped and made possible the building here, and also our being here where the

Lord has called us and continues to bless us. I am reminded of Brother Hatcher's letter a few month's past as he spoke of those that stay with the STUFF, and mentioned the STUFF as being your continued prayer support, and what God has deposited to each one whether on the battlefield or staying with the STUFF, to be faithful that we may equally share the reward. How true it is, and that one day we'll rejoice together.

The Lord continues to bless the work at San Francisco. There was one lady saved this month. One that we thought was saved, at least she said she was when she came to our church a few months ago. She had asked for baptism, but she and her husband had to get legally married. Now we're looking forward to baptizing her as soon as they get all the needed papers for the marriage. The crowds have been very good now that the measles and other sicknesses have gone. We did something this month that we've never done before. We had studied for several weeks on the subject of baptism and the ordinances of the church. So Sunday morning after much work preparing an examination paper I gave all the young people and the adults an examination. There was one lady with a perfect score, and four others that only missed one out of 20 questions. For the most part everyone did very well. I may just do that again some time. At least I know some of the teaching got through to them and we're very happy about it. We have grown to love the people there, and are going to miss being with them every Sunday after the building is done here. Pray for them that the Lord will raise up a pastor for them. Brother Lucho Recoba has been doing some of the preaching, and is very good. He is also our church Treas. and a good one. How we thank God for leading us to this place where He has blessed and we've enjoyed His blessings. For all who make our ministry possible here we'd like to say THANKS. And may the Lord bless you all.

Yours by His grace,  
Del. Mayfield

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splitting headache bothered me during my message but the Lord blessed and a man and his wife made professions of faith. Sunday morning, there were 27 present in Sunday School and Brother Costa preached. Sunday afternoon we returned to Colonia and then walked some 45 minutes, crossed a small lake and held a service in a man's house and then I had the happy experience of burying five in baptism. We then returned to the home at "Costa de Sao Jose de Amatori" where we had held services and Bible School since the previous Sunday. I preached the last sermon. I preached an extra 15 or 20 minutes besides the usual 30 minutes due to the fact that just as I was ready to begin, Brother Costa whispered to me saying, "There are several 'Jehovah's Witnesses' present." We left after services, about 10:00 p.m. but didn't arrive in Manaus until Monday night at about 8:30. I found the family all well. They had been expecting me since noon.

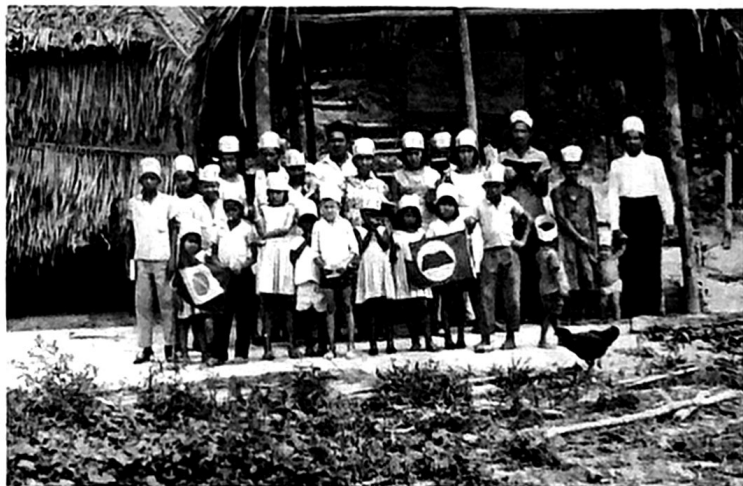
If you, dear reader of the "Mission Sheets" had arrived on November 1st to visit with us here in Manaus, on November 2nd I would have invited you to go with me to visit one of the cemeteries here in Manaus. It is the Saint John Baptist Cemetery. As we would enter the main gate, you would be wondering why so many people are entering with us and why so many candles are burning on the graves and even where there are no graves. The candles are burning and prayers are being said throughout the cemetery in favor of the dead. It is the "Day of the Dead." In the chapel of the cemetery, a priest is saying Mass. Let us move on. We make our way slowly through the crowd until we come to a tomb where

many people are lighting candles. It is the tomb of a "saint" who, it is commonly believed has power to heal. Let us turn right at the "saint's" tomb and walk until we find a grave marked not by a cross but by an open Bible. It is the tomb of E. A. Nelson, pioneer Baptist Missionary to the Amazon. There we hold a service. Hymns are sung and the gospel is proclaimed. Many people are hearing the Word preached. At the close of the service, gospels of John are offered to everyone who wants a copy. Many are thus given out. We would thus make our way very slowly through the crowd until once again we are on the outside of the cemetery.

On the 5th of November I would have taken you with me to the School to sit in on my Old Testament class. However, just after arriving, I am informed of the death the day before of one of our members of the 14th of December Church. He was killed instantly while riding on a tractor at work. Let us hasten there because he will be buried at 9:00 A.M. Arriving there, we find much sorrow and sadness. He is a young man about 22 years of age. I ask and receive permission of the family (he was the only believer in the family) to conduct a short service. Let us all pray for the salvation of the mother and the rest of the family.

Another sadness in the life of our church was the necessity to exclude a young man who has been a soldier for some months. He was caught taking money from an Army safe. Pray with me for his return and reconciliation with the church.

Rejoice with me! After wiring the church some two years ago in hope of the electric system being extended to our part of the city, the church now has electric lights!



One day of the Bible School by Harold Bratcher at Amatori. These heard the word of God taught daily for over a week. When we get to heaven we may meet some of these. One chicken came to school.



School is out. These are some of the children that came the last day of the Grade School to get their report cards.

## Churches Visited . . . Three Children Had Tonsils Out . . . News From Churches In Peru

By Walter Lauerman

November 17, 1965

Dear Brethren,

By the time you read this, the missionary conference in Detroit will be history. We are praying that it will be the best ever. We are praying that enough money will come in so that the building for the Mayfields in Pucallpa could be finished.

On October 23rd and 24th we were with the Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va., Sidney Fisher, pastor. October 31st in Bentley Memorial Church, Lexington, Ky., Robert Gowdy, pastor. On November 3rd at Fellowship Church, Lexington, Ky., Bill Hundly, pastor. On Nov. 7 through 11th, First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky., Warren Redding, pastor. On Nov. 13th and 14th at Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio, Paul Kirkman, pastor. We sure appreciate the hospitality that these churches have shown to us and only in eternity will tell how much. The fellowship was wonderful and every day I am getting a better glimpse of what heaven will be like.



Walter Lauerman

Our three youngest daughters, Deborah, Mary and Kathy have recovered real well

And now, dear reader, I want you to attend 6 services with me. It is Monday night, November 8th. We are in front of a house almost at the corner of Maues Street and Codjas. Several people gather around and listen as I preach from 1 Timothy 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." The young man in front of whose house the service is being held, yesterday had to bury his first born son who died at birth. He is a faithful member of our church-his wife also. Tuesday night not far away on J. Carlos Antoni Street, you would have heard my message from 1 Timothy 4:8 "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." And thus on through the week. We called it a revival. It was an open-air revival held in different places all in a section some little distance from the church. We did not immediately reap a great harvest but Friday night at 989 Maues Street, a man, 34 years old, made a profession. Sunday he attended the services at the church and presented himself as a candidate for baptism.

Thus, in imagination, you have visited our work here in Manaus and one place in the vast interior of the State of the Amazonas. Remember us when you pray.

Yours In His Service,  
Harold Bratcher

from their tonsillectomies. Kathy, the baby, had a little set-back but is real fine now. Our son, Paul, also was very sick several days with a virus pneumonia. We thank the Lord for all of His blessings. Maybe by the time we go back to Peru everyone will be in good shape again. Here is a brief report of the important things taken from the reports I received from the Peruvian brethren this month: Antonio Torres reports about 35 in attendance and one profession of faith, mission points Huanana with a 50 average, Orellana, 20. Purificacion Taricuarima pastor of Astoria reports about 50 in attendance and one profession of faith there. He went again to the Itaya River and had good crowds. Their mission inland from Astoria reports 35 in attendance and much interest. Abram Gaima, pastor at Mapa Cocha, still only about 20 in attendance. This church continues to stay at a low ebb but they have one now for baptism and we hope that it will become real. As we say when we show the slides in the churches, we hope you appreciate the baptism of the adults as it is such a problem to know how to settle their marital status in order that they be fit for membership in a church. Marcial Macahuachi, worker in Tamshiyacu mission, had a good month. This is the work that we speak of when visiting the churches that are soon to be organized. They had three days special services and Jorge Macahuachi, pastor in Iquitos did the preaching. There was one profession of faith and one baptized. They had real good attendance, Jorge said, so maybe soon they can organize, the Lord willing. Brother Jorge in Iquitos reports the attendance is down somewhat and this attendance drop is through the children not coming. Jorge in his Monday night class is now teaching the teachers of the Sunday school classes. Besides preaching three days in Tamshiyacu as mentioned above, Jorge preached twice at the Hojeal Church. Brother Jorge had to row back from Tamshiyacu to Iquitos as the motor on the boat broke down. Tamshiyacu is quite some distance from Iquitos and he had his complete family with him in a little canoe. We love Jorge for his work there in our absence and also his growth in the knowledge of the scriptures and his seemingly great desire to be a real servant of the Lord. The Hojeal Church is still growing, it seems. The attendance averaged over 50 this month. There is nothing new on the priest trying to take the land.

We thank all of you for your prayers and interest for the mission work. May God bless all.

Yours in Christ,  
Walter F. Lauerman

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assume their responsibilities. Brethren, we are trying to teach by word and example.

Pray for this ministry of teaching the Word of God, and the confirmation of the churches in the truth.

In Him,  
John A. Hatcher



Sunday morning, October 17, 1965 at Amatori. This place is a mission on the Amazon River between the mouth of the Preto River and the mouth of the Urubu River. Picture by Harold Bratcher.



Sunday morning, October 24, 1965 at Amatori where Harold Bratcher preached at night and held Bible School in the daytime. The Lord willing, a church will be here someday.

## Offerings For November 1965

Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va.	
(Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	\$ 20.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Shock, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	20.00
Morris Fork Baptist Church, Lawn, W. Va.	5.65
White Oak Baptist Church, Booneville, Ky.	5.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, (L.B.C.) (Teachers, Peru)	15.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	88.79
Olmstead Baptist Church, Olmstead, Ky.	38.84
Carinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	90.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	42.28
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	54.32
New Testament Baptist Church, South Irvine, Ky.	10.89
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	39.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	12.26
Rollysburg Baptist Church, Talcott, W. Va.	10.00
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va.	15.00
Riverside Baptist Church, Richmond, W. Va.	15.00
Riverside Baptist Church, Richmond, W. Va. (Thanksgiving Offering)	588.00
Flat Rock Baptist Church, Flat Rock, Mich.	17.20
Jordan Baptist Church, Portage, Ind.	58.62
Jordan Baptist Church, Portage Ind. (Thanks. Offering)	100.58
West Avenue Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio	10.00
Cheney Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.	109.95
Faith Baptist Mission, Frankfort, Mich.	10.00
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	22.55
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill. (Thanksgiving Offering)	58.84
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	31.20
New Testament Baptist Church, Creve Coeur, Ill.	26.26
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	40.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio (Station Wagon)	10.00
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	22.37
Bentley Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	85.00
Maple Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Clemens, Mich.	19.93
Randolph Street Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	100.00
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	25.00
Knotts Baptist Church, Orma, W. Va.	5.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	39.17
Rupert Baptist Church, Rupert, W. Va.	10.00
Algonac Baptist Church, Algonac, Mich.	16.56
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	8.80
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, Ohio	50.00
Victory Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn.	45.47
Carr Baptist Church, York, Ky.	10.00
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	50.00
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	100.00
Camp Nelson Baptist Church, Nicholasville, Ky.	5.00
Kirbyton Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	12.99
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	165.05
Elk Lick Baptist Church, Levi, Ky.	36.91
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	10.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	9.30
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. (Bible Learners Class)	5.26
Lodona Baptist Church, Nicholasville, Ky.	17.45
Hilltop Bible Baptist Church, Cairo, Ga.	200.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	43.67
Northside Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	80.60
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	50.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers Salary)	20.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Station Wagon)	15.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Building Church in Peru)	25.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Thanksgiving Offering Building in Peru)	300.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Cloy, W. Va.	14.90
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla. (Bibles for Brother Creiglow)	5.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio	67.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio	49.70
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	8.04
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	20.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	197.16
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (L.B.C. Teachers in Brazil)	10.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	125.00
Fellowship Baptist Youth, Lexington, Ky.	10.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Thanksgiving Offering)	204.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	25.00
Upper Steer Baptist Church, Normantown, W. Va. (Teachers in Brazil)	5.00
Beulah Heights Baptist Mission, Eldorado, Ill.	5.00
Baptist Fellowship Hour, Grayson, Ky.	50.00
First Baptist Church, Mitchins, Ky.	10.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	16.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	35.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (Thanksgiving Offering for Building in Peru)	400.00
Oak Vale Baptist Church, Danes, W. Va.	5.00
Southside Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	48.23
Little Sewell Baptist Church, Rainsville, W. Va.	30.00
Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	10.00
Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	18.23
First Baptist Church, Independence, Ky.	100.00
Chicago Street Baptist Church, East Peoria, Ill.	18.48

Chicago Street Baptist Church, East Peoria, Ill. (Thanksgiving Offering Childrens class for Preachers School in Manaus)	200.00
Missionary Baptist Church, Gallagher, W. Va.	63.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, Ky.	5.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Williams, Ind.	13.65
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky.	10.00
Peoples Baptist Church, East Alton, Ill.	54.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Ohio	45.00
Lagrange Baptist Church, Titusville, Fla.	15.94
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, Ky.	20.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	13.16
Faith Baptist Church, Genesee, Mich.	32.23
Faith Baptist Church, Genesee, Mich. (Thanksgiving Offering)	805.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	25.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich. (Thanksgiving Offering)	61.00
Salem Baptist Church, Willow Hill, Ill.	5.00
Salem Baptist Church, Willow Hill, Ill. (Thanksgiving Offering)	153.63
Faith Baptist Church, Waseon, Ohio (Thanksgiving Offering)	49.00
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. (Thanksgiving Offering)	65.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. (Thanksgiving Offering)	200.00
New Hope Bapt. Church, Flint, Mich. (Thanks. Off.)	200.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Thanksgiving Offering)	1,770.00
First Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio (Thanksgiving Offering)	50.00
Interlakes Baptist Church, Walled Lake, Mich. (Thanksgiving Offering)	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Rushville, N.Y. (Thanksgiving Offering)	50.00
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky. (Thanksgiving Offering)	100.00
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	50.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pinebluff, Ark.	50.00
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	16.18
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	34.03
South Irvine Baptist Church, South Irvine, Ky.	42.50
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	44.61
Valley View Baptist Church, Valley View, Ky.	6.50
Ballard Road Baptist Church, Ayden, N.C.	9.00
Myrtle Tree Baptist Church, Everman Creek, Ky.	22.25
Faith Baptist Church, Waseon, Ohio	20.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio	10.00
Kemp Road Bapt. Church, Dayton, Ohio (Teachers)	16.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	271.32
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	55.75
Members First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	95.00
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Vilos, N.C.	42.75
First Baptist Church, Crete, Ill.	63.91
Morgan Avenue Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind. (Thanksgiving Offering) (80.00 of this given by L.B.C.)	588.52
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	400.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Launch)	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (L.B.C.)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (L.B.C.) (Teachers in Peru)	20.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Thanksgiving Offering) (\$387.97 of this given by B.Y.P.U.) (\$2,500.00 of this designated for Jeep for George Bean to use)	7,336.66
Grace Baptist Church, (Thanks. Conf. for Cablegrams)	95.25
Grace Baptist Church, (Thanks. Conf. for Stove and Refrigerator for Walter Lauerman)	600.00
George Robins, Port Norris, N.J. (For Refrigerator and Stove for Walter Lauerman)	100.00
Blackburn Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	5.00
First Baptist Church, Niles, Ill. (Thanks. Offering)	25.03
Southside Baptist Church, Rutledge, Tenn.	93.14
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	59.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Teachers in Brazil)	50.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Thanksgiving Offering) (\$1,000.00 of this designated for Building in Manaus, Brazil)	2,361.36
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	126.25
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Launch)	126.25
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Thanksgiving Offering) (\$285.50 of this designated for Building in Peru)	1,752.16
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	182.50
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Teachers in Brazil)	36.50
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (\$100.00 of this given by Young People)	1,600.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	38.80
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	15.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. (Thanksgiving Offering for Building in Peru)	1,010.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.	75.46
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va. (Thanksgiving Offering) (Designated for Building in Peru)	746.61
Calvary Baptist Church, Pewee Valley, Ky.	10.00
W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Ky.	2.00
Miss Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La.	30.00

Mrs. J. M. Taylor, Wingo, Ky.	15.00
Leonard M. Williams, Baltimore, Md.	10.00
Mrs. Blanch Bryan, Vanceburg, Ky.	2.00
Elder G. B. Trent, Williamson, W. Va.	40.00
Elder G. B. Trent, Williamson, W. Va.	40.00
Kenneth Mauney, Ducas, Ark. (Mission Sheets)	1.50
Tim Sims, Carabara, N.C.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	45.50
Mr. & Mrs. William H. Allison, Lexington, Ky.	25.00
A Friend, Mr. Morris, Mich. (Building Fund, Mayfield, Thanksgiving Offering)	500.00
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond May, Grundy, Va.	56.25

Received in November for Teachers in Peru	35.00
Received in November for Teachers in Brazil	168.50
Received in November for Bibles for Creiglow	5.00
Received in November for Station Wagon	25.00
Received in November for Boat and Motor Fund	176.25
Received in November for Building Fund in Brazil	1,561.36
Received in November for Building Fund in Peru	3,767.11
Received in November for Regular Offerings	22,188.43
Received in November for all Purposes	27,926.65

### OFFERINGS FROM NEW CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS IN NOVEMBER, 1965

Hilltop Baptist Church, Cairo, Ga.	\$ 200.00
Baptist Fellowship Hour, Grayson, Ky.	50.00
Upper Steer Run Baptist Church, Normantown, W. Va.	5.00
First Baptist Chapel, Niles, Ill.	25.03
Interlakes Baptist Church, Walled Lake, Mich.	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Rushville, N.Y.	50.00
Tim Sims, Caribora, N.C.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. H. Allison, Lexington, Ky.	25.00
A Friend, Mr. Morris, Mich.	500.00

### OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS FUND IN PERU, NOVEMBER 1965

Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	\$ 15.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	20.00
Total Received in November for Teachers in Peru	35.00
Cash on Hand in this Fund this Date	302.26

### OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS FUND IN BRAZIL, NOV., 1965

New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	\$ 36.50
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	15.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	20.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	10.00
Upper Steer Run Baptist Church, Normantown, W. Va.	5.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	16.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio	16.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
Total Received in November for Teachers in Brazil	168.50
Cash on Hand in this Fund this Date	722.89

### OFFERINGS FOR BIBLES FOR BOBBY CREIGLOW IN NOVEMBER, 1965

Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	\$ 5.00
Cash on Hand in this Fund this Date	62.85

### OFFERINGS FOR STATION WAGON FUND IN NOVEMBER, 1965

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 15.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	10.00
Total Received in November for Station Wagon Fund	25.00
Deficit in Station Wagon Fund this Date	89.95

### OFFERINGS FOR BOAT AND MOTOR FUND IN NOVEMBER 1965 (Formerly called Launch Fund)

Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	\$ 50.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	126.25
Total Received in November for Boat and Motor Fund	176.25
Cash on Hand in this Fund this Date	2,899.98

### OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING FUND IN BRAZIL NOVEMBER 1965

Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	\$ 1,361.36
Chicago Street Baptist Church, East Peoria, Ill.	200.00
Total Received in November for Building Fund in Brazil	1,561.36
Cash on Hand in this Fund this Date	9,358.50

### OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING FUND IN PERU NOVEMBER, 1965

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 325.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	285.50
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.	746.61
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	400.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	1,000.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	1,010.00
Total Received in November for Building Fund in Peru	3,767.11