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Harry Hille and Eugene Clark To Visit The Mission Field

John Hatcher invited Harry Hille to come to Manaus and deliver the Commencement sermon at the graduation time in the Seminary which will be after the Thanksgiving Conference. Grace Baptist Church voted to pay the round trip ticket for Pastor Eugene Clark. They plan to visit both Brazil and Peru if it can be done in the time allotted, the Lord willing.

Grace Baptist Church Increases Mission Offerings \$200.00 Per Month

Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan has for many years given \$400.00 a month to the regular fund and \$50.00 a month to the Launch fund and the Ladies Bible Class has given \$10.00 a month to the regular fund. Pastor Eugene Clark has led the church to increase her regular fund offerings from \$400.00 to \$600.00 per month. Grace Baptist Church gave over \$24,000.00 to Missions in the last year. We are sure that many other churches could increase their monthly offerings to Baptist Faith Missions also. How about leading them to do so, Brother pastor? The Hendersons are now on salary and on the field and several new native workers are to be put on salary soon, the Lord willing, and a lot more offerings are needed regularly each month. Remember that this is a faith work and we have no guarantee from any one church or person that they will give so much.

Thanksgiving Offerings

Pastor Eugene Clark has asked Grace Baptist Church to give \$10,000.00 for a Thanksgiving Offering to Baptist Faith Missions. May the Lord lead many pastors to lead their churches in a special Thanksgiving offering. Pray about it and do as the Lord leads. Make your plans now to come to the Thanksgiving Conference Nov. 21-24, 1966 at Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan. Free beds and free meals and the grandest fellowship this side of heaven, the Lord willing. Be sure and come.

Grace Baptist Church Has Voted To Give \$500.00 To Help Brother Mayfield Finish The New Building In Pucallpa. Mark Your Offering For This "For Building In Pucallpa".



Progress on the building in Pucallpa, Peru. The steel is to reinforce the floor for the baptistry tank. Grace Baptist Church has just given \$500.00 to help finish this building.

Revival Meeting With Jorge Of Iquitos . . Professions . . . Baptisms . . . Exclusions . . . Home Robbed

By Del Mayfield

Apartado 166
 Pucallpa, Peru, S.A.
 August 15, 1966

Dear Brethren,
 This, I'm sure, has been one of the busiest months we've ever experienced in all the months on the field. Much time has been spent in taking folks to the hospital as I'll report a little later. We've had a wonderful conference with Brother Jorge Macahuachi, and two good trips to San Francisco. Five souls have been saved, 7 baptized, and 10 more waiting now to be baptized. It's also been an exciting month. On Tuesday night during the meeting our house was broken into and robbed. Many things that were stolen we cannot replace: our radio, record player, and several other things, along with much of our clothing. We're having bars made out of steel for the windows now. I preached Wednesday night that one day we'll not have to live in houses like jails with bars over the windows and doors, but that we'll be at home with Jesus, how we thank God for His marvelous Grace, and how He is with us in every trial. Now I'll try to share with you the blessing so that we may rejoice together.



Del Mayfield

We sure enjoyed the visit of Miss Mary Grooms. She was a real blessing to our mission here. She also went with us to San Francisco to visit our work there. She was very pleased with our school program, and we were very happy as Mary has taught school for 11 years and knows all the requirements for teaching. We also had good services at San Francisco. I'm sure that I am like all preachers. I never like to exclude anyone, but we had to exclude two families. One family from the mission here, the Brittos. They quit our church and started attending another group (not Baptist). Brother Nicolas and I visited them and they told us that all churches were alike, so there was nothing else to do but to present them to the church at San Francisco. The other family in San Francisco left our church, and united with the other group that calls themselves the First Baptist Church. So we couldn't grant them a letter, and we excluded them. We thank God for the church at San Francisco and their stand for the truth. On the 28th of July, the Independence Day for Peru, the school had their program. All the students were dressed in their uniforms. The girls in red skirts, and white blouses with red ties, and the boys in their khaki uniforms. Wish you all could have seen them march, and hear them give their

(Continued on page 2, Col. 2) MAYFIELD



The Launch tied up at the Island of Maria Antonio in the interior of Brazil out from Manaus. The Hatchers and Hendersons made the trip here to hold services and help dedicate the new building.



New building dedicated at Island of Maria Antonio. Moses Lima a student in the seminary in Manaus, Brazil has a good mission here to be organized into a church later, the Lord willing.

Rejoice Over Henderson's Arrival . . . Trip To Monte Verde . . . 14 Baptized . . . Hurt Leg

By Harold Bratcher

Manaus, Amazonas
 August 16, 1966

Dear Brethren,
 When I mailed my last Mission Sheet letter, we were in a revival at the 14th of December Baptist Church. This revival continued until Sunday night, the 24th of July. On the 23rd, the 6th anniversary of the church was celebrated. At this service the annual report of the church was read. The report showed the following: Members reported last year: 174. Gains-41 by baptism and 10 by letter. Losses-8 by letter, 20 by exclusion and 2 by death. Total members as of July 1, 1966-195. 54 of these members are in one of the 5 missions of the church and 18 are nonresident members. The church has 7 other believers under her watchcare. 5 Vacation Bible Schools were held and 2 revivals. Sunday School enrollment is 180 with an average attendance of 127. The Financial Report showed that some Cr\$4,017,920 (approximately \$1,826.00) was received in tithes and offerings during the year. We ask your prayers that during this year the number of baptisms will increase and the number of exclusions will decrease.



Harold Bratcher

We rejoice at the safe arrival of Brother and Mrs. Dempsey Henderson on Friday afternoon, the 22nd of July, to begin their labors with us. Brother Henderson brought the last message of our revival. I translated for him. It was a great service with 204 people hearing the message: "Jesus Christ—The Way." There was 1 profession of faith made during the meeting.

On Tuesday, July 26th we attended in Curari the wedding of a man that I baptized in January of this year. The groom-39 years old—a widower. the bride-16 years old—single.

On Wednesday, July 27th, I left Manaus at 9:23 a.m. by plane and arrived in Boca

do Acre at 2:45 p.m. There I was met by Eliziario Candido da Silva, who with his family had been there since the 6th of the month. We walked the hour and half through the jungles until we arrived at Monte Verde, a settlement of some fifty houses with an estimated population of 350 people. That night we had a good service with some 76 people present. Eliziario had already preached practically every night since he arrived with good attendance and some 5 professions.

The next day, at supper time, I stepped where a plank was missing in the kitchen
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Bob Creiglow baptizing six at Colonia, Acre. The man was saved four years ago and his wife last December. They got legally married so they could be baptized.



Del Mayfield baptizing seven in Pucallpa, Peru in August 1966, in the Ucayali River. Brother Mayfield is waiting for funds to finish the building in Pucallpa.



George Bean baptized these three at Villa Maranhao. Brother Bean has several missions going and the Jeep furnished him to use is proving to be a great blessing.

Mike Back To Seminary After Helping His Father Between Semesters . . . Another Young Man To The Seminary . . . Revival At Colonia . . . Six Baptized . . . Girl Falls Into River

By Bobby Creiglow

Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre
August 18, 1966

Dear Brethren,
Mike having left Brother Jose Alves in Campo de Santana went on up the Jurua to a place called Vitoria. I have never been to this place and neither had he, but he had taken one of the members of the church at Colonia who has an aunt that lives there, so they spent several days preaching to the lost there. Although most of the members of the church in Campo de Santana have moved away, Brother Jose had very good attendance both in night services and V.B.S. He had a high of 53 in services and also, had three professions of faith. Brother Jose spent the last few days of his school vacation in Barra do Jardim where he had two more professions of faith. He returned to Cruzeiro do Sul on Thursday to get ready to catch the plane back to Manaus on Saturday. Because the plane was two days late Mike, Jose and Benjamin, a brother to Jose, left on Monday the day classes were to start. Benjamin is the Brother that was called to preach when Brother Hatcher was here last January.

After getting Mike off to Manaus, we spent several days getting ready for a trip to Colonia where I am pastor. I spent almost all day Friday putting the motor on the canoe and loading it so that we could get an early start Saturday. I finished preparations just after dark Friday and we did get an early start Saturday. Once again the water had come up and we had a very good trip. I had sent word to the church that we were coming and when we got there several of the young people of the church were at the port and for once we did not have to carry hardly anything. The rest of the month was spent with the church and on the last Sunday I baptized six into the fellowship of the church. One of those baptized was saved four years ago and has been trying ever since to get married legally so that he could be baptized. It was only made possible at this time because of the coming election. In order to vote they must be registered, so this made it possible because the candidates do everything they can to get as many as they can registered to win their vote. This



Bobby Creiglow

man's wife was saved last December after four years of hearing the word, sometimes coming to services in secret for fear of the priest and many times we witnessed to her in their home. They were baptized together. Before they were baptized the priest sent word to her that she should not be baptized nor should she go to see her husband baptized. When she told us this, I told her that she had been very disobedient and she laughed and said that she had. Another lady that was baptized attended a service in Barrao some time ago and as she left the services mocking and blaspheming said the dancing parties gave better results than services, but after her mother who lived a most disgraceful life was saved she could not resist the testimony of her transformed life. Many times she spent most of the night reading her mother's Bible and after hearing the word preached was saved under the preaching of Brother Enos. The other three baptized were young people, children of some of the believers, but are none-the-less just as important as the others mentioned. While we were there the flu made its way around through the believers, but in spite of it we had good attendance.

We returned to Cruzeiro do Sul yesterday and I don't think I have ever seen the river in worse condition for traveling. Brenda along with two other girls about her size were sitting on top of the box in the canoe with their legs crossed under them, as we went around a curve we hit a stump and all three of them tumbled off the box backwards landing on the edge of the canoe on their backs. Two of them only went half way into the water, but the other not finding anything to grab hold of went all the way in. When she came up her eyes were about the size of a tea cup for fear that the propeller would hit her, but when she saw that I had already lifted it out of the water she began to swim and we helped her aboard. When we saw that no one was hurt we all had to laugh. It was a hard trip back down and took longer than it did to go up because the river was so shallow and so much trash in the river.

Thus far the flu has not caught up with us the second time yet and we of course hope it doesn't.

May the Lord Bless you all.

IN HIM,
B. D. Creiglow

A Willingness To Serve . . . Six Baptized . . . Building Dedicated

By George Bean

Sao Luis, Maranhao
August 15, 1966

Dear Brethren,
As I think over this month's activities, I am made to realize that the Lord's blessings have sustained us in every way, with food and shelter and health, and most of all a willingness to serve and work for the King of Glory. We will now break down our month's preaching activity.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, SAO LUIS

We have had a regular month at the church. A few months ago I mentioned in the MS that a woman was attending our services and at the close of the services she would cry. She stopped coming to the services, but a few weeks ago she began to attend the services again. One Sunday night she made a profession of faith and was faithful to attend the services. Then one day she came to the services and said that she would have to stop attending the services. She then told me this story. She said that for nine years she has been living with a man, who at the same time was living with another woman. When she sent the man away she started to attend the services and made the profession. The man returned and she was convinced that a life like that was wrong so she went the easy road for now. Pray with me that if she is saved she may walk with the Lord and save her life. I baptized one man into the fellowship of the church this month.



George Bean

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VILLA MARANHÃO
I baptized three at the Villa Maranhao this month. All the services there are well attended. The persecution against Brother Agostinho has stopped, at least the bodily persecutions against his family.

QUERBA POTE

I have preached two times at this place. One man made a profession of faith.

FORMI GUERO

I have preached one time at this place and a 60 year old woman made a profession of faith. The three believers that we have here walked to Anajativa Sunday August 14 to attend the services.

ANAJATIVA

We have had benches made and the house has been repaired at Anajativa. Yesterday August 14 my family and I went to Anajativa to have special services to dedicate the building to the services of the Lord. I preached the dedication message and then we went to the river where I baptized two people, a mother and her daughter. After this they had prepared a supper of meat and rice and farinha which was very delicious. Then we went to the church for the night services and I preached a message on the woman's place in the church and the service of the Lord. (A message that was needed here). This concludes our month's activities. We desire your prayers and may the Lord bless you all real well.

IN HIM,
George Bean

Happy To Have Hendersons In Home . . . Trip In Launch To Maria Antonio To Dedicate New Building . . . New Students In Seminary . . . New Jeep A Blessing

By John Hatcher

Manaus, Amazonas
August 15, 1966

Dear Brethren,
The past month has been a busy one and full of blessings. Praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy with which He has blessed us.

HENDERSONS ARRIVAL

Perhaps the biggest event of the month was the arrival of the Hendersons. It was a happy sight to see them get off the airplane and come walking across the runway to the airport building. In just a few minutes we were on our way to the house and all the family was and is thrilled to have the privilege to keep them until they get settled in their own house.



John Hatcher

BAGGAGE PROBLEMS

Half of their baggage stayed in Belem and the other half arrived in Manaus about three days after their arrival. The usual red tape took us about 10 days to get the baggage out but the Lord was good and there was no charge on the part of the baggage which came to Manaus. We are still waiting to get the baggage from Belem.

TRIP TO MARIA ANTONIO

The Hendersons arrived on Friday and on Monday morning we left in the launch to spend a week at the Island of Maria Antonio where Brother Moises, one of the students, has been working for some time. The folks there have worked hard and given well and were dedicating their new meeting house. We arrived there in time on Monday afternoon to help make some benches and during the week Brother Hendersons painted the front of the building. During the afternoons Mrs. Hatcher and our girls directed a Bible School for the children. Paul played for the services and Bible School. During the week we did not get to do much visiting due to the fact that the dedication of the new building was marked for Saturday night and we really rushed to get it finished.

HENDERSON AND HATCHER HAVE DEBATE?

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speeches about the liberty not only because they were Peruvians, but because they were Christians, and free because of Christ. After the program they served us sandwiches and chicha morada. This day I'm sure we'll not forget. Wonderful!

Brother Jorge Macahuachi came to help us in a meeting here at the mission on the 27th of July. Many of our members went with us to meet him at the airport. We sure enjoyed seeing him again, and the fellowship in our home was great. He preached some wonderful messages and our people here were blessed. Miss Mary Grooms helped with the music also. Playing the organ and singing, and helping Brother Nicolas with the choruses. There were 5 who came professing faith in Christ as their Saviour, and several for baptism. Sunday afternoon we rented a bus and all went to Yarina Cocha for baptismal service. We had 8 ready for baptism, but one didn't get to come. We have now two more families who must get married legally, and others waiting 10 more in all. So we praise the Lord for his blessing upon our services from night to night. The church has asked Brother Jorge to come back again and preach for them. Many went to the airport to see him off, and I'm sure Brother Jorge left very happy also. Brother Jorge is from Iquitos, Peru.

Many other things happened during the meeting that I want to tell you about. Our teacher Brother Roberson Ruiz came with one of our smallest students asking if I'd take them to the hospital. This was in the morning. Then in the afternoon the same day Brother Roberson's wife came crying saying that her husband was dying. So we went as fast as we could to the house where he was, and in just a few minutes he was on the operating table at the same hospital. They removed his appendix and found some other complications, but he is doing very well. The smallest of our school Marixa Flores is very very sick. She has typhus and they told me there was very little chance, but that was over a week ago. We have played

Brother Henderson has preached several times since arriving. The first Sunday night he preached for Brother Bratcher, Brother Bratcher interpreting. On Sunday morning before preaching for Brother Bratcher he preached from the Tabernacle Baptist Church, and I interpreted. While preaching, Brother Henderson would say a sentence and then I would translate. After about five minutes of this a little fellow who is quite observing, leaned over and asked the person next to him, "Are those two having a debate?"

BAPTISMS AND CONVERSIONS

During this month there were five persons baptized into the fellowship of the Tabernacle Baptist Church. Brother Santiago, the pastor, also had his eighty-first birthday. The Sunday School and other church services have increased in number and are averaging over a hundred each Sunday.

BROTHER DIAS TO FARE

John Dias made a trip which lasted about 75 days to the interior city of Faro. The work there is really at a low ebb but during the time he spent there I believe there was one or two professions of faith. After returning to Manaus, Brother Dias's oldest son made a profession of faith and was baptized yesterday. This is the first son of Brother Dias to make a profession of faith.

THREE NEW STUDENTS

This semester there are three new students enrolled in the Seminary. One young man comes from Cruzeiro do Sul and is a member of the Faith Baptist Church in Cruzeiro do Sul. The third new student is a young lady.

NEW JEEP A REAL BLESSING

We are most grateful to you all who have had a part in helping us have some transportation. It is proving to be a blessing and when we get all 11 or 12 in the Jeep there is not much danger of us flying. The biggest problem now is that Brother and Sister Henderson are gaining weight and this makes us pretty crowded. I suppose that we will have to put them on a strict diet.

May the Lord bless each of you,
IN HIM,
John A Hatcher

for her in each of our services, and we ask you to remember her also. As I told the church, the Lord is able and He is the Doctor of all doctors, if it be His will, to raise her up.

On Tuesday night during our meeting we came home and found our house had been robbed. Our house is only 200 ft. more or less from our church, and we always leave a light on. Many of the things that were stolen can't be replaced here. We estimate they stole about 15,000 soles or \$700.00 in dollars. We're now having steel bars made for the windows and doors. But as I told my wife it's a little late for that now.

We had to stop work on the school building, but we hope that we can start again this month. The mail service is still very bad. We have not heard from anyone for some time. Will you pray about the work here, and then do as God leads? We have a great need for classrooms for our SS and we hope to start the day school next school year if at all possible, but this will depend on YOU. May the Lord lead many of you to help PREACH, TEACH, BAPTIZE AND GUARD HIS WORD.

Miss Mary Groom left for home Thursday the 11th of August. We sure enjoyed her visit with us. On Wednesday night she gave the people of our church their first going away party they had ever had. We have between our house and the church some large trees, and we put some lights up, and a table. Mary gave them cake and ice cream. We also played games after the ice cream. We had trouble getting them to go home. They sure appreciated the hospitality shown Mary. We'd also like to add our thanks for her coming to visit us. Many of the members went to see her off at the airport. Wishing her God's blessing and a good trip.

Hope you will remember to pray for us here that we'll be true to His call, and be found busy when He comes. May the Lord bless each one of you and use you for His glory.

Yours by His Grace,
Del. Mayfield



John Hatcher and son John Mark and others in the "open air cabinet shop" making benches for the new building at the Island of Maria Antonio.



Harold Bratcher and a young man who is one of 14 that Brother Bratcher baptized on his trip to Monte Verde.



Crowd inside the building after a service at Villa Maranhao one night after George Bean preached.

Cool Weather In Iquitos . . . Iquitos Pastor Called To Hojeal . . . Family Has Been Sick . . . Work On The Rivers

By Walter Lauerman

Iquitos, Peru
August 17, 1966
Dear Brethren,
The little local papers here in Iquitos say they are worried over cool wet weather here the past year, but I assure you the Lauermans have not given it one serious thought. It sure has been real nice here the two months back. We have had 2 mornings of 66 degrees and others of 64, 69 and about 70. The afternoons have not gotten past the 90 mark. I hope it stays that way all the time, even with the rain.

This month the children have had it bad I guess. Kathy and Mary had the measles. All have had real bad colds and the flu. Delores has been down about half the month with what appears to be gland trouble. I have been the only one I guess to have not gotten something to hinder me. All of us are back at it full force and glad of it also. The measles here by the way are much worse than back there as one gets very sick with fever and weakness that stays with you after the sickness subsides.

There has been several changes in the work this month and more may be in the making. The church at Hojeal has called (3 times) Jorge Macahuachi, pastor here at the 1st. church, as their pastor there. He plans to go there within the next month the Lord willing. Hojeal is a great little church, better than many I know and without a pastor the past year it has not missed a service, offerings have raised, attendance has gone up to the 50-60 mark. They have enough money to build a new house for the pastor and also to start other things in the church. Jorge sees now that he ought to go although he hated to leave the church here. It was left entirely up to him. I did not even suggest anything. If a call comes it is sure worth the praying and seeking of the will of God. I personally think he is getting the better church of the two. Pray that God will bless him and his family there. Now that Jorge is going to Hojeal church I am the pastor here. I hope this will not be another permanent thing. I do not mind pastoring this church but I had plans of another work in Iquitos as I stated in last month's letter.

I even had a building that I could have gotten and I may get it even now if I can at least have some regularity in the services. The church here though has really blossomed out in the last month, not because I have pastored it do I say this but that it is the truth. Attendance up from 45 in S.S. to 60-70 mark, offerings doubled and the people real happy, it seems. We plan a revival for the week of September 12. I am teaching a class of doctrine with what music I know in the other class on the Monday night class. This one in music has really paid off. I find out you can do a whole lot by getting a book on how to do it, learn it yourself real well and then give what you have learned to your church. You need not be an expert to start with and may never be, but you get much accomplished anyway. Our song services have really lived up and we have a boy here that is learning to lead, etc. Pray for us as it is not like home. Here all is new to everyone and you have to start from scratch and have a lot of patience. We have a wife of a lawyer and also the family and mother of a doctor in town that have been visiting us regularly. We have learned to not put confidence in the flesh or hope in vanity, but it sure would be nice if these two who claim to be Baptists would join our church and serve the Lord as Baptists should. It is easy to get people with material things but it takes just the preached word and the spirit of God to get the soul and that is what the Bible teaches and what we intend to do more now than ever. If the word doesn't get them in reality they are not gotten. Pray for us in this. I have been teaching on Tithing and prayer and I have seen it even this soon produce. To believe



Walter Lauerman

that God will take just His word and do a work in the heart of His and the lost is a real miracle and yet we lack in this more than all else.

In the river churches it appears that in San Antonio and Mapa Cocha a revival is needed. Pray for them. They do all right but fail to see that a church should be spiritual and growing. I spoke of Hojeal in this letter and I think it is a good example for the others. Astoria is real steady and I like the people and they seem happy and wanting to grow. In the new church in Tamshiyaucu is room for much hope. They had about 55 in S.S. Sunday, a young man that is helping Brother Marcial and conducts the services when Marcial is away preaching. They are talking about putting a corrugated tin roof on their building. All those that went to the organizing of this church from the other churches here were real impressed and encouraged upon returning to their own fields of labor.

Also, in closing I would like to show the prospects for the future. The brethren are preaching in the Itaya, Napo, Mamon, Nanay and Amazon Rivers. Many places are in need of the gospel and we have believers in many places on these rivers. Pray that God would send who he pleases but that someone would go even if it be us. May the Lord bless all of you and we thank you for everything.

By HIS Grace,
Walter F. Lauerman
Apartado 183
Iquitos, Peru

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floor and my right leg was bruised in 2 or 3 places. Unhappy, later, I'll have to refer to my right leg again.

Sunday, July 31st was a day I'll long remember. Our little building was completely filled Sunday morning with 115 present for the Morning Worship. When I gave the invitation, 4 mothers made professions of faith. That afternoon I baptized 14 in the waters of "Cold Water Creek." With difficulty some of the elderly women made their way into the waters to be buried in the hope of the resurrection and a new body. That night we had another good service.

On Wednesday night we held our last service of the trip preaching in the public square of Boca do Acre. Monte Verde where we have the congregation with 28 baptized believers now, is some 1 and an half hours from Boca do Acre. Boca do Acre has a population of perhaps 5 thousand. The mayor gave us permission to preach in the public square and even loaned us the city's loud speaking system. Many heard the message, including, I learned after the service had ended, one of the priests of the city who arrived and left on his motorcycle.

On August 4th I arrived home happy to find everyone well at home.

On August the 7th I preached at both services at the church and made the 5 visits with others in homes of shut-ins conducting a short service in each. I felt a light pain in my right lower leg during and after the services at the church that night. At home when I undressed I discovered that a small sore-red and with pus had appeared on my right lower leg. I put some medicine on the place and forgot about it until the next day. The next afternoon I began to have aches and pains with fever. From Tuesday until Sunday I had to stay in bed (I did get up to go to the doctor and to Prayer Meeting Wednesday night) with an infected leg. My wife was a nurse to me. The people here call it "red disease" a very appropriate name since my leg was red alright besides another color or two mixed in. Sunday, I preached but had to sit down while giving the invitation but Sunday night fared better.

I'll close my Mission Sheet letter by sharing with you a few reports from the other brethren: Jose Francisco da Silva pastor at Bairro Vermelha made a 15 day trip to

Experiences Of A New Missionary . . . A Week In The Interior . . . New Building Dedicated . . . Get Part Of Things Out Of Customs . . . Studying New Language . . . Mike Creiglow Translates Message . . . Find s House To Live In

By Dempsey Henderson

Caixa Postal 227
Manaus, Brasil
August 18, 1966

Dear Brethren,

I praise the Lord for His manifold blessings, which certainly includes you wonderful people who, by the marvelous grace of our wonderful Lord, so faithfully and regularly support the Lord's work here in the Amazon Valley with your prayers, encouragement, and finances. It has certainly been a month of varied experiences, and I would like to share a few of them with you in this letter.

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee...." Isa. 43:2. And pass through the waters, and rivers we did! And the Lord was truly with us; Praise His wonderful name! We left Manaus on Monday morning, July 25th, with the Hatcher family and their house-girls-13 of us in all-on the mission's launch, for the Island of Maria Antonia, located in the Amazon River about 35 miles from Manaus. It took about 2 and one half hours to get there in the launch. We traveled down the Negro River, took a short cut through a narrow canal, then traveled up the Amazon. The water is going down in the rivers now, and when we started through the short cut, it was clogged up with logs, and Brother Hatcher really had to maneuver the boat to get through. Some of the bends in the canal were so sharp, and the canal was so narrow that it really took some work to get around them. Just as we were almost through, we met a large river boat with another one tied beside it, and here they came side by side seemingly filling up the whole canal and bearing right down on us. All we could do was pull over against the bank and pray. By the Lord's mercy they got by us without hitting us. According to the law they were not supposed to come through the canal coming downriver, but they did. We arrived safely at our destination early in the afternoon. It is a very beautiful island, and Moses Lima has a very strong mission out of Peniel Baptist Church, where Brother Julio Dantes is pastor. Brother Lima also attends our seminary and high school here in Manaus, makes weekly trips to the island, and is supported by the local churches here.

We stayed on the island a week, living on the launch. It was certainly a thrilling week of varied experiences. We had Bible school in the afternoon for the children, and Brother Hatcher preached each night. They had a special dedication service on Saturday night, with a full house. They dedicated their new building and benches, which we helped them work on that week. On Sunday morning we had another large crowd and a good service. Soon after the morning service we began the trip back to Manaus, which we made in

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Campinas and baptized 4 and had some 15 professions of faith there. Joao Dias, pastor at Calvary baptized 3 last Sunday into the fellowship of Calvary Church and reports 1 other profession of faith that night. Francisco Santiago, pastor of Tabernacle recently celebrated his 50th Wedding Anniversary and 81st birthday.

At this writing, brethren, I am almost completely recovered from my sickness. Pray with me that the Lord will continue to heal me and supply all of our needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus. We pray the Lord's blessings upon all of you.

Yours In His Service,
Harold Bratcher

about three hours, and without difficulty, thank the Lord. In all there were 7 professions of faith in the Bible school and preaching services. We went on our way rejoicing, and praising the Lord for His marvelous grace, that is greater than all our sins.

"... a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." I Cor. 16:9. The adversaries have been mainly from two sources: customs authorities and the language barrier. By the grace of God we overcame the one, and by the grace of God we shall overcome the other. After nearly three weeks of almost daily trips to the customs office here, we finally got our baggage out without cost. We still have some equipment in Belem, but the airlines company that we came to Brazil on has promised to get that here for us. As to the language my wife and I have been studying the Hatcher's helping us when possible- and making some progress, I believe. There are other adversaries too numerous to mention here, but God has enabled me to overcome some of them, and I am persuaded He will enable me to overcome them all.

"And he (thy brother) shall be thy spokesman unto the people. -- and he shall be to thee instead of a mouth...." On Wednesday night, August 3rd, I preached for Brother Sarmiento Lima and the Salem Baptist Church. Mike Creiglow interpreted for me, and did a good job, according to those who could understand him. I know that he didn't seem to want for words, and everyone gave good attention and seemed to understand what was being said. There were about 50 in attendance.

On Thursday night, August 4th, I preached in the chapel service at the Seminary, and Brother Hatcher interpreted for me. I enjoyed preaching to the students. In all I have preached-through an interpreter-in four different services. I pray that before long I will be able to preach to the people in their own language; but I know that I have many weeks and months of hard study ahead of me. The Lord will help me.

"...let down your nets for a drought." Luke 5:4. I left out a couple of details of our trip to the island, which I will insert here. Well, it wasn't exactly the way it was in Luke 5; but we did let down our hooks from the back of the launch-usually early in the morning and in the afternoon after Bible school-caught about ninety fish; most of which we ate. This saved quite a bit on our meat bill for the week; as well as affording some recreation for us. At one time or another about all of us caught fish. They were of all sizes and sorts. We had a fish meal about every day. Beside fishing, we went hunting twice, and killed some large tree lizards-one was about 6 feet long-and some parakeets. The farmers wanted us to kill the lizards because they destroy their crops, and they eat the parakeets. Lynn cooked one of the parakeets, and I ate some of it. It was delicious.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalms 133:1. We have been staying with the Hatcher's since arriving in Manaus, and it has been a wonderful experience in every way. They have gone out of their way to make our stay with them pleasant, and they have certainly succeeded. The fellowship has been superb, the hospitality unspeakable, and the food excellent. May the Lord reward them for their many kindnesses. Mike Creiglow and the Hatcher children have been a real blessing too. They are all well behaved, dedicated Christians. But "all good things must come to an end" and our living off of the Hatcher's will come to an end next week; as we will be moving into our own house, the Lord willing. Will write about this next month, the Lord willing. God bless you all.

In Him,
Dempsey Henderson



Moses Lima, the Seminary student inside the new building finished and dedicated at the Island of Maria Antonio. He is one of the best preachers in the school.



The deacon of the church at Japiim rode this bull to Colonia to bring some oranges and potatoes to the Creiglows. Mrs. Creiglow and Brenda are in the door and window of their house at Colonia.



Vacation Bible School at Monte Verde in the far interior of Brazil where Harold Bratcher went and told about in his letter.



New building dedicated at Anojativa with the Sunday crowd. Mrs. George Bean is the fifth from the right. Note the top of the Jeep at the left.

Offerings for August 1966

Logona Baptist Church, Nicholasville, Ky.	\$ 13.20
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	27.16
Olmstead Baptist Church, Olmstead, Ky.	43.46
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.	102.22
Riverside Baptist Church, Richwood, W. Va.	15.00
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	39.39
Newby Baptist Church, Newby, Ky.	15.05
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	20.12
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	64.00
Julien Bapt. Church, Gracey, Ky. (School Teachers)	65.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	133.08
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Land Transportation)	33.27
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teacher's Salary)	33.27
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	50.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	152.01
New Hope Bapt. Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Teachers)	30.40
Rupert Baptist Church, Rupert, W. Va.	10.00
Randolph Street Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	150.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	48.46
Oakvale Baptist Church, Danes, W. Va.	5.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	40.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio (Station Wagon)	10.00
Valley View Baptist Church, Valley View, Ky.	7.67
Algonac Baptist Church, Algonac, Mich.	25.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	15.20
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	63.56
Knots Baptist Church, Orma, W. Va.	5.00
First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Mich.	10.00
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	100.00
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadienville, Ky.	37.23
Bible Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	75.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (L.B.C. - Teachers for Brother Mayfield)	15.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	111.66
Bentley Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	51.31
Calvary Baptist Church, Clay, W. Va.	12.70
Ballard's Cross Roads Baptist Church, Greenville, N.C.	10.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Irvine, Ky.	3.11
New Salem Baptist Church, Dukedom, Tenn.	11.39
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	90.00
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va.	15.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, Ky.	5.00
Beulah Heights Baptist Mission, Eldorado, Ill.	5.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	232.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Land Transportation Fund)	100.00
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
Hepzibah Baptist Church, Staats Mills, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	5.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	26.86
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	15.23
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. (Bibles Learners Class)	5.38
Carr Baptist Church, York, Ky.	10.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	10.16
Smyrna Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	32.25
New Hope Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	41.20
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	10.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Nitro, W. Va.	20.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Portage, Ind.	25.00
Members of First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	105.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Williams, Ind.	16.71
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	46.05
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	18.60

Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	25.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	25.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	150.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Ohio	40.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio	89.43
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	35.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	16.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Southside Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	50.97
Lagrange Baptist Church, Titusville, Fla.	22.83
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	35.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill. (Teachers in Brazil)	20.00
Peoples Baptist Church, East Alton, Ill.	58.33
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	16.89
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky.	10.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	122.64
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	176.05
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Men and Women's Prayer Band for Teachers in Peru)	20.00
Sturgeon Branch Baptist Church, Rainells, W. Va.	15.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, Miss.	17.42
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	21.50
Ashland Ave. Bapt. Church, Lexington, Ky. (Hatcher's Elem. School in Brazil)	7.30
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	30.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	56.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Teachers)	50.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Building in Pucallpa)	50.00
Twelve Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Seminary Library)	100.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	17.51
Burna Baptist Church, Burna, Ky.	11.93
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	47.07
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	252.43
Lucasville Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio	118.92
Lucasville Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio (Building in Pucallpa, Peru)	200.00
Mountain Dale Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	35.00
Upper Steer Run Baptist Church, Normantown, W. Va.	10.00
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	46.08
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky. (Bldg. Fund)	31.17
Faith Baptist Church, Wauseon, Ohio	20.00
Worship Point Baptist Church, Lenoir, N.C.	20.00
First Baptist Church, Crete, Ill.	73.87
New Testament Baptist Church, Creve Coeur, Ill.	25.86
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	130.90
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Launch)	130.90
Bryan Station Baptist Mission, Lexington, Ky.	5.00
Wilton Place Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio (Men's Class)	6.50
Wilton Place Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio (Women's Class)	2.00
Wilton Place Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio (Nursery Department)	6.70
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio	10.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio	10.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio (Teachers)	16.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio (Teachers)	16.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, Ohio	200.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	400.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Launch)	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Mayfield's Bldg.)	500.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (L.B.C.)	10.00
Charlie Redding, Frankfort, Ky.	5.50
Miss Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La.	30.00
Eva Luther, Louisville, Ky. (Bratcher's Building Fund)	5.00
Mrs. Blanch Bryan, Yanceyburg, Ky.	2.00
Roy Prescott, Campbellsville, Ky.	6.00

Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	28.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	28.00
Miss Barbara Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	20.00
Mrs. A. B. B.	10.00
Mrs. Wilodine Hardy, Tupelo, Miss.	10.00
Elder G. B. Trent, Williamson, W. Va.	41.00
Paul Owen, Calvert City, Ky.	11.00
G. E. Duncan, Hopkinsville, Ky.	11.00
W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00

Received in August for Teachers in Brazil	268.97
Received in August for Teachers in Peru	35.00
Received in August for Land Transportation Fund	133.27
Received in August for Building in Pucallpa	781.17
Received in August for Station Wagon Fund	10.00
Received in August for Boat and Motor Fund	180.90
Received in August for Bratcher's Building Fund	5.00
Received in August for Regular Fund	5,138.35
Received in August for all Purposes	6,552.66

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN BRAZIL, AUGUST, 1966

Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	\$ 65.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	33.27
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	30.40
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio	32.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	16.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	7.30
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	35.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
Total Received in August for this Fund	268.97

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN PERU, AUGUST, 1966

Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Men and Women Prayer Band)	\$ 20.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. L.B.C.	15.00
Total Received in August for this Fund	35.00

OFFERINGS FOR LAND TRANSPORTATION AUGUST, 1966

Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 33.27
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	100.00
Total Received in August for this Fund	133.27

OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN PUCALLPA, AUGUST, 1966

Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	\$ 50.00
Lucasville Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio	200.00
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	31.17
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	500.00
Total Received in August for this Fund	781.17

OFFERINGS FOR STATION WAGON FUND AUGUST, 1966

Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	\$ 10.00
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OFFERINGS FOR BOAT AND MOTOR FUND, AUGUST, 1966

Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	130.90
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
Total Received in August for this Fund	180.90

OFFERINGS FOR BRATCHER'S BUILDING FUND, AUGUST, 1966

Eva Luther, Louisville, Ky.	\$ 5.00
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