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NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, Sao Luis, Maranhao, Brazil. Part of the charter members of the new church organized by George Bean. The little boy on the right is not a member.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Pesqueira, Pernambuco, Brazil. This is our first church in their state and the only Baptist Church in this city of 42,000 people. Pray for it.



Pastor Marcial Macahuachi on the right ready to baptize five at Tamshiyacu, Peru before organizing the church there. This is on the Amazon River upriver from Iquitos where the Lauermans live.



Visitors from several other churches that came to the organizing of the new church at Tamshiyacu, Peru. The work here has been hard and a long continuous work.



Crowd that attended the revival meeting at Tamshiyacu, Peru before the organizing of the new church here. A group of happy Baptists. You sent the gospel to them.

21 Days Journey . . . Many Saved . . . Two Churches Organized . . . Diary of Journey Day By Day

By Harold Bratcher

Caixa Postal 227
 Manaus, Amazonas
 Brazil, S.A.

Dear Brethren: April 16, 1966

I didn't get back home from my trip to Northeast Brazil until day before yesterday. Yesterday was pay day for the Brazilian missionaries so I am behind in everything. This afternoon one of the Seminary students is marrying but I decided not to go so I could get this Mission Sheet letter written. This morning I prepared for the services at the 14th of December church tomorrow. The Lord willing I'll be back in the pulpit tomorrow after being absent three Sundays. The church started the construction of an annex to serve for Sunday School rooms. Pray that the Lord will bless and guide in all. Let's return now to the 18th of March



Harold Bratcher

and then slowly return to the 14th of April, the day I returned home.

Friday, March 18th-I preached in an open air meeting tonight-Good attendance. Saturday, March 19th-Stephen went with me in the rain and we made several visits. Arrived home at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 20th-138 in Sunday School. One profession of faith. This afternoon accompanied by ten members, visited and preached in a hospital to some 10 patients. This hospital is where the most hopeless are sent. Very few (so I was told) leave this hospital alive. We presented eternal life to them and when I gave the invitation one poor sick man, sitting on his bed, raised his hand to indicate that he was accepting Christ as Saviour. Tonight I preached to 85. One little girl made a profession.

Monday, March 21st. I took Marie (my wife to the doctor. She has been suffering with a headache and feeling weak. The

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Organizes His First Church In Brazil . . . Mrs. Bean Recuperating After Surgery . . . Souls Saved And Baptized

By George Bean

April 15, 1966
 Caixa Postal 500
 Sao Luis, Maranhao
 Brazil, S.A.

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. May His peace and grace be with each one of the MS readers. We have had another busy month and will try to share some of them with you. My wife June has been under the care of a doctor for two months. He was getting her body built up for an operation that she needed. Tuesday March 29 she went to the hospital, and was operated on the next day. The operation was to correct some damage that was done when the children were born. She stayed in the hospital for six days but now has been home for two weeks and is recover-



George Bean

ing nicely. Now to tell about the work for the month.

VILLA MARANHAO

This is a place that the Lord is blessing because he is saving sinners and when sinners are being saved, the place is being blessed of the Lord. The building there is almost finished. The people are very friendly and they show an interest in the services.

Friday, March 18 I preached and two people made professions. Brother Agostinho has had two professions this month, also. We have ten baptized members there with four awaiting baptism. Sunday afternoon March 27 I baptized seven at the Villa with one of these being from Sao Luis. I have left Brother Agostinho there in charge of the services, they have S.S. and services Sunday night, Wednesday and Fridays.

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Important Needs

Brother Mayfield has finished the church building in Pucallpa, Peru. Now he is starting to build the baptistry and Sunday School building. He estimates that it will cost at least \$8,000.00 and he has two thousand to start with. May the Lord lay it on the hearts of many to give that this building may be finished. He is starting it on faith. Send offering marked for Building in Pucallpa.

Brethren John Hatcher and Harold Bratcher need a Jeep to use in their work. Send offering marked for Land Transportation. May the Lord lay it on the hearts of many to see the need and then give.

John Hatcher told the need for a Library for the Seminary in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil for the use of the preacher students. A man and wife have given \$100.00 a month through Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church for the past five months towards this and Brother Hatcher is starting with a set of encyclopedias.

The Twelfth Annual Thanksgiving Conference is only six months away. Plan now to attend and plan now for your

Special Thanksgiving Offering for Baptist Faith Missions. Maybe some church will give ten thousand dollars this year. And may the Lord lead more churches to give more than ever before.

The Walter Lauermans have reservations to leave for Iquitos, Peru on Friday June 3, 1966 from Cincinnati, to Miami to Iquitos.

The Dempsey Hendersons have reservations to leave for Manaus, Brazil on Wednesday July 13, 1966 from Nashville to Miami to Belem to Manaus.

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81 present at Peritoro Baptist Church in the State of Maranhao in the morning service the last day of the revival by Harold Bratcher.

Work of Seminary Building Progressing . . . Thanks For Refrigerator . . . Blessings And Problems

By John Hatcher

Dear Brethren,
It is a joy to greet you all in the name of the Lord Jesus. This has been a very busy month for us. Nothing great or extraordinary has happened that we know of. God has blessed us with strength, health and spiritual blessings for which we praise Him. This month we were able to finish the school auditorium to the point of using. It is built over the breeze-way and school offices. In the last letter we told you that we were in the process of making pew type seats for the auditorium. These we now finished. After building came the big job of varnishing and sanding and varnishing again. All of this was done by Mike Creiglow, Seminary student, and Ranaah Paul and John Mark Hatcher. They did a great job.



John Hatcher

It is not difficult to teach the doctrines in word and have someone agree with you in word. The difficulty is in developing in a person the practice of truth in all sincerity. As the Lord brings us to your mind, pray for us and pray for the workers here.

REMODELING DORMITORY OF SEMINARY

We have added one more room on the boy's dorm which will accommodate three more students. Actually, with the plan to build a new dormitory, we had hoped that no more money would have to be spent on remodeling. The dorm now in use is a large wood house well in need of repairs. The toilet facilities were too bad to continue using and so there seemed to be no choice. Besides the new room, another was enlarged to take care of one more student and a new shower room and toilet is about half built. This will have two showers, two wash basins and two toilets. With this work done we will have facilities to room about 15 single boys.

AWAITING THE HENDERSONS

Here the arrival of the Dempsey Hendersons is being awaited with expectation. May the Lord bless in all the preparations.

In Him,
John A. Hatcher

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ANAJATIVA

Things are about the same at this place. I have been there three Thursdays this month. There are 15 awaiting baptism, but the majority have to get married before we can baptize them. I plan to talk to the judge next Tuesday, the Lord willing, about this matter. There was one profession of faith there this month.

ARRAIAL

We have been to Arraial three Saturdays this month and I spent one Tuesday there this month visiting in the homes. One man that has attended our services regularly made a profession of faith in his home. In the services there was one boy who made a profession of faith.

SAO LUIS

We have some good news to report this month. The Lord's blessings have been our work and we are thankful from the bottom of our hearts. First there were three professions of faith. It is a great privilege to preach Jesus as the hope for sinners and then see them repent of their sins with faith in the Lord. Monday, April 11th it was our privilege to have as guest in his home Brother Bratcher of Manaus and Brother Melo and family from Peritoro. They came for the purpose of helping us organize a New Testament Church here in Sao Luis. That night we met in the meeting house (which was filled), for the purpose of organizing the church. Brother Melo read the letter from Pastor Julio Dantes and the Peniel Church in Manaus who were granting letters to organize the new church. He also read the church covenant, and after reading this, there were 16 of 23 charter members (seven could not be present for the service) who covenanted together as a New Testament Church in Christ. After this Brother Melo read the articles of faith and the church adopted them. Then they called me as pastor. We chose "New Hope Baptist Church" as a name for her. In Portuguese it is Igreja Batista Da Nova Esperanca. When the church was organized, one man joined by letter. We now have 24 members. The church voted to pay the salary of one of the workers of DMB, also to pay Brother Agostinho a salary from our tithes and offerings. The New Hope Church has two congregations: Villa Maranhao and Anajativa, and one preaching point at Arraial.

May the Grace of the Lord be with each one.

Yours in Him,
George Bean



Pastor Sostenes Melo and his assistant teacher and his school at Peritoro, Maranhao.



Miguel Ibernson baptizing at Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil. Take your map and note the distance between the work written about and pictured in this issue. Some is separated as much as about five thousand miles.

Mrs. Creiglow's Mother Dies . . . Seven Baptized . . . New Mission Started . . . Priest Gives Opposition

B. D. Creiglow

Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre
April 21, 1966

Dear Brethren,
This month, as every month, is filled with blessings from the Lord, some of which I will try to share with you through the Mission Sheet. Although it is always old news by the time we get it we all look forward to getting the Mission Sheet and to hear how the Lord is blessing the work in other parts of the world.

Of course along with blessings there are always problems and I do not want to burden you brethren with these, because I am sure you all have enough of your own. Although they are many I am sure there are none that the Lord can not and will not take care of in His own time and way. If there were not any problems there would be no need for preachers, so with them we can find consolation in Matt. 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

I made one trip to Colonia this month. Although there is much opposition to our work there, the Lord is blessing the work. The priest has caused several children to drop out of our school, and we had thought there would be only about ten or twelve students this year, but when the matriculation was finished there were forty-two students matriculated. Last year there was only one student that did not pass and we are hoping that we will have a better year this year. After going to the police about the actions of the priest, he announced over the public address system that he was not afraid of the police and that he had more men on his side than all of the police department. In any case he has calmed down somewhat. Colonia is one of the most sinful and hardest places that I have ever worked, but with all of this the Lord has blessed the work and is still blessing. There are a few awaiting baptism and several for which we are awaiting letters.

After repairing the small houseboat Brother Sabastion brought it to Cruzeiro do Sul. He spent one Sunday here and, while Brother Miguel was in Mouripiranga, I was left in charge of services, so I asked him to preach in the morning worship service after I taught Sunday School. At the close of the service there were four professions of faith and in the night services with Brother Miguel preaching there was another. The next Sunday Brother Miguel baptized seven into the fellowship of the Cruzeiro do Sul Church. I, along with the young man that the Lord called to preach while Brother Hatcher was here, went with Brother Sabastion to take the large houseboat up there for him to repair. Due to a problem we had here we could only stay one day, but the one service we had there was a good one. We both preached and enjoyed the good fellowship after the service. We returned to Cruzeiro do Sul the next day and found that the Lord had already solved our problem, at least for the present.



Bobby Creiglow

At the close of our first term, I had preached in a place on the Juraua in just one service before coming home on furlough. Although this place, called Colonia Rodrigues Alves, is only two and one half hours from Cruzeiro do Sul I don't believe there has ever been a permanent work there of the Baptists'. This is not a small place, as is the case in many places that we already have churches, but must have about sixty houses within a small area and many more farther into the interior. For several months now I have been thinking about going there to start a work, so not knowing any one personally there, I went last Thursday in the speedboat alone to see what the possibilities of a new work would be. I went first to the house where I held services three years ago and was given permission to have services and to stay in their home. After returning to the boat to get my sack of clothes and hammock I started out inviting people to services. I walked for almost two hours stopping at each house inviting and returned to the house where we were to have services at almost dark and still had not visited all of the houses, although they were close together and in spite of the fact I did not spend long in any house. There were only about thirty-five in the first service, but the Lord manifested His power by saving a man that night. Many times when the people here make a profession of faith they have the idea that from that time forward the missionary is to do every thing possible to support him, but with this man it seemed to be just the opposite. From the first day he thought I should eat all of my meals with him and just could not seem to understand when I told him that I would eat some of them with the people where I was staying. The attendance was not very good in any services due to rainy weather and also a dancing party that they held on Saturday night. On Sunday night we had the best attendance with about eighty or ninety present and about a third of them were men and only a few children. After the Sunday night services the children wanted to sing the choruses that I had taught them, so we sang all of them, about three in all, over and over again. While I was there I had five services and besides the man that made a profession, there was also a woman saved. The people asked me to come back and one man told me that he would see about a building to rent. I plan to take the family the next time to spend about a week.

This month has not all been joy though, we received a letter a few days ago saying that Betty's mother had passed away. Although this brought sorrow to our hearts we have comfort in the fact that she professed faith in Jesus Christ as her Saviour and some day we will be reunited in glory, never to be separated again. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." I John 3:1.

In Him,
B. D. Creiglow

Our thanks go up to the Lord many, many times for those who so faithfully make our ministry here in Brazil possible. You have never failed us and we have tried to be faithful to the Lord and not betray the trust which you have placed in us. We are humbled with the news that Brother Hamilton at the Missionary Conference asked all of you to raise money to buy a refrigerator for us and that it was done with willingness. We thank you from the depths of our hearts.

THANKS

MEMBERS AT TABERNACLE BAPTIST

Since leaving the pastorate of the Chapada Church our family has united once more with the Tabernacle Baptist Church. Many of the children which study at the schools live close to this church and we are trusting the Lord that many will be reached in the work of the church. Pray for this church for it has a great field and many possibilities. Its pastor, Brother Santiago is 81 years old. He rides his bicycle everywhere and preaches somewhere every night or has service of some kind.

GOOD NEWS

Last week while talking to a lady about the schools she related this incident. She said that she knew of one woman who spoke highly of the school because her daughter had studied in it for three years and became interested in the salvation of her soul. As a result she started attending a Baptist church, made a profession of faith and was baptized. The girl then talked to her mother and interested her in going and she too was baptized.

PROBLEMS

Let no one think that all is rosy on the mission field for if it were there would be more persons clamoring to get there. There are in reality many problems. I will tell you about one. It is among the biggest problems which we face. In a mission work there is always the organizing of new churches. These churches need pastors. But in mission work and where new churches are organized the members are new converts or very young in the faith. They are weak and lacking knowledge in the Scriptures. These persons which are chosen to lead the new groups are easily influenced by others including missionaries of other groups or sects. The people have such a hard way of life that they think the "profession" of being pastor or preacher is or will be much easier. So there are many "aspirants" to the ministry.

Some of these problems are solved by the course of study in the Seminary. Not all of them, however. Some of the brethren come hardly knowing how to read. They study, develop, and do a good work. Others come and study, get puffed up and then try to "lord" it over their members and people where they preach. The Seminary cannot make preachers. Real preachers are divinely called and the studies of the Seminary only offer to them guided study.



The home of Pastor Sostenes Melo in Peritoro, Maranhao.



Some houses along the tracks. A street scene in the city of Fortaleza, Ceara, Brazil near where Harold Bratcher preached.

Three Professions of Faith . . . To Build Baptistry And New Sunday School Building . . . Need Funds To Build With

By Walter Lauerman

Lexington, Kentucky
April 15, 1966

Dear Brethren:

In just eight weeks we will be on our way again to Peru. We would not try to hasten the time as we have to live daily for the Lord, but we sure will be happy when we get there again. The closer the time the more the desire grows. We have several things to do yet though and many places to speak in such a short busy time. Pray for us in these days here in U.S.



Walter Lauerman

The best news for me is that the Iquitos Church helped organize a church in Tamshiyacu. At least I pray that all went well. This work was first started in December 1959 and for many years it was slow and discouraging. There was just one old lady that was saved and baptized there in that first week visit until Brother Marcial Macahuachi went there in April 1963 to live and work at this work. The Lord's work, is WORK, not play, STICK not run. In Tamshiyacu it still was not play for Brother Marcial and the old lady I spoke of above, although this lady was and is a gem for the Lord. She invited and witnessed much although she is almost blind and very feeble. She is more than 70 years old. Brother Macahuachi, one of God's greatest when it comes to work and sticking at the job (which is what God rewards for) and believing God does what he says. I think they had about 20 members. Besides having Brother Marcial there on the field these people have built a church building and it is all paid for. Brother Marcial as do all our preachers and churches have at least two other places where regular weekly services are held besides the river trips they make. There is much involved besides just preaching the gospel in a mission work and in the life of a missionary. Many are the problems but this news and news of souls saved along with other news of growth are more than worth it all. Praise the Lord for all his blessings.

The other churches had about an ordinary month. There were 4 professions of faith in Astoria however. The attendance in both Mapa Cocha and San Antonio was up just a few. The brethren all have visited with the Hojeal Church which is without a pastor, I mean the pastors of the other churches. It will be so good to go and see all these places and faces again.

It has been another busy month for me also. I have been trying to prepare some for our going back to Peru besides the visiting of the churches. There is so much to do to go back that I could not take time nor space to tell about them. Pray for us. It is a real job with a family. I would say also that a family might be trouble in some ways but many are the blessings in a large family even in the work on the mission field.

I have visited the following churches in the past month. On March 20 A.M. I was with the Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout W. Va., Brother Curtis Whaley Pastor. In the P.M. I was with the Riverside Baptist, Richwood, W. Va., Brother Jay Holliday pastor. March 21, 22, and 23 I spoke at chapel services at the Mountain State School, A Christian high school in Alderson W. Va., Brother Jon Rule is the principal. On March 21 I showed slides of our work of the Lord in Peru to the students and faculty. Tuesday March 22 at night I spoke at Pluto Baptist Church, Pluto W. Va. Brother Charles Honaker, pastor. March 23 at night, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Pool, W. Va., Brother Woodrow Beaver, pastor. March 24 through 27 A.M. I was at the Calvary Baptist Church, Nitro, W. Va. Pastor Millard Mitchell. March 27 P.M. Rupert Baptist Church, Rupert, W. Va. Brother Ernest Martin is Pastor. It was good to fellowship with the brethren in W. Va. You forget all your troubles when in their presence. April 3 both services I spoke for the Stone Road Baptist Church in Lexington Ky. Brother Buell Kazee, Pastor. Then another high light of my stay here in U.S. was the Spring Missionary Bible conference

in Lexington, Ky. Services held in the Thompson Road and Fellowship Baptist Churches. I spoke on Monday night April 4. It ran through April 6. It was good to see all the pastors and friends again and perhaps for many the last meeting for us until I go back to Peru. Many of the Brethren were at their best in preaching. Last Saturday and Sunday April 9 and 10 I was with the Willow Hill Baptist Church, Willow Hill, Illinois Millard Chapman, Pastor.

Pray for us as we go back to Peru. My wife was saying the other day although the life here is so much easier, the blessings in Peru value more because they are almost all spiritual blessings down there. Thank you all that have a part in these blessings with us through your support.

By HIS Grace,
Walter F. Lauerman

BRATCHER (Continued from page 1)

doctor told her it was her nerves and gave her 9 shots to take and some pills. (At this date-she is better. Remember her in your prayers.)

Tuesday-March 22-I gave a test in both of my Seminary classes, tonight, and left instructions for the classes during my absence. At noon we ate dinner with the Hatches. It was my birthday dinner due to the fact that on my birthday, March 24th, I'll begin my trip.

Wednesday, March 23rd. I worked at my desk this a.m. Tonight I led Prayer Meeting at the church. At the close of the service the church presented me with an electric razor for a birthday present. As soon as I get back home I'll have to learn to shave with it since the church was so thoughtful of me to buy it for me.

March 24th, Thursday. Our plane left Manaus at 11 a.m. (Six hours late). We (Pastor Argemiro Leite and I) traveled all the rest of the day. Each stop we made the plane delayed from one to two hours. At midnight we were in flight somewhere between Sao Luis and Fortaleza. (Let me suggest that before you finish reading this letter that you get your map of Brazil out and locate the cities that I'll be mentioning in the rest of the letter.)

CHURCH ORGANIZED AT PESQUEIRA

Friday, March 25th. We arrived in Recife (Capital of the State of Pernambuco) at 5:00 a.m. We went immediately to the bus station and at 5:00 a.m. we were aboard a bus bound for Pesqueira. At 10:00 a.m. we arrived in Pesqueira. Pesqueira is a city of 42,000 people almost due west of Recife in Pernambuco. In this city I preached, 4 times and baptized one. On Sunday, March 27th the First Baptist Church of Pesqueira was organized with 9 charter members. Argemiro Leite is the pastor. Remember this little church in your prayers. This new church is the first and only Baptist Church in the city. The only other non-Catholic groups are the Presbyterians and Adventists, both small in number. Let us pray that this new church will win many lost ones to Him in the days ahead.

Monday, March 28th.-I left Pesqueira at 5:00 a.m. aboard a Recife bound bus. (Pastor Leite stayed until the 5th of April.) Arrived in Recife at 10:00 a.m. Found out that I could get a plane at 2:00 p.m. for Fortaleza. At 4:00 p.m. I arrived in Fortaleza, the Capital of Ceara. In less than an hour I found myself at the home of a sister of the pastor of one of the Missions of the Church. This pastor had visited in this home last November and preached the gospel to those of his sister's family. I was welcomed into the home and given permission to hold services at 7:30 p.m. Thus I preached my first sermon in Fortaleza in front of house no. 502, Santa Terezina Street. This street is in the midst of a very poor part of town. Actually, in the States it would be called "The Slums." The first service I had to do everything, sing, pray and preach. The people listened well. The next night I preached in front of another house not far away. I rejoiced when four adult women (one 75, another 76) made professions of faith. During the day I

New Church Organized In Tamshiyacu, Peru . . . Churches Visited . . . Getting Ready To Return To Peru

By Del Mayfield

Apartado 166
Pucallpa, Peru, S.A.

April 18, 1966

Dear Brethren,

I'm writing this hoping that it will not get lost as last month's mission letter did. I'm also writing two days earlier than I usually do, hoping that it'll reach Brother Overbey in time for the printer. We appreciated the telegram telling of the good conference, even though it was a week late. If crying will do any good I've done plenty of that. I've talked to everyone that has anything to do with the mail service, but as yet it hasn't done any good. So I'd like to ask each one of you to pray about this, as it seems to get worse each month.



Del Mayfield

To those of you who write us personally, we'd like for you to keep on writing, and if you're not receiving our letters it is not because we're not writing. So please keep writing and pray with us that things will get better here.

This month has been busy getting the floor done and having services here along with getting the school started in San Francisco. The tile is all done, the new lights are in, and it sure makes the building look nice. The Lord has blessed here in the services. There have been three professions of faith, and we have some awaiting baptism. We now have 16 members here in the mission, and I should have said they are members of the San Francisco Baptist Church, and some day will be members here. We're very pleased with the work here, and we're hoping that soon we'll have Sunday School classrooms along with the baptistry. We have the plans finished and the contractor is working on the building permit, and should have it by Monday. We're starting the addition on faith, as we really don't have enough money to start. So we're praying that everyone will stand with us in prayer that God will supply. Materials have doubled since we started the church building, so this will give you an idea of what the need will be. There is no better time than now to build. Materials, I'm sure, will be higher in 6 months, so pray with us and then let the Lord lead. We sure praise Him for the church building. It sure is nice and I wish everyone could come and see it, and visit with us.

Our Day School started last Monday at San Francisco with 28 students this year. That is less than last year, but we're only teaching this year through the 3rd grade. I'm sure this is best with only one teacher. The Lord is blessing there. Brother Louis Rucoba is doing the preaching there, and doing a good job. He comes to our home every Saturday and we study together for Sunday. Next month we're starting classes for the preachers who want to study with us. We now have 5 lined up for classes. We'll have a week of classes along with special services every night with the preachers from the school doing the preaching. I'm sure it is going to be a blessing.

We also have been blessed by the coming of Brother Nicolas Moreno from Lima. Who has come to help us with the work. He will be staying in our home and the people here in the mission will be paying him for his work with us. Pray for him as he helps us here visit and preach the gospel. I'm sure he is going to be a blessing to us, and we thank God for answering our prayers in sending a man to help us. The field is white unto harvest, and the laborers are few. So pray the Lord of the harvest that He'll send forth laborers into His harvest.

May the Lord bless you all.

Yours by His grace,
Del. Mayfield

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the plane resumed its flight. The company put me in a hotel room at their expense. That night I attended Prayer Meeting at the First Baptist Church in Belem.

Thursday, April 14th. I arrived home in Manaus at 12:30 p.m. I had been gone 21 nights. It was good to be back.

Thus we arrive back to the present. It was a good trip with the Lord's blessings upon me from the beginning to the end. Tomorrow it will be good to be back in the Pulpit at the 14th of December Baptist Church. We ask the prayers of all of you as we continue our work for Him here in this vast State and Nation.

Yours In His Service,
Harold Bratcher



Harold Bratcher while on his trip preaching in front of this elderly woman's house in Fortaleza, Ceara and she and her daughter-in-law both were saved.



The men of the 14th of Dec. Church, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil where Harold Bratcher is pastor built this house for a leprous woman and her crippled mentally retarded niece.



Harold Bratcher with Pastor and Mrs. Melo in front of the church building in Sao Luis. Brother Bratcher has just finished preaching and his clothes are wet with perspiration.

Offerings for April 1966

Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	\$ 24.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky. (Young Women's Class)	20.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	12.37
Valley View Baptist Church, Valley View, Ky.	6.60
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	39.24
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. (School Teachers)	110.00
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	13.10
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	44.35
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	16.99
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	24.20
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va.	15.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	144.80
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Teachers)	28.96
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	109.73
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers Salary)	27.43
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadieville, Ky.	15.10
Algonac Baptist Church, Algonac, Mich.	17.65
Bentley Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	62.79
Olmstead Baptist Church, Olmstead, Ky.	23.94
Maple Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Clemens, Mich.	11.58
Riverside Baptist Church, Richmond, W. Va.	15.00
Riverside Baptist Church, Richmond, W. Va. (Class Rooms, Pucallpa, Peru)	100.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Creve Coeur, Ill.	22.16
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.	75.71
Randolph Street Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	150.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	6.65
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	13.12
New Testament Baptist Church, South Irvine, Ky.	7.21
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	32.36
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. (Bible Learners Class)	3.31
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	15.62
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	50.00
Rupert Baptist Church, Rupert, W. Va.	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	40.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio (Station Wagon)	10.00
West Avenue Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio	10.00
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	80.00
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. (For School)	10.00
Morris Fork Baptist Church, Lawn, W. Va.	13.31
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	9.50
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (Teachers for Mayfield by L.B.C.)	15.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (Church Building at Caridad, Peru)	105.61
Knotts Baptist Church, Orma, W. Va.	5.00
Oakvale Baptist Church, Danese, W. Va.	5.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	33.95
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	100.00
Beulah Heights Baptist Mission, Eldorado, Ill.	5.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Clay, W. Va.	14.00
Carr Baptist Church, York, Ky.	10.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	100.00
(Land Transportation Fund)	13.16
Bethel Baptist Church, Williams, Ind.	25.00
Bible Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	25.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va.	20.00
(Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	5.00
Hepzibah Baptist Church, Stouts Mills, W. Va.	61.67
(Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	25.00
Victory Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn.	17.90
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	35.00
Logana Baptist Church, Nicholasville, Ky.	98.20
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	30.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	30.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	517.72
Total Offerings by Spring Conference, Lexington, Ky. (For Brother Hatcher's Refrigerator)	116.13
Offering from B.F.M. Conference, Lexington, Ky. for Lexington Baptist College Building Program	10.00
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, Fla.	192.21
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	150.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	10.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	5.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, Ky.	5.00
Camp Nelson Baptist Church, Nicholasville, Ky.	20.00
Worship Point Baptist Church, Lenoir, N.C.	25.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	

Harbor View Baptist Church, Harborview, Ohio	27.56
Elk Lick Baptist Church, Levi, Ky.	20.59
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	127.69
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (L.B.C. for Teachers)	10.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	8.16
Southside Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	43.91
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio (W.M.U.)	15.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio	54.36
Chicago Street Baptist Church, East Peoria, Ill.	14.10
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	51.82
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	50.55
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky.	10.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	35.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill. (Teachers in Brazil)	20.00
Hitchens Baptist Church, Hitchens, Ky.	9.00
Members of First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	100.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	55.70
Peoples Baptist Church, East Alton, Ill.	28.00
Missionary Baptist Church, Gallagher, W. Va.	72.34
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Ohio	40.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, Miss.	14.30
Upper Steer Run Baptist Church, Normantown, W. Va.	10.00
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	20.25
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	234.76
Chicago Street Baptist Church, East Peoria, Ill. (Teachers in Brazil)	100.00
Battle Baptist Church, Mackville, Ky.	38.04
Lagrange Baptist Church, Titusville, Fla.	30.47
Mountain Dale Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	33.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	47.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Seminary Library)	200.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Teachers)	50.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	33.97
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	34.79
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	39.68
Morgan Avenue Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	111.57
Sturgeon Branch Baptist Church, Rainell, W. Va.	10.00
Faith Baptist Church, Wauseon, Ohio	20.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	136.55
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Launch Fund)	136.55
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Mayfield's Building Fund)	66.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Land Transportation)	40.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, Ohio	50.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	5.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	1,000.00
Bank Lick Baptist Church, Covington, Ky.	27.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	9.16
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
J. E. Roberts, Irvine, Ky.	5.00
Charlie Redding, Frankfort, Ky.	5.50
Elder G. B. Trent, Williamson, W. Va.	41.00
Elder G. B. Trent, Williamson, W. Va.	41.00
Mrs. Blanch Bryan, Vanceburg, Ky.	2.00
David D. and Patricia Walborn, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
Miss Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La.	30.00
Mrs. Bona Ollie Keith, Borger, Tex. (Interest on Bond)	2.50
Mrs. Goldie Carpenter, Glennville, W. Va.	(Member Hepzibah Baptist Church)
Mrs. A. B. B., Versailles, Ky. (School in Manaus)	10.00
Parvin Hall & Family, Evansville, Ind. (Memory of Late Dewey Litsey)	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	45.00
Miss Barbara Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	11.00
W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00
John Hunt & Jas. E. Duke, Lexington, Ky.	2.25
Lonnie Bennett, Lexington, Ky.	5.00
R. G. Lancaster, New Richmond, Ohio (Teachers in Brazil)	10.00
William B. Courtney, Lumberton, N.C. (Mayfield's Building Fund in Peru)	20.00
Received in April for Teachers in Brazil	474.59
Received in April for Teachers in Peru	15.00
Received in April for Station Wagon Fund	10.00
Received in April for Seminary Library Fund	200.00

Received in April for Boat and Motor Fund	186.55
Received in April for Building in Caridad	105.61
Received in April for Building in Pucallpa	186.00
Received in April for Land Transportation	140.00
Received in April for Hatcher Refrigerator	517.72
Received in April for Lexington Bapt. Col. Bldg.	116.13
Received in April for Regular Fund	5,511.85
Received in April for All Purposes	7,463.85

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS FUND IN BRAZIL, APRIL 1966

Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	\$ 110.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	28.96
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	27.43
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	10.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	98.20
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	10.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	20.00
Chicago Street Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill.	100.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
Mrs. A. B. B., Versailles, Ky.	10.00
R. G. Lancaster, New Richmond, Ohio	10.00
Total Received in April for this Fund	474.59

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS FUND IN PERU, APRIL 1966

Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	\$ 15.00
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OFFERINGS FOR STATION WAGON FUND IN APRIL, 1966

Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	\$ 10.00
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OFFERINGS FOR SEMINARY LIBRARY, BRAZIL, IN APRIL 1966

Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	\$ 200.00
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OFFERINGS FOR BOAT AND MOTOR FUND, APRIL 1966

Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 136.55
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
Total Received in April for this Fund	186.55

OFFERINGS FOR CHURCH BUILDING AT CARIDAD IN APRIL, 1966

Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	\$ 105.61
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OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN PUCALLPA, APRIL, 1966

Riverside Baptist Church, Richmond, W. Va.	\$ 100.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	66.00
William B. Courtney, Lumberton, N.C.	20.00
Total Received in April for this Fund	186.00

OFFERINGS FOR LAND TRANSPORTATION, APRIL, 1966

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	100.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	40.00
Total Received in April for this Fund	140.00

OFFERINGS FOR REFRIGERATOR FOR JOHN HATCHER

Spring Conference, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 517.72
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OFFERINGS FOR LEXINGTON BAPTIST COLLEGE BUILDING FUND, APRIL 1966

Spring Conference, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 116.13
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BIG BEAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION recently met in their one hundred and thirty year session. This Association is composed of 39 rural churches that are completely independent. This Association has sent \$299.61 to Harold Bratcher as part of his support. May the Lord bless these churches and pastors. We are told that they are our kind of Baptists.