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Seventh Annual Spring Missionary Conference Personnel Lexington, Kentucky April 3, 4, and 5, 1967



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J. M. Holliday



Bob Jones



Louis Maple



Harry Hille



Sidney Fisher



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Hafford Overbey



Edward Overbey



Howard Wilson Jr.



Earl Thomas



Wilbur Johnson



Elton Wilson



Jim Orrick



Roscoe Brong



Lexington Baptist College Choir: Directed by Earl Thomas, Director of Music, Lexington Baptist College. This choir will be singing at the conference.



Lexington Baptist College Trio: Left to Right: Bob Jones, Demas Brubaker, Robert Carpenter. Seated: Ronnie Wolf, Pianist. This trio will sing at the Spring Conference.

Seventh Annual Spring Missionary Conference, Lexington, Ky.

This conference is in the interest of Baptist Faith Missions and is being sponsored by Thompson Road Baptist Church, Fellowship Baptist Church, Bryan Station Baptist Church, Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church and Bentley Memorial Baptist Church. DATE AND PLACE OF SERVICES. Note carefully. The first service will be Monday night April 3, 1967 at 7:15 P.M. Services each morning, each afternoon and each night on Tuesday and Wednesday. All night services including, the first night, will be held in Fellowship Baptist Church, 1313 N. Limestone, Lexington, Ky. All day services, dinner and supper will be at Thompson Road Baptist Church 320 Thompson Road, Lexington, Ky. Free bed and free meals to all out-of-town guests. For a free bed and place to stay, write to:

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Enos Ibernion To Seminary In Manaus . . . Mike Creiglow Makes Journey Far Up The Jurua . . . Now Gone Up The Moa

By Bobby Creiglow

Dear Brethren,
Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre
February 17, 1967
Brother Enos finished his fourth grade studies at the top of the class and now is here in Cruzeiro do Sul studying to take a test to see if he can skip the Jr. high school to go directly into high school. He has been here for two weeks studying with the teachers of the public school in the morning and night. In the morning and afternoon he, also, has classes in our home taught by one of the members of the church at Colonia who graduated from high school this year. As yet he does not know when the test will be given.



Bobby Creiglow

After Brother Enos finishes his tests he will return to Colonia just long enough to sell his house and furnishings and then will be going to Manaus to study in the seminary. I told him that I thought it would be best to wait until July, which would give him more time to prepare for the trip, but he said he had already waited too long and wanted to go now even if he had to get there without anything. I told him that he would be confronted with many expenses that he had not thought of

and that he either had a lot of faith or was crazy to want to go in this way. This did not seem to change his determination, so I know that he is going on faith and that the Lord will honor his faith. He asked me to loan him the money for plane fare for him, his wife and oldest daughter, so I went this week and bought passage for them and Mike to travel on the same day. Although his leaving is going to make my work more difficult because of one more church being without a pastor, we are trying to do what we can to help him get there, because I have never seen anyone with a greater determination to study the word of God as he has. An example of his determination is that about two years ago I gave him the book "A Systematic Study Of Bible Doctrine" written by T. P. Simmons, at which time he told me it was just too deep for him to understand. Now he says he thanks God for a man such as God has used to write such

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Station Wagon Needs

Brethren, the Bratchers and Beans are coming home on furlough in July, the Lord willing. We need a Station Wagon for each of them to use. Please pray and send an offering marked "For Station Wagon". Several thousand dollars are needed.

Sixteenth Annual Lexington Baptist College Conference, Lexington, Ky.

The Sixteenth Annual Conference in the interest of Lexington Baptist College, will be held April 24, 25 and 26, 1967 at Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, 163 N. Ashland Avenue, Lexington, Ky. Services morning, afternoon and night, beginning Monday morning, April 24th and closing Wednesday night, April 26. Free beds and free meals for all out-of-town guests. The new building for Lexington Baptist College is going up and all will want to see it and many will want to have a part in the cost to build it. You can make your check payable to Lexington Baptist College. Prospective students will want to attend if possible and visit classes and get acquainted with the teachers. For more information write to:

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163 N. Ashland Avenue
Lexington, Ky. 40502

Teacher Well After Long Illness . . . Member Of Church Starts Mission On His Own . . . Meeting With Lauerman In Iquitos

By Del Mayfield

Dear Brethren,
Apartado 166
Pucallpa, Peru. S. A.
February 18, 1967
We have had our share of rain this month, but nothing to be compared with other parts of Peru. Papers stated that there were over 50,000 homeless. The road between Lima and here has been closed now for several weeks. The only supplies are coming by river from Iquitos or by plane. Many flights have been canceled because of the weather. Earthquakes have struck again in Colombia leaving many dead and thousands missing. We had a small one here, but very little damage. Jesus said: When you see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is⁴ nigh at hand. So we're made to rejoice



Del Mayfield

in that He is coming again. Oh that we'll be working, watching, and ready when that day comes.

We are made to thank God daily for His blessings. We have some faithful ones here

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Pucallpa Building Needs

Please see the picture of the rear of the unfinished building at Pucallpa in this issue. Brother Mayfield would like to finish this building up. Then he has to put a block wall fence around it as required by law. Please pray and send an offering marked "For Pucallpa Building." Several thousand dollars are needed.



Walter Lauerman ready to baptize his daughter Deborah in the baptismal font of the First Baptist Church Iquitos, Peru. Wonderful for a man to get to baptize his own children.



Mrs. Walter Lauerman and her class of girls in the Vacation Bible School. She got out of bed to teach and sat down while she taught and then went back home to bed again.

Good Bible School At Iquitos . . . Two Professions Of Faith . . . Work At Mapa Cocha Improving . . . Bible School For Two Other Churches

By Walter Lauerman

Apartado 183

Iquitos, Peru

February 19, 1967

Dear Brethren,

We use the name of the Lord so many times but I have come to wonder just how many times we are really glorifying Him when we accredit things to His name. Personally God has been good to me in spite of my using His name in many things that we do and say. I am sure that in spite of us He continues to bless us all. I say this because one of our neighbors died last but thought he was doing right and was the Lord's. Of course he died and went to Hell, in spite of our trying to talk to him about his soul several times. Now isn't it true that many times we Christians do things and use the Lord's name and try to accredit Him for it, but actually it is in the flesh and turns out to be a lie.



Walter Lauerman

We had a week of Vacation Bible School in the church here. We only averaged 80 (smallest average ever) but I believe it was the best behaved group by far above all. This is also the first time that we had plenty of help. It was a real good well-taught Bible School. We have finally been able to rent a house in the area that I spoke about since returning from furlough. We have some fixing to do on it of course, but it is a brand new frame house with a corrugated tin roof and we got it for about \$12 a month. We thank the Lord for answering our prayer in this. Our attendance and our offerings have dropped somewhat this month here in Iquitos. Even the night classes fell off considerably. It has been very rainy this month. The good news is that we had two professions of faith this past Sunday. They are to be baptized today, the Lord willing. Bad news: 2 excluded.

The river churches: Mapa Cocha has revamped their church building so as not to be partially in the new-to-be street in the village. Their attendance for the first time in a long time has increased considerably. It is only 25 now but isn't that better than 11? Please pray with us that this church would continue to grow. Hojeal and Tamshiyacu Church are planning their Bible School the last week of February. My wife has made material for them to use, etc. from the things that were given to us while we were home on furlough by my sister and mother-in-law and some of the members of Bryan Station Church. The brethren were real appreciative of these things. The Tamshiyacu Church is still going along nicely it seems, thank God. In San Antonio the people are attending again with Brother Purification, but the former pastor, Antonio Torres (the one that Brother Mayfield spoke of in last Mission Sheet) has returned there, moved into the church building and will not let anyone preach in it and the people are going to try to take it away from him of course. After Torres tried to collect 41,000 soles from Brother Mayfield and failed he came here and is trying now to collect 24,000 soles from me. Surely many preachers are just hired workers. River trips: Abram three days on the Momon River, Purification two days on the Napo River and two days with Brother Daniel Garcia on the Itaya River. They had three professions of faith here and a total of 13 in this place on the Itaya.

Random statements: The silly carnival time that was celebrated in all Latin-

American countries has come and gone. The cost of living keeps going up. We had a slight earthquake here in Iquitos (tail-end of one in Bogota, Columbia) and this is the first one that I ever really actually felt. I was writing at my desk and it slid my chair completely away so that my hands could not reach, but no damage was done, of course. Perhaps the final analysis on my wife's sickness is a slight hernia, badly infected right ovary and a very bad nervous condition. And last but not least, the Lord is coming back again. Be ye ready. We thank the Lord for all of you and may the Lord bless you.

Yours in Him,

Walter F. Lauerman

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a book and that he has taught the Church at Colonia many of the doctrines that he has learned from it. Above all it has made a Baptist out of him that is a true Baptist, one with convictions.

This month Brother Enos and his wife came to visit us, a visit that was destined to end in tears. As I wrote last month we had taken their twin daughters to rear until such a time that they would be able to take care of them again. Later we had asked them to adopt them to us and they said they would pray about it. After praying for some time they came with intentions of taking them home with them, but started to leave without saying anything about this to us. When they got to the bottom of the steps Betty asked me if I was not going to say anything to them about the babies and I said we would wait until another time. At that time Brother Enos came back up the steps and told us that they had decided to adopt them to us. We did not know until a few days ago that they made the decision while at the bottom of the steps and said they knew it was the Lord's will. It turned out to be a day of tears of joy for us and of course a day of sadness for them.

Mike made a 12 day trip up the Juraua preaching in different houses from Campo de Santana to Flora many, many miles above Campo de Santana. He had a very good trip with three professions of faith. He was refused consent to have services in several places, but returned to Cruz do Sul very happy with the trip. He went alone and seemed to enjoy it, in fact, he enjoyed it so much that he left today on another trip going up the Moa River as far as possible and then preaching his way back down. He plans to be gone over a week this time. Neither he nor I have ever been that far up the Moa until now.

I have, also, had three professions of faith here in Cruzeiro do Sul this month. I am trying to get the Sunday School organized with teachers that know how to teach. The mid-week service is used for indoctrination. I have been three weeks on baptism and next week will start on the Lord's supper. It is a slow process, but is badly needed not having been done since I have been in the Acre.

Brother Cido's son has returned from the Seminary to spend some time with his father and they plan to make a long trip up the Juraua. The progress is slow, but at last there is some.

In Christ,

B. D. Creiglow



Walter Lauerman and three he baptized at Iquitos, Peru. The man on the right was saved under the ministry of Mitchell Lewis 14 years ago and was not baptized because he saw no testimony among the saved.

Thanks For Letters . . . Preached Nine Times In Portuguese . . . To Sao Luis To Visit Bean And His Work

By Dempsey Henderson

Manaus, Brasil

February 17, 1967

Dear Brethren,

As I begin another "Mission Sheet" letter, I am reminded that almost 7 months have come and gone since we arrived in Brasil, and they have been like the years of a man's life; at first they seemed to drag by, but with each passing month, they have gone by more and more swiftly, until now it seems only a few days ago that I sat down to write my last mission letter. I am thinking too, of all of the many wonderful people that read this monthly report of the progress of our mission work in South America, and I want to make my letter as interesting and readable for all concerned as I possibly can, and yet I want it to be brief and informative, giving as accurate and true a picture as possible of the work. I know that this is the aim of all of our other missionaries, too. It is certainly thrilling to read their letters, and I only hope that I can make mine as interesting. The picture we give may not always be bright at the present, but the future and the final outcome is always bright for those who look at it through God's eyes. I would like to say something else here, while I am on the subject of letters; I am so thankful for all of the many wonderful people who have written to my wife and me. It has been a great source of encouragement to us. We have heard from many of our friends and loved ones, and some of them many times, since coming here, but I am sure that if you only knew how anxiously we await even the least bit of news from home, more of you would write to all of your missionaries more often. Your missionaries write to you at least once a month, and Brother H. H. Overbey sees to it that all of you get them every month, without fail and regardless of circumstances. Yet this man, in spite of the tremendous burden of the mission and his church, etc. that presses sorely upon him every day, finds time to answer all correspondence and write the missionaries two to three times a month, and regardless of the contents, whether business or personal, they are all appreciated. I have repented for not having written to the missionaries more while I was in the States, and if you haven't been doing so, I hope you will repent too. I want to write to the other missionaries while I am down here, as soon as circumstances permit. We have some missionaries back there, that I am sure would appreciate some encouraging mail too. I am sure too, that it would be a blessing to all to write Brother Overbey a letter of appreciation for his faithful and tireless labors through the years in behalf of this mission endeavor.



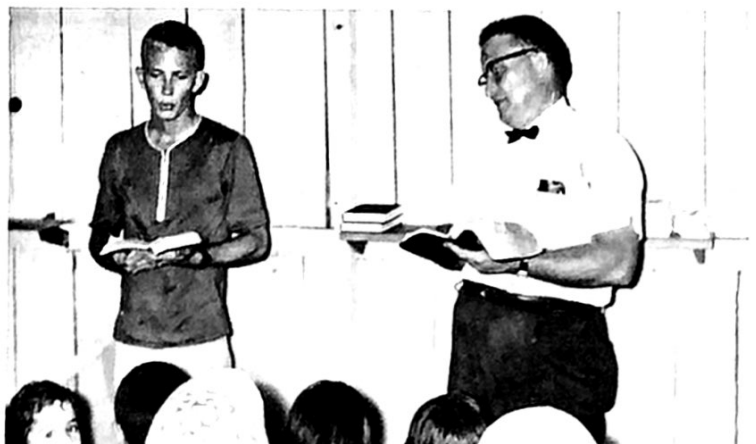
Dempsey Henderson

As for our work here, it has been at a stand-still in many ways for the past month. We have not had any more professions or baptisms this past month, and many of those who professed have long since departed, and have walked with us no more. This is discouraging, but we are not in despair over it, for "The servant is not greater than his Master", and my Saviour had multitudes following Him, and then He preached a sermon on sovereignty, and when He finished there were only twelve left, and one of them stayed only to betray Him. And in spite of all of the multitudes that followed Him and professed to believe in Him, there were only 120 in that upper room when the day of Pentecost came. Thank God that we still have some faithful ones, so that our attendance has averaged somewhere around 15 to 20 for the past month. This is good considering the fact that our enemies have been hard at work trying to stop people from coming, parents even threatening their children if they come. At least 3 children expressed a desire to profess Christ as their Saviour, but their parents have threatened them if they do. God have mercy on their miserable souls. They may keep those children from coming to service and making a public profession, but thank God that they can't keep Him from saving them, and this is what I tell them. I believe that God will yet raise up a great work here; I may not see the full results now, but someone will.

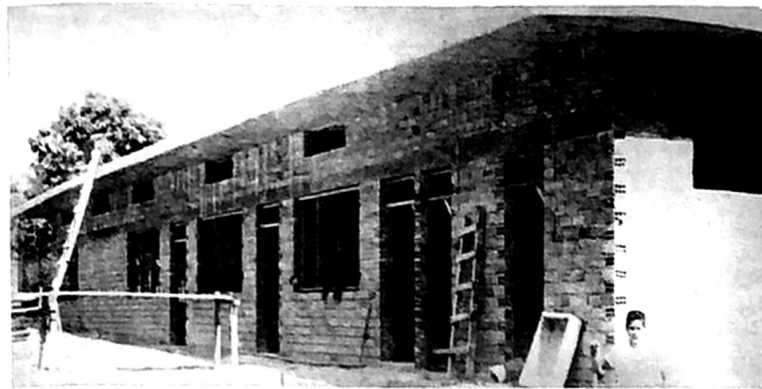
I have been doing most of the preaching at the mission this past month, and also preached my first sermon in Portuguese at Tabernacle Church, where I am a member, last Sunday morning, (I had preached there before, but not in Portuguese). I have spent most of the month studying, as has Dorothy, and we have not been able to do much visiting for the past month. Dorothy and Mrs. Hatcher did go visiting here last Sunday afternoon, while I went with Brother MacBee to a mission service. I don't have time now space to give their experiences in detail, but people are plentiful-houses crammed together as thick as they can build them and all of them crammed full of people-poverty is rampant, and sin reigns. Pray for us, that before we leave here every house in this area may have heard about Christ at least once, even if they never accept Him, but pray that many might be saved. I have preached nine times in Portuguese. My 1st sermon was on the new birth, the 2nd on the sufficiency of Christ, the 3rd on giving, and the last 6 have been on the second coming of Christ. It really took some studying to prepare these sermons, but I am thankful for it and them.

Well, I have failed in one of the things that I hoped to accomplish in this letter; I failed to make it brief, but I do hope that it is interesting and informative. I have had my problems, like all other missionaries, these first few months, but things are much better now, and burdens much lighter. Thank you all for your prayers, encouragement and support. As I write this letter, my wife is preparing things for a trip to Belem to get some things out of customs, and then on to Sao Luis to visit the Beans and the work there. I will report on this trip next month. In the meantime, keep praying and giving, and we shall try to keep witnessing and working. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

For His Name's Sake,
Dempsey Henderson



Pastor Eugene Clark preaching at Dempsey Henderson's Mission in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. Mike Creiglow, 19 year old son of Missionary and Mrs. Bobby Creiglow is translating the message into Portuguese.



Rear view of the Sunday School building that Del Mayfield is building in Pucallpa, Peru. Pastor Homer Crain and Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Michigan have just given \$446.58 towards the floor in this building. May the Lord lay it on the hearts of many more to give that he may finish this building soon.

Health Is Better . . . Trips Made . . . Souls Saved . . . Carnival Time With Sin, Sin, Sin

By George Bean

Dear Brethren,
Sao Luis, Maranhao
February 15, 1967

My how time swiftly passes away! After writing last month's MS letter telling of my sickness, I have returned to the doctor several times. He has tried the test with the rubber tube and when that failed, he then sent me to have X-rays made of the stomach again. They did not show any cause for this sickness. He then said, "I am not going to spend any more of your money on these examinations." (I sure was glad to hear that). He said, "I am going to put you on a special no-meat diet, (I was sorry to hear that) (as diet food here is sometimes difficult to find) and see if we can clear up your trouble." We do not know what it is that I have but with the medications and diet I am much better. I give the Lord all the praise for giving me some of my strength back. I will share some of the experiences that we have had this month.



George Bean

NEW HOPE CHURCH SAO LUIS

The services in the church are well attended by the believers, and some of the persecutions have stopped (prayer changes things). A young woman made a profession of faith Sun., January 29. Since then she has not missed a service. She invited me to pay a visit in the home where she is staying. Last night, June and I went to her home and she seems real happy in the Lord. We hope the Lord will use her to bring others that live in that home to hear the Gospel and be saved.

VILLA MARANHAO

I have made two visits to the Villa this month—the 3rd and the 10th of February. On the 10th we had 20 people in the services as there was recorded a 4 inch rain that fell between 6 o'clock and midnight. I have never seen it rain like it did that day. I came back to Sao Luis during the rain after the services and it had washed out roads and water was everywhere. Of course this is nothing compared to the snow that has been in some parts there. I really enjoyed my visits to the Villa and the privilege to preach

and teach God's word. Brother Agostinho is doing a good job and the people seem to respect him.

ANAJATIVA

I have also made two trips to Anajativa the 5 and 12 of February. The Sunday lesson Sunday February 5th was 1 Cor. 14 the last part of the chapter, after teaching and commenting on the lesson, a woman from another group and mission, she is spending some time there said she did not agree with my views on the work of the woman in the church. I told her to look and see what the word of God has to say about the matter. I have made several enemies since I have been in Maranhao about some of these loose doctrines. These are people from other groups, some are Baptist. I am not here to be popular, I am here to be a servant of the Lord and I want to teach the Bible as pure as I know how with out any compromise. Sunday, February 12 a girl made a profession at Anajativa. Here in Brazil there are many things that hinder the work of the Lord, I will not bother to name them but as you pray, remember this sin-clad nation that is steeped in sin and corruption. The 5, 6, and 7th of February was carnival of Brasil (every city, the same as the Mardi Gras of New Orleans) I tell you it was hell, the devil really had his day. February 13, the government started a new money system, without one piece of the new money. Some of the people from the interiors and we Americans do not seem to understand all of this. Most of all the business men are burned up over this and the other things that are happening here. May everyone of you be able from the heart to praise the Lord, and then your pastor will not be wondering where you are on Sunday nights, Wed. nights and special services. I do not find any place in the Bible of once a week Christians (Sun. Morning). But I do find a teaching and a real blessing for those who put the Lord first in their lives. If some Baptists treated their employer the way they treat their church, they would be fired on the spot. May the Lord bless each and every one.

Yours to Make Christ Known,
George Bean

Lynn Hatcher Has Tonsils Out . . . New Seminary Term To Begin March First . . . Work And More Work

By John Hatcher

Dear Brethren,
Manaus, Amazonas
February 17, 1967

The past month has been one of less activity for us than other months. It was one of blessing, as always, from the Lord. Lynn, our daughter, under went a tonsilectomy in January but is now fully recovered, for which we praise the Lord. All the rest of the family are well, and just about ready to start back to school. During the past month we have been working mostly in the Tabernacle Baptist Church. Mrs. Hatcher teaches the ladies Bible Class and Lynn teaches the primary group and has a Bible Study with the young girls on Sunday evenings. John Mark plays for Brother Henderson in the services at his mission on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. Paul is the Sunday School Secretary at the Tabernacle Church and also plays the accordion at most of the services.



John Hatcher

MISSION AT V-8

The mission of the Tabernacle Church is being cared for by the men's class and the services have been changed to Sunday afternoon. The attendance last Sunday afternoon was 62 and there were two ladies who professed faith in Christ and the Sunday before there had been two others who made professions of faith. Every Saturday afternoon at least two of the brethren go to visit in the homes in the mission area.

NEW SEMINARY TERM

On March 1st the new term of Seminary work will begin and at present we do not know how many will be enrolled. It will be probably less than the enrollment of last year. Some of the students will not be allowed to return due to their attitudes

toward the school. Here, like any place else, there are the "dead-beats", "moochers" and "instructors" for whom we have nothing to offer. But it usually takes a term or two for us to find them out. As Paul found some to be of this nature in Crete so here also they exist. At the same time there are those who indicate by their lives that God has called them to the ministry and for these the effort is not in vain. Besides Brother Julio Dantas who has taught in the Seminary about three years, Brother Jose Alves Araujo will be teaching the secular subjects this semester. Jose is a graduate of the Seminary and teacher in our grade school, also. He will be teaching History, Geography and Portuguese. During the month of January I spent one month in a teacher's training course in Portuguese. This perhaps seems rather useless but in a month's time and six hours a day a lot can be learned. Pray for us as a new year of school work starts. Soon the Bratchers will be returning to the States and this will add to our work. Pray for us.

In Him,
John A. Hatcher

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Ten Day Journey Up The Amazon In The Launch To Manacapuru . . . Now Picture Yourself Making The Trip As You Read This Letter

By Harold Bratcher

Manaus, Amazonas
February 15, 1967

Dear Brethren,
An hour after I mailed the January Mission Sheet Letter we left on a 10 day trip to the interior. We (my family, the boat pilot, four others, and I) left traveling west in direction of Manacapuru (up the Amazon River). We left on the new Mission Launch. This was my first time to travel on the launch and I'm happy to report that it gave us no trouble at all during the trip. The first stop of the trip was the "Ilha de Paciencia." There we visited and I preached to 85 inside the building of the Zion First Baptist Church of the Island of Paciencia. There was 1 profession of faith. The next morning we left one passenger and took another one on board (Antonio Barroso—the pastor of the Zion F. B. C.).



Harold Bratcher

We journeyed on in direction of Manacapuru. At noon we stopped and after dinner, two of us made a visit in the home of an unsaved man who some months ago suffered a stroke. At 4:00 P.M. we docked at Manacapuru. As I looked at the town (a town of perhaps 5,000 people) several thoughts came to my mind. I thought: How will we be received? There is no Baptist church here. The only non-Catholic church is an "Assembly of God" Church. (We learned later that it is very weak.) I remembered also that this is the city where, years ago, Missionary E. A. Nelson had to run for his life. I had the address of a house where Pastor Renato of the Chapada Church, Manaus, had preached two nights in August of last year. We (two of us) then left the boat and began to look for Getulio Vargas Street No. 465. We found the house and asked the owner if we could hold services in his house. He readily consented. We then began to visit all his neighbors for several blocks around inviting for the service and leaving a gospel tract in each home. We were pleased when 70 people were counted inside and out (the front room was small). How our hearts rejoiced when 5 adults responded to the invitation declaring their acceptance of

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that He has given us. Our attendance has been very good, with many new ones attending our service. Glad also to report that our school teacher arrived the 25th of January (Brother Robinson Ruis) after more than three months in the hospital. We'd like to thank each one who has prayed with us about his condition. He looks very good, and says that he is completely healed. We were hoping to bring him here to help with the school, but as of now we're not too sure. The building can't be finished until cement arrives and no one knows when the road will be opened. Schools start here the first of April, so we must wait. Brother Robinson will be teaching at San Francisco, where he taught last year before going to Lima. We'll also have another teacher helping there this year as we start a complete grade school. Last year we only ran through the 3rd grade. I'd like to thank each of you who are helping with the teachers' fund, not only here but in Brazil. Pray with us that the building will be finished, and that we can start teaching the Word of God every day, instead of just one hour on Sunday.

Brother Gama, one of the members at San Francisco has been preaching at a place called Uruqueia. This is a small river that flows into the Ucayali River below San Francisco. He went there several months ago with his family and spent several weeks preaching. On his return he told of how the Lord had blessed in saving many souls. This is the first man that we know here in Peru that has gone out on his own, without any help from anyone. He asked Brother Rucoba, the pastor at San Francisco to come and visit him. The only way to get there is with a small boat. So Brother Rucoba, along with the teacher Brother Robinson and I left the morning of the 2nd to find the place. After about three hours in the speed boat, and let me add very dangerous traveling because of logs and the river being very narrow we arrived. We enjoyed preaching, Brother Rucoba and I, even though there was no visible results. We want to go back, but when the river is much higher than it is now. Brother Gama says that he has enough ready to baptize to organize a church. Pray for this brother and his family of six children who lives from fish and bananas mostly to preach the gospel of Christ.

The Lord willing we'll be leaving for Iquitos Wednesday where I'll be speaking five or six days for their 30th Anniversary of the First Baptist Church. We're praying that God will bless His word and that many souls will be saved and the church will be blessed. We're also looking forward to seeing the Lauerms and visiting with them. I'll tell more about this next month, and the blessings we receive.

We ask for your prayers as we know that in ourselves we can do nothing, but in Christ we can do all things. Pray that God will lead us and that we'll be faithful in following His will in all that we do.

Yours by His Grace,
Del. Mayfield

P.S. We baptized two this month, but was not able to take pictures as there was no film or flash bulbs.

the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I decided then that we should stay another day. Friday we spent inviting and distributing tracts. We felt sad when it began to rain a half hour before the service. We had 55 present, though, and three more adults made professions. We closed the service announcing that we would hold another service, Monday night in the Public Square of the town.

Saturday we left Manacapuru at 7:00 A.M. traveling on further west. At 12:00 noon we arrived at the home of Raimundo Oliveria at "Ilha de Arraia." Brother Oliveria had accompanied us since we left Manaus. His home is the meeting house of a mission of the Mira-Aua Baptist Church. The pastor, Ranulfo Tobar was one of our companions on the entire trip. That afternoon we journeyed on up the river looking for a farm where a family from Manaus had invited me to hold services. After two hours we found the farm and promised to return the next afternoon (Sunday) for a service.

That night I preached to 92 at Raimundo Oliveria's house. The next morning we all attended Morning Worship with the Ilha de Arraia Mission. Pastor Tobar taught the Sunday School lesson for the adult class. Pastor Atadeu (another of our traveling companions) preached. Soon after the Morning Worship ended, it started raining. It rained until about 1 P.M. At 1:30 P.M. with several accompanying us we returned to the farm of Senhor Jefferson Franca where we had marked the service the day before. There I preached to 70. That night I preached to 39 at Senhor Raimundo's house again.

Monday morning, the 23rd, we returned to Manacapuru and covered most of the rest of the town with tracts and invited everyone to the service in the Public Square at 7:30 P.M. That night I preached to an estimated 200 people. The people listened attentively and even though there was no public decisions we felt the presence of the Lord. After we had finished the service and were still playing gospel records, two men came up to me. One of them extended his hand and said to me: "I'm Father _____ (I don't recall his name), one of the three priests here." I looked at him quite surprised and asked, "Did you attend our service?" He answered, "Yes, and I enjoyed it." I assure you, Brethren, that I preached that night as I always preach that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour. He continued talking to me a few minutes. He began speaking good English to me. He had studied some years in the States. As he left I gave him a Gospel of John and a Gospel tract. Brethren, pray with me that the friendly priest might become a believer in the Lord Jesus.

The next day we left Manacapuru and journeyed northwest on another river to Campinas. There we found Pastor Jose Francisco da Silva of the Bairro Vermelho Baptist Church of Manaus. His church some time ago established a Mission there. The rains arrived soon after we did. The rains stopped before time for the service but we walked through mud and water to get to the house where the services were held. I preached to 55 that night.

Wednesday we left Campinas and journeyed several hours until we arrived at Peixeiro near Manacapuru. There we held a service in a home with some 65 people present. After the service was over, it was agreed for the pilot with two others to go back to the river where we had left the launch and bring the launch up the creek to the house. While we were waiting my wife and Pastor Atadeu began witnessing to the lady of the house. After several minutes of explanations she made a profession of faith in the Lord.

Thursday morning we left Peixeiro and arrived in the afternoon at Ilha de Paciencia again. This time we came to visit the Zion Second Baptist Church of the Island of Paciencia. The pastor, Atadeu, took me to visit some of his members who lives some distance from the church. The path was a muddy one, not mentioning the knee-deep water in a place or two. Thus I walked where Brother Hille and Brother Clark walked when they visited "The Island of Paciencia." That night I preached to 49. There was 1 profession of faith.

Friday afternoon we arrived back in Manaus, rejoicing in the Lord.

Since arriving back, we've continued our regular work as pastor of the 14th of December Baptist Church. Our Sunday School attendance fell to 34 the Sunday we were in the interior because of a hard rain that morning. The fifth Sunday we climbed back to 121. The first Sunday we went down a little to 115. Last Sunday the attendance came up to 134. Last Sunday night we had 150 present. There were 2 professions, 1 received by letter and 1 approved for baptism during the day. On the 29th of January (Sunday afternoon) we made our hospital visit where among the 10 patients, 4 made professions of faith.

On the 23rd of this month (February) I'll be going to Monte Verde near Boca do Acre to organize our mission there into a church. We shall organize, the Lord willing, with around 30 charter members.

Thus we bring to a close another Mission Sheet Letter. We ask your prayers for all of our work. Please remember the town of Manacapuru where more services were held by two brethren from our church this last week-end. Pray that we'll be able to establish a Mission there.

Yours In His Service,
The Harold Bratchers



The "Christ" of Manacapuru, Brazil. A few yards behind this dead Christ, Harold Bratcher preached the living Christ in the public square to 200 people including a Catholic priest.

Offerings For February 1967

Algonac Baptist Church, Algonac, Mich.	\$ 29.96
Ballard's Cross Roads Baptist Church, Greenville, N.C.	10.00
Battle Baptist Church, Rose Hill, Ky.	24.78
Bentley Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	78.67
Bethel Baptist Church, Williams, Ind.	15.13
Camp Nelson Baptist Church, Camp Nelson, Ky.	5.00
Faith Baptist Church, Wauseon, Ohio	20.00
Faith Baptist Church, Wauseon, Ohio	20.00
Faith Baptist Church, Wauseon, Ohio	20.00
First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Mich.	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	40.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio (Station Wagon)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	600.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Launch)	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. L.B.C.	10.00
Howell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	11.80
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla. (Bibles for Creiglow)	5.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	60.41
Northeast Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	59.92
Olmstead Baptist Church, Olmstead, Ky.	46.12
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	10.80
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	100.00
Rupert Baptist Church, E. Rineville, W. Va.	10.00
Rupert Baptist Church, E. Rineville, W. Va.	10.00
Westside Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	8.95
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	25.00
Fount Baptist Church, Fount, Ky. (Teachers in Peru)	13.38
Fount Baptist Church, Fount, Ky. (Teachers in Peru)	13.38
Randolph St. Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	150.00
Randolph St. Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va. W.M.F. (Pucallpa Building)	45.00
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadiaville, Ky.	43.28
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	50.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Nitro, W. Va.	20.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	11.55
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. (Bibles Learners Class)	10.11
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	35.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	16.00
Members of First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla.	75.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio	10.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio (Teachers in Brazil)	16.00
Knox Baptist Church, Orma, W. Va.	5.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Shock, W. Va.	
Rosedale Baptist Church, Shock, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	20.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	20.00
Hepzibah Baptist Church, Stouts Mills, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	5.00
LaGrange Baptist Church, LaGrange, Fla.	16.91
LaGrange Baptist Church, LaGrange, Fla.	21.59
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Land Transportation)	100.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Help for Enos Ibernson)	100.00
Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Villas, N.C.	25.00
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	80.00
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. (Teachers in Brazil)	10.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, Ohio	29.44
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	242.90
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Land Transportation)	54.19
Logana Baptist Church, Logana, Ky.	33.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	45.19
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Tenn.	15.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	15.17
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Warship Point Baptist Church, Lenoir, N.C.	20.00
Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	25.00
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Villas, N.C.	46.80
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	99.34
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (Teachers in Peru)	12.50
Maple Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Clemens, Mich.	10.00
Smyrna Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	18.60
Southside Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	54.66
Southside Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. (Help for Enos Ibernson)	25.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	15.00
Bible Baptist Mission, Madisonville, Ky.	70.07
Churches of Big Bear Creek Baptist Association, Russellville, Ala.	326.26
Carr Baptist Church, York, Ky.	10.00
Member of Emmaus Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	20.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	25.00
Gallagher Baptist Church, Gallagher, W. Va.	78.66
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Floor for Pucallpa Building)	446.58
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (M & L Prayer Bands - Teachers in Peru)	25.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Portage, Ind.	25.00
Little Sewell Baptist Church, Rineville, W. Va.	30.00
New Union Baptist Church, Symonita, Ky.	10.00



Aboard the Launch on which Harold Bratcher and family made the journey to Manacapuru. Left to right: Joel Bratcher, the pilot with glasses, Mrs. Bratcher and one of the girls that works for her, front center Asa Bratcher.



January 20, 1967. Joel Bratcher selects his table to eat his dinner aboard the launch.

Bible Baptist Mission, Middlesboro, Ky.	7.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, Miss.	17.97
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	150.00
Mountain Dale Baptist Church, Villas, N.C.	35.50
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	17.38
Elk Lick Baptist Church, Levi, Ky.	18.89
Peoples Baptist Church, East Alton, Ill.	42.00
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky.	10.00
Sturgeon Branch Baptist Church, Rineville, Ky.	15.00
West Ave. Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio	11.71
Winton Place Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio	5.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	23.05
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	50.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill	10.46
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	40.89
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	63.54
Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	32.02
Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	15.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Ohio	40.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	202.79
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	48.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Teachers in Brazil)	50.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Pucallpa Building)	50.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Help for Enos Ibernson)	30.00
Valley View Baptist Church, Valley View, Ky.	4.12
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	35.57
Banklick St. Baptist Church, Covington, Ky. (Land Transportation - Jeep for Louerman)	30.00
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	14.47
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	47.64
Upper Steer gun Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va.	10.00
New Salem Baptist Church, Dukedom, Tenn.	10.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	35.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.00
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	15.69
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	173.35
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Teachers in Brazil)	34.67
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	110.59
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Land Transportation)	27.65
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	27.65
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Peru)	27.65
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va.	15.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	135.80
Bryan Station Bapt. Church, Lexington, Ky. (Launch)	135.80
First Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio	110.73
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio	129.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio	86.23
New Testament Baptist Church, Creve Coeur, Ill.	28.00
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	16.52
New Testament Baptist Fellowship, Chittenango, N.Y.	5.00
Rollysburg Baptist Church, Telcott, W. Va.	10.00
Victory Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn.	24.65
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.	87.37
Bible Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	50.00
Blanche Bryan, Vanceburg, Ky.	2.00
Paul C. Owen, Calvert City, Ky.	18.00
Eld. & Mrs. G. B. Trent, Williamson, W. Va.	42.00
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond May, Grundy, Va.	22.50
Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La.	30.00
Mrs. Katie Buffin, Versailles, Ky.	10.00
Ronald M. Davis, Fairborn, Ohio	35.00
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Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	18.00
A Friend	141.28
Harold Creiglow, Huton, Texas	5.00
Mrs. Ira E. Keiser, Lake Lynn, Pa. (Help for Enos Ibernson)	1.00
Mrs. Lucy G. Wilson, Glasgow, W. Va. (Help for Enos Ibernson)	10.00
W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00

Received in February for Boat & Motor Fund	\$ 185.80
Received in February for Building in Pucallpa	682.86
Received in February for Land Transportation	211.84
Received in February for Teachers in Brazil	169.32
Received in February for Teachers in Peru	91.91
Received in February for Station Wagon Fund	10.00
Received in February for Bibles for Creiglow	5.00
Received in February for Enos Ibernson	166.00
Received in February for Regular Fund	5,385.50
Received in February for all Purposes	6,908.23

OFFERINGS FOR BOAT & MOTOR FUND, FEBRUARY, 1967

Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	\$ 50.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	135.80
Total Received for this fund in February	185.80

OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN PUCALLPA, FEBRUARY, 1967

Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	\$ 446.58
A Friend	141.28
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
Randolph Street Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va. (W.M.F.)	45.00



John Hatcher, Eugene Clark, Harry Hills, and Harold Bratcher at the airport, Manaus, Brazil, when Hills and Clark arrived.

Total Received for this fund in February	628.86
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OFFERINGS FOR LAND TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY, 1967

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	100.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	54.19
Banklick Baptist Church, Covington, Ky. (Jeep for Louerman)	30.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	27.65
Total Received for this fund in February	211.84

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN BRAZIL, FEBRUARY, 1967

First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	\$ 16.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio	16.00
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	10.00
Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	15.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	34.67
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	27.65
Total Received for this fund in February	169.32

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN PERU, FEBRUARY, 1967

Fount Baptist Church, Fount, Ky.	\$ 13.38
Fount Baptist Church, Fount, Ky.	13.38
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (M. & L. Prayer Bands)	25.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	12.50
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	27.65
Total Received for this fund in February	91.91

OFFERINGS FOR STATION WAGON FUND, FEBRUARY, 1967

Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	\$ 10.00
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OFFERINGS FOR BIBLES FOR CREIGLOW, FEBRUARY, 1967

Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	\$ 5.00
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OFFERINGS FOR HELP OF ENOS IBERN, FEBRUARY, 1967

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 100.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	30.00
Southside Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	25.00
Ira E. Keiser, Lake Lynn, Pa.	1.00
Lucy G. Wilson, Glasgow, W. Va.	25.00
Total Received for this fund in February	166.00

OFFERINGS FROM NEW CHURCHES & INDIVIDUALS, FEB. 1967

Ronald M. Davis, Fairborn, Ohio	\$ 70.00
Bible Baptist Mission, Madisonville, Ky.	70.07
Churches of Big Bear Creek Baptist Association, Russellville, Ala.	326.26
Harold Creiglow, Huston, Texas	5.00
Lucy G. Wilson, Glasgow, W. Va.	10.00
New Testament Baptist Fellowship, Chittenango, N.Y.	5.00
Randolph St. Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va. (W.M.F.)	45.00

CORRECTION: Offering listed in January offerings from First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. for \$79.92 should have been listed as First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (Bean's Medical Supplies) \$79.92.