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The crowd on the left hand side attending a service in Dempsey Henderson's Mission in Manaus, Brazil. Lynn Hatcher at the right.



Crowd on the right hand side attending the Dempsey Henderson Mission. Mrs. Henderson in the center.

### River At All Time High . . . Many Killed . . . Over 80 In Sunday School . . . School Started . . . Funds Needed To Finish Building And Fence

By Del Mayfield

Apartado 166  
Pucallpa, Peru, S.A.  
April 18, 1967

Dear Brethren,  
This month has been one full of activities, and many blessings that I'd like to try and share with you. We praise the Lord for His love and care over us, giving us good health. I'm reminded of the words of Paul when he said "that His ways are past finding out".



Del Mayfield

We had planned a long river trip, but how we thank Him that we didn't get to go, as the river here at Pucallpa is at an all time high. In one section of Pucallpa called the "La Hojada", the river cut through taking the lives of many. Many of the large river towns were destroyed. San Francisco Church was under water. We have postponed the starting of the grade school until the 15th of May. When we were unable to make the trip we put our hands to the work here, trusting that it was of the Lord. He has wonderfully blessed. We've had more than 80 every Sunday, with 93 one Sunday. There have been 5 souls saved, and one of the ladies said she had given up her idols to serve the Lord. I'm hoping to baptize next Sunday the Lord willing. We have another family who moved here from Tarapoto who visited our church on what the Catholics and Protestants call Good Friday, and after hearing me preach on why we can't observe the Holy Week he asked if I'd come and talk to him at his home. He told me that he had been saved about two years, and when I talked to his wife she said that she had been raised a Christian. But I told her that she needed to know when she trusted the Lord, and after witnessing to her in the home, the next service at the church she came forward saying that she'd never been saved, but that she wanted to put her trust in the Lord and stop trusting in herself. I'm helping them now to get married legally so they can be baptized. I believe they'll make us good members. We're hoping that we can organize next month, if at all possible. We have some good faithful members, and I believe there'll be others.

Last Monday we started our day school with kindergarten and the first grade. We'd hope to start through the 3rd grade, but see-

ing that the building was not done we only started with the two grades. We have two good teachers, and my wife is teaching two courses, also. I'm hoping that we can find one more so we can enroll some more. We've had to turn many down who wanted to come, as there is not enough of the building done, and we're short of teachers. Will you not pray with us about our building? We've put everything we've got into the property, and more as I've borrowed personally to try and finish what we've put our hands to do. We've also borrowed from the regular funds and this must be paid back. So will you have a part in helping reach the 50,000 souls here in Pucallpa. We wish that each one could come and see what God has done. I'm sure you'd rejoice that you've had a part in the work. We thank the Lord daily for each church and pastor and people.

We must put a fence around the property. The one we now have we put up out of wood before going home on furlough, and it is rotten now and must be replaced. To build a fence out of cement and blocks will cost several thousand dollars, but I'm sure it will be much cheaper in the long run than wood. I'm mentioning this as many of you could build it if the Lord would really lay it on your hearts. I'm not sure if I mentioned this or not, but we had to put in a sewer system which cost over \$2,000 above what we had planned to spend. This work is all done and we thank the Lord for it. Continue to pray with us that God will bless, and souls will be saved for His glory.

May the Lord bless you all.

Yours by His grace,  
Del. Mayfield

### Coming Conference

Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tennessee is to have a Missionary Bible Conference August 15, 16 and 17, 1967. First Baptist Church, Independence, Kentucky is to have a Labor Day Missionary Conference on Monday September 4, 1967.

### Two Houses Needed For Missionaries To Live In

When the missionaries come home on furlough they need a furnished house to live in. Year before last Bryan Station Baptist Church, Al Gornley, Pastor paid the rent on a house for the whole year in Lexington, Kentucky for the Walter Lauermans to live in while on furlough. Many individuals furnished the house with refrigerator and other furniture. When the Harold Bratchers and George Beans arrive home on furlough in July 1967 they do not have a house to live in. Maybe some could take care of a house for each family for the year. Better yet, if we had the funds we could buy two houses and furnish them complete for the missionaries to live in while on furlough. There are many who could give the funds to pay for a house and furniture. Also many could give to make a down payment and then the houses could be paid for in monthly payments. Pray about it and write and tell us what you can do. Write to Baptist Faith Missions, 28855 Wexford, Warren, Michigan 48092.

### New Mission On Itaya River . . . New Mission In Iquitos . . . Good Church In Iquitos . . . People Working

By Walter Lauerman

Iquitos, Peru  
April 18, 1967

Dear Brethren,  
Hermano Purification today has gone up the Itaya River for a week of preaching and also hoping to get all arranged so as to get his house started there to live in for the time being and also to preach in. The place he is to live in is Penal Blanca. There are 13 believers there.



Walter Lauerman

We hope to have a church there soon, the Lord willing. Brother Purification has been preaching off and on there for 2 years. They like him very much and it seems to be of the Lord. Pray for this new work as it is now to be a permanent one. Puri is going out as member and missionary from the church here in Iquitos as the church he pastored in San Antonio was taken over by the former pastor without any vote, etc. In order to avoid any more trouble with him we left him and that church to the Lord to handle and I am sure one day the people will get rid of him and we will be invited back to help them, whenever they get enough of his cheating and deceiving, etc. The rest of the churches on the rivers are fine. Astoria had as high as 50 several times this month. Hojeal is still going along fine, it seems. Jorge Macahuachi pastors both of these. In Mapa Cocha things also have really picked up, it seems. I preached for them the days of what is called holy here, holy Thursday and Friday. I preached on why these days are not holy. I

had a good time and large crowds. I sure hope this church continues growing. Tamshiyacu has its troubles as all churches do but continues every month to grow in all ways. We thank God for its pastor, Marcial Macahuachi.

In Iquitos we are trying to get all ready to start our new mission. We have gone slow in this as to be more sure about all and to have a real good sound work that will be done by the people themselves. It is hard to start and keep on. We are having new benches made for the church and putting the benches from the church into the mission. I have made a new pulpit and other things needed to open the work. I am to paint the outside of the mission house Thursday and then everything will be done there. Every spare moment we have we are all visiting in this new area of our new work. We have many interesting promises, but we are waiting on the Lord to give the increase. We are starting May 1 with preaching every night for at least a week and then services Wed. night and twice on Sunday. I will do the preaching in both places or 5 services I will have in the two places plus the traveling back and forth. We want this new work to grow into a good church, made by the people. Pray for us. We are starting very humbly but we think after all the time here that this is the best and only sure way to have a lasting work. May the Lord receive all the glory, not man. The services in the church itself have been real good. Many lost came. Our people are visiting and are helping in the passing out of the hand bills announcing the opening of our new work on the other side of town. We have a good church here and in good harmony. So much so that when one wanted to oppose the new work both in the Itaya River and here in town, 4 men stood right up and wanted to exclude him for always opposing the church, etc. He finally was excluded too, right there that night. Our whole family sends greetings and thank yous for your prayers and support. May the Lord bless you all.

By HIS Grace,  
Walter F. Lauerman

### Needs To Finish A Building In Pucallpa

We need several thousand dollars for Del Mayfield to finish the school building in Pucallpa, Peru and pay for it and to put a block wall fence around the property as required by law. Mark your offering for "Pucallpa Building".

### Needs For Teacher Support In Brazil

John Hatcher reports that about 280 children were given schooling in Manaus, Brazil at a cost of only about \$15.00 per child for 1966. About half of this cost was paid as tuition by the children and Baptist Faith Mission paid the rest in designated offerings. Where else can you give a Baptist education to a child for one year for this amount. We need more churches to give designated offerings each month to pay the salaries of the teachers. Mark your offerings for "Teachers in Brazil".

### A Word About Your Will

We have just read in the newspaper where a woman willed \$50,000.00 to care for her dog. No doubt many who read this have cash and property that they could will to BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS where it would go on doing mission work long after the one who gave it has gone to heaven. Get a lawyer to make out your will so it will be legal in every way and make it out to Baptist Faith Missions, a Michigan Corporation. If you desire more information write to: Baptist Faith Missions, 28855 Wexford, Warren, Michigan 48092.

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### Station Wagons

Two used 1965 Ford four door Station Wagons have been purchased for the Harold Bratchers and the George Beans to use while home on furlough from Brazil. The Bratchers and Beans will arrive home about the middle of July, 1967, the Lord willing. After a check-up and medical and surgical attention and a rest, they will visit churches and tell of their work, and show slides of it, when invited to do so. Grace Baptist Church, Eugene Clark, pastor has given an offering to pay for one of the Station Wagons in full and Gethsemane Baptist Church, Homer Crain, pastor is putting new brakes, a tune-up, change of oil, lubrication and all else necessary to put the Station Wagons in tip-top shape. Both are paid for and we thank all who had a part.



Daniel Garcia and family. He was saved in 1960 at San Pedro and now lives in Iquitos, Peru and helps Walter Lauerman in visitation.



Rosa Galma and her class of children inside the First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru.



Walter Lauerman baptizing in Iquitos, Peru.

## Trips To Colonia . . . Testimony Of An Old Saint . . . Man To Start New Mission . . . Sunday School Rooms Soon To Be Finished

By Bobby Creiglow

Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre  
April 13, 1967

Dear Brethren,

I have been going to Colonia every other week to hold services on Sunday morning and then returning to Cruzeiro do Sul for Bible study just before the evening worship service. On the weeks that I do not go, Bro. Cido goes from Barao for the morning service and then makes the three hour walk back to Barao for the night service in his own church there. The church at Colonia has had a membership of fifty-four, but about half of them moved and I think there are still more that are going to move soon. For this reason the attendance has been rather poor, and due to the fact that we don't have a preacher there all the time, it is hard to get the lost out to services. On the last two trips to Colonia, I went to visit one of the oldest believers in the Acre, who has been very sick. The last time I was there, his son who is lost, asked us to have services in his home where this old brother is staying. This old brother whose eyes have grown dim with his eighty-one years and whose tongue was thick with sickness was still able to testify for his Lord. This brother who never learned to write his own name learned enough from the preaching of the word of God to testify of the saving grace of the Lord. On Sunday after the morning service we went to this home to hold this service after which we sat and talked to those who came to the service, although I could not understand much of what the old man said there was one thing that came out loud and clear, "Eu tenho toda certeza da minha salvacao em Cristo Jesus", "I have all certainty of my salvation in Christ Jesus." It thrilled my heart to hear him say this and it seemed to me that this testimony was worth more than the half hour of preaching that I did.



Bobby Creiglow

The last Sunday I was in Colonia the brother that was in charge of services here in Cruzeiro do Sul felt led to the Lord to ask the church to give him the authority to start a new work out in the country from

here, which the church did. When my wife told me what had happened, my heart was made to rejoice and that night in services I expressed my gratitude and offered my help with the understanding that it would be his work and he would be in full charge of it and I would try to do whatever he asked. This man works for the government and has a large family to support and does not have much free time, but I have hopes that it could be a good incentive for others. We take courage.

The Sunday school rooms that we are building on the church house here in Cruzeiro do Sul should be far enough along to where we can begin to use them in the near future. We have been having from one hundred to one hundred and fifty in Sunday school and have been needing these rooms for some time. There are several to be baptized and while the church is in a building program they plan to build a baptistry in the church for this purpose.

For several years now the "old patriarch" in his old age has caused the brethren in the church in Parana dos Mouras much trouble. Many think he is mentally ill and from all indications he is, because he has been doing things that a normal person just does not do. He is very sick or very sinful, or perhaps both. Because he could no longer get along with any of them there he decided to return to the State where he lived as a young man. He has turned the farm over to some of the children and a few days ago boarded a boat and left. When I asked him if he was going to spend much time there, he said until the Lord calls him home. We will now see what the church will do without him.

After getting over our colds the five of us seem to be in good health and enjoying the blessings of the Lord and hope all of you are doing the same.

In Christ,  
B. D. Creiglow

## Church Organized In The Interior . . . Good Trip On Launch With Hatcher . . . Series Of Sermons At Seminary

By Dempsey Henderson

Dear Brethren,

Manaus, Brasil  
April 15, 1967

The past month has been a busy one in many ways, and has passed, it seems, more swiftly than the others. I wish to share a few of my experiences with you in this letter. Needless to say that my wife and I missed attending the Spring Conference this year, which is now history, but thank God, a glorious heavenly history, which will be there for all to enjoy in the eternal ages. Findi much comfort in that blessed hope, we prayed much for you all, that God would give you the greatest conference ever.



Dempsey Henderson

At the last writing, we were planning to make a trip on the launch, up the Amazon River to a large island called "Ilha de Arraia" for the purpose of organizing a church in the home of Bro. Ramundo Oliveira dos Santos, who has been carrying on a mission work there under the authority of the Mira Aua Baptist Church; Ranufo Tobar, pastor. We left Manaus-Bro. Hatcher, David Hatcher, Wilson, the pilot, and I-at 6:15 A.M. on Friday, March 17. With the exception of a little trouble in getting around a sharp bend in a very narrow canal between the Amazon and Negro Rivers, we made the trip in less than 12 hrs., arriving at the island at 6 P.M. After supper we visited for a while in the home of Bro. Ramundo, and then went to sleep on the launch. We had service on Sat. night, and in spite of a heavy rain, we had a fair crowd, and Bro. Hatcher preached a wonderful message. The rain had stopped by Sunday morning, and there were about 40 present for the service, and we organized the church with 15 charter members. They called Bro. Ranufo Tobar as their pastor. He was present and accepted the call. He will be pastoring both churches for the present. We had more than 50 present for the night service. We had a wonderful time with the Brethren there, and the Lord has

established another "light house" from which His word may shine among this most crooked and perverse generation. On Monday morning we left "Ilha de Arraia" for Manaus at 6:30. In spite of some minor trouble with an oil leak in the reversible of the motor on the launch, we made it back to Manaus by 3 P.M. without too much difficulty.

On the same Monday night I began preaching a series of sermons on "The Second Coming of Christ," to the faculty and students of the seminary, at the gracious invitation of Bro. Hatcher. I preached 4 nights a week for 2 weeks, using about 20 minutes each night during convocation period. I don't know how much the students got out of it, but it was really a blessing to me, as that is one of my favorite sermon subjects. On Sat. night, March 25, just as I was arriving home from a visit, a young preacher from Chapada Church met me and asked me to go and preach in his home, explaining that they had planned a service there, but the pastor was sick and couldn't preach. I consented, and we had to leave almost immediately; I without supper or preparation. The house was full, with many outside, and the Lord gave us a real good service. I also preached at Tabernacle and Salem churches during the month, besides the services at the mission. I have also been invited to preach the sermon at an ordination at Bro. Bratcher's church next Tues. night. I am so thankful to the Lord for these opportunities to preach.

As to our work at the mission, we are now in the process of preparing the people and work for our departure, as we plan to go to Sao Luis in June to take care of Bro. Bean's work while he is home on furlough. The Lord has already given us a good Brazilian preacher and wife to work in the mission here, and they have already begun their labors among us. They are Bro. Jose and Helena Alves, who are both graduates of the seminary, and he teaches in the seminary now and she in the grade school. They are both now members of Tabernacle Church. We had our first S.S. and morning service last Sunday with 29 in S.S. Bro. Jose teaches the adult class, Mike Creiglow the young people, and Helena the little children. We had 36 in S.S. today, and I feel sure that the number will keep growing. We need to make room for more classes, but I don't want to spend any more money on the building unless we can buy it. I feel sure that if we can get the money we can buy it now, as one of the main owners who didn't want to sell it is now a believer and willing to sell it rather than to see it turned back into a dance hall when our contract runs out in about 8 more months. I hope the Lord will see fit to provide the way for us to get the building, as this area certainly needs a work permanently. I am sure that we could buy it for a low price.

These last 2 items and I will close. Dorothy and I celebrated our 18th wedding anniversary on April 2, and we have much, so much for which to be thankful. More than anything else we are so thankful that Christ saw fit to save us and use us in His service, for we were both lost when we married. We are so thankful for Mrs. Edna Rhorer (now with the Lord), Bro. M. C. King, Bro. Eugene Clark, and others whom the Lord saw fit to use to lead us to Christ, and the many, many others whom the Lord has used to bless our lives to this good hour. From there we could go on forever counting His blessings and mercies and praising Him for them. The last item has to do with another of the Lord's blessings concerning our going to Sao Luis. I had been concerned about trying to sell our furniture, as selling used furniture can be very difficult. A week ago Friday night I prayed that the Lord would send someone to buy my furniture, if it be His will. Early the next morning a man came and bought everything that I had to sell at the first price that I gave him, and without a question. He will pay me cash either in dollars or cruzeiros, and we get to use the furniture until we leave. "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think . . ." Eph. 3:20. May the Great Giver of all good gifts give freely unto you all as you have need.

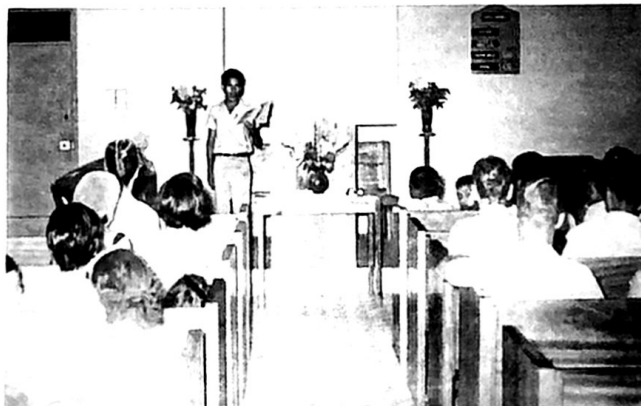
Yours for Christ's sake,  
Dempsey Henderson



Pastor Jose Francisco da Silva in front of the home where services are held at Campinas, in the interior of Brazil out from Manaus.



A young preacher standing beside the new school building being built by Del Mayfield at Pucallpa, Peru.



A young man leading the singing inside the new church building at Pucallpa, Peru. Del Mayfield is building the school building attached to the rear of this building.



The family who lives in this house are members of the Baptist Church at Tamschiayu, Peru.

## Trip To Manacapuru And Two Other Places . . . 29 Professions Of Faith And 8 Baptized . . . High Attendance 215 At 14th Of Dec. Church

By Harold Bratcher

Manaus, Amazonas  
April 11, 1967

Dear Brethren,  
At 7:00 A.M. on the 15th of March I left Manaus with four others destination-Janauaca. After a pleasant trip we arrived at the church at 4:00 P.M. The people were already beginning to arrive. At 5:30 P.M. the pastor, Manuel Costa baptized two ladies.

The baptism was witnessed by a large number of people. At 7:00 P.M. we began the service. The church was celebrating its fourth anniversary as a church, its second year of the inauguration of their building. It had been 3 years since I had visited the church. I rejoiced in seeing several who were converted during the days I passed with them three years ago. The house was well filled and a young man made a profession of faith, the first fruits of our trip.

The next morning we began (four of us) traveling at 8:00 A.M. By the time we finished making some visits it was 12:00 noon before we were on our way. It was after 7:00 P.M. before we arrived at the home of Nemezio Rocha de Oliveira. Bro. Nemezio is a member of the 14th of December Baptist Church in Manaus. He lives near the "Villa de Manaquiri", a small interior village. We decided to stay two nights with him instead of one since it was too late to hold a service that night.

The next morning Bro. Nemezio took us to visit several of his neighbors. That afternoon we visited all the people, some 25 houses, perhaps, in the small village inviting them to attend our service in Senhora Maria Correio's house in the middle of the little village. Before 7:00 P.M. we were already playing gospel records and killing mosquitos. At 7:00 it began raining but the people (some 70 of them) filled the room and sang the hymns enthusiastically with us. When I gave the invitation, 10 people (adults and children) responded declaring their faith in the Lord Jesus. (I learned later that the gospel had been preached there but afterwards left without regular services for the past three years. Pray with me that someone of us will return to take care of the spiritual needs of this little village with



Harold Bratcher

its several believers.)

Saturday morning, three of us (Pastor Costa had to return to Manaus in order to go Sunday to Codajas) arrived in Manacapuru at 10:30 A.M. We found everything ready for our days of work there. The man in whose home we have held the most of the services had taken out a wall between two rooms and had built 8 benches (without backs). Saturday night the rains came again and our attendance was small. Sunday morning we began our 8 days of work holding Bible School every morning and preaching every night, most of the nights in our rented house.

Our Bible School ran in attendance from 31 to 68. The attendance at night passed the 100 mark more than once. The Lord gave us 18 professions of faith including the pilot of our boat. On Sunday afternoon March 26th I baptized 8. Several others wanted to be baptized but couldn't because of sickness or lack of legal marriage. At 3:30 A.M. Monday morning the 27th of March we left Manacapuru and after a pleasant trip we arrived in Manaus in time for me to eat dinner with my wife and three children. It is always a relief to arrive home and find that all survived during my absence.

We ask your prayers for our work in Manacapuru. Manacapuru has a population of about 5,000. Our church now has there a mission with 8 baptized members and about 20 other believers meeting in a rented house with a lay preacher, Manuel dos Santos Martins going there each week-end to hold services.

The two weeks since my return have been busy ones with good attendance at all the services at the 14th of December Baptist Church. The high in Sunday School has been 153 and the high at night was this last Sunday night at a special service when 215 attended.

Friday night, April 7th it began raining and continued raining hard until 10:00 A.M. Saturday. Several families had to flee from their homes in several low places here in Manaus. At least two families of our church were driven from their homes but have already returned.

Thus, Brethren, we share with you the blessings of the Lord. We ask your prayers for the Lord to bless in these final days of our second term.

Yours In His Service,  
Harold Bratcher

## Moved To Another House . . . Wall Of Church Falls Down . . . Trips To Various Missions

By George Bean

Caixa Postal 500  
Sao Luis, Maranhao  
April 14, 1967

Dear Brethren,  
We have had lots of rain here in Maranhao. We also have an epidemic of flu that is killing lots of people in the interior. I thought last week I was going to freeze to death when I had it. I slept under a wool blanket folded and I was still cold. Thank the Lord the flu passed and now we are back to normal. We have moved since writing the last MS letter, and we like the new place a lot better. It seems we have been standing in one place all month but I guess we have made some advances.

**NEW HOPE CHURCH,  
SAO LUIS**  
On April the 5th we had a business meeting and the church voted to raise the salaries of our two native workers, Bro. Jose of Anajativa and Bro. Agostinho of Villa Maranhao. We also decided that we had better tear down a wall on the church building and rebuild it out of brick. Well we did not get to tear it down. A hard rain and the roof water from the house next door wet the mud that the wall was built of and it fell. Thank the Lord that it did not fall on someone. Now our building only has three walls and no roof. We have to get it built



George Bean

back out of brick and mortar.

### ITAQUI

Thursday March 28 we had a service at Itaquí in the home of the believer. Not too many people came because of the rain and the flu. All four of our baptized members were there.

### VILLA MARANHÃO

I have been to the Villa these days this month, March 17, 24, and 31. The services there are well attended. A lot of lost people are attending the service here. I guess more than any of our regular preaching points, unless it would be Igrau, a new place where we have preached four times, I think.

### IGRAU

We have been to Igrau the 21 of March and April 4. On the 21st, there were three professions of faith and on the 4th, there were two. The old mayor of this place made a profession April 4. Thanks for the offerings that Bro. Savage of Gainesville, Fla. gave to buy Bibles for the poor in SA. I have given 15 Bibles at this place the first ones to be had in Igrau.

### ANAJATIVA

We are having a three day series of meetings at Anajativa. At the mission of Villa Maranhao, some of them are attending the services each night with Bro. Agostinho doing the preaching. Last night there was a man that made a profession of faith. We have prayed for him many times and his wife is



These are members of the 14th of Dec Baptist Church, Manaus, Brazil. They have arrived at the Isolation Hospital to hold services, leave bread and bananas. Asa Mark Hatcher on the right was not permitted to enter the hospital.

## Church Organized At Sting Ray . . . High Water . . . A Blind Young Man Is Amazing . . . Another Trip Planned

By John Hatcher

Manaus, Amazonas  
April 14, 1967

Dear Brethren,  
The Lord has given us another fast month. It seems the time goes by so fast that we hardly have time to spend our money. The Lord has blessed the work during these past weeks. Our family has enjoyed the blessing of good health for which we praise His Name. There were two churches organized this month. Brother Bratcher will tell about one and I about the other.

### BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED ON THE ISLAND OF THE STING RAY



At the invitation of Brother Ranulfo Tobar, the pastor of the Mira-Aua Baptist Church, Brother Henderson and I left Manaus on the morning of March 17th to attend the organization of a Baptist church on the Island of the Sting Ray. After a trip of about 10 hours continuous traveling in the launch we arrived at the home of Brother Raimundo where the mission has its services until the church building is built. This is a trip of about 100 miles. At eight o'clock this same evening Brother Ranulfo and family and friends from the Mira Aua Church arrived by canoe and outboard motor after a trip of about eight hours. No service was held on Friday night. On Saturday night Brother Ranulfo asked me to preach and the subject of the sermon was baptism and the church.

In spite of all the rain and mud there was good attendance at the services. On the Lord's day morning the church was organized with 15 charter members. The subject of my message after the organization was the Lord's Supper and in the message touched on other doctrines also. At the Sunday night service there were 50 persons present. One or two of the charter members could not be present at the organization due to sickness and on Sunday afternoon we went to visit and had a short devotional.

### HIGH WATER

This is the time of the year that the Amazon rises and will reach the full height about the 10th of June. This year the water is rising unusually fast and the people are losing most of their crops. Especially the jute crop which is the money crop here. One of the most amazing things about the trip is the young man named Sebastian. He is the son of the man who leads the work when the pastor is not there. In fact his father is the one who moved to this island and started the work. Well, Sebastian is completely blind. He is 20 years old. The one word that would describe him is amazing. On Sunday afternoon we walked back through a narrow path, windy, muddy, with stumps here and there as well as overhanging limbs. No one leads him. He goes down the river bank alone, gets into the canoe, walks alone, and usually arrives before most of the others. Keen senses warn him when one of his younger brothers or sisters are getting too close to the water and loudly he warns them to be careful or get back. He plays the accordion when brother Ranulfo comes and brings his. Sebastian also preaches and says that he has a real desire to come to the seminary. I do not know if he claims to be called to preach or whether he just wants to come and study. His favorite pastime is the asking of Bible questions. His greatest joy is when he can "stump" someone with a question they can't answer. He does not hesitate to ask you to read this or that

a member. Two weeks ago his 12 year old son made a profession of faith. We have four more members at our mission that have husbands that are lost and I believe that some of them will be saved. May the Lord bless each one real well is our prayer.

Yours In Him,  
George Bean

chapter and it is truly remarkable how he can remember the verse and reference. With him there is no night or day. Perhaps he does not have the fears that we have because of having known the light we fear the dark.

### CHICKEN DINNER

The lady of the house gave us a chicken and on the way home Brother Dempsey prepared it and it was "finger lickin' good". On the return trip the reversible on the launch started leaking oil and we had to keep a large can under it constantly and repair it into the reversibles every hour or so. The Lord was good and we arrived safely.

### MIGHTY AMAZON

As one travels on the Amazon he is amazed at this mammoth river. One thousand miles from its mouth and in many places the width is ten to fifteen miles wide. Between its banks there is a continuous maze of islands. It is on these islands that many of the people live. They differ in size. Some seeming almost like a mainland and others the width of a fifteen minute walk and still others like the Island of Patience which is large enough to have two Baptist churches.

I would like to add here that as far as the organization of the new church is concerned, I had nothing to do with it except to go and help in the organization services. This work was the result of the members and pastor of the Mira-Aua Baptist Church. This work done by their own initiative is wonderful and we praise the Lord. It is a good sign when the churches go on their own and do what was done for them.

### TWO BAPTIZED

On Sunday, March 26, I baptized a boy in the morning service and a girl in the evening service.

### NEWS ITEMS

Brother Henderson brought a series of messages on the "Second Coming of the Lord" to the Seminary students.

Brother Enos Ibernorn, student from Cruzeiro do Sul, was called by the Tabernacle Baptist Church to take care of its Mission on the V-8 road.

Brother Henderson is my good Portuguese student five mornings a week.

We have a trip planned for the 21st to baptize nine converts. These have been saved as a result of a former student. I will tell about the trip next letter, the Lord willing.

In Him,  
John A. Hatcher



Dempsey Henderson baptizing Adilia de Sousa in Manaus, Brazil. She is the sixth one he has baptized at his mission. He has baptized two of her children and her maid also.



George Bean baptized this young woman at Anajativa in the interior of Brazil out from Sao Luis, Maranhao.



Some young people at Anajativa that attend the school there that George Bean started.



Young man baptized by George Bean at Anajativa, Brazil in the interior.

## Offerings For April 1967

Algonac Baptist Church, Algonac, Mich. . . . .	\$ 24.03
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. . . . .	80.00
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. (Teachers in Brazil) . . . . .	10.00
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadleville, Ky. . . . .	41.22
Westside Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla. . . . .	7.50
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio . . . . .	74.71
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (Ladies Class - Teachers in Peru) . . . . .	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. . . . .	63.07
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. . . . .	50.00
Bible Baptist Mission Madisonville, Ky. . . . .	12.00
Burna Baptist Church, Burna, Ky. . . . .	29.27
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. . . . .	12.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. (Bible Learners Class) . . . . .	4.42
Camp Nelson Baptist Church, Camp Nelson, Ky. . . . .	5.00
Emmou Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky. . . . .	12.13
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio . . . . .	40.00
Grace Bapt. Church, Fairborn, Ohio (Station Wagon) . . . . .	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. . . . .	600.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Lounge) . . . . .	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Station Wagon) . . . . .	1,225.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (L.B.C.) . . . . .	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (L.B.C. - Teachers in Peru) . . . . .	30.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky. . . . .	11.40
Knotts Baptist Church, Orma, W. Va. . . . .	5.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky. . . . .	63.48
Logana Baptist Church, Logana, Ky. . . . .	16.50
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va. . . . .	15.00
Morgan Ave. Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind. . . . .	43.35
New LaGrange Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala. . . . .	25.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Creve Coeur, Ill. . . . .	22.40
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association) . . . . .	20.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Shack, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association) . . . . .	20.00
Heptabib Baptist Church, Stouts, Mills, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association) . . . . .	5.00
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Perkins, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association) . . . . .	14.00
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J. . . . .	100.00
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J. . . . .	50.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky. . . . .	26.26
Olmsstead Baptist Church, Olmsstead, Ky. . . . .	32.34
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Tenn. . . . .	15.00
Randolph St. Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va. . . . .	150.00
Rupert Baptist Church, E. Rainelle, W. Va. . . . .	10.00
Victory Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn. . . . .	30.25
Brittmore Baptist Church, Houston, Texas (YP Dept. Enos Ibernson) . . . . .	37.49
Members of First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla. . . . .	75.00
Fount Baptist Church, Fount, Ky. (Teachers in Peru) . . . . .	10.45
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. . . . .	32.33
New Testament Baptist Fellowship, Chittenango, N.Y. . . . .	5.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Land Transportation) . . . . .	100.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Pucallpa Building) . . . . .	12.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky. . . . .	16.10
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky. (Station Wagon) . . . . .	68.85
Bentley Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	55.24
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. . . . .	25.00
Bible Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va. . . . .	50.00
Carri Baptist Church, York, Ky. . . . .	10.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. . . . .	62.73
Members of First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. . . . .	37.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Portage, Ind. . . . .	25.00
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. . . . .	15.79
New Salem Baptist Church, Lexington, Tenn. . . . .	8.37
Northside Baptist Church, Duxedon, Ky. . . . .	76.24
Ternacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky. . . . .	50.00
Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (6 yrs. Old S.S.C. - Creiglow Babies) . . . . .	32.07
Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	25.00
Ballard's Cross Roads Baptist Church, Greenville, N.C. . . . .	10.00
Bible Baptist Church, Rushville, N.Y. (Bibles for Creiglow) . . . . .	20.00
Bible Baptist Church, Rushville, N.Y. (Land Transportation) . . . . .	100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Nirta, W. Va. . . . .	20.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich. . . . .	25.00
First Baptist Church, Crete, Ill. . . . .	47.35
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. . . . .	239.15
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Land Transportation) . . . . .	60.03
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Y People - Station Wagon) . . . . .	42.52
Maple Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Clemens, Mich. . . . .	10.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind. . . . .	16.63
Bible Baptist Mission, Middlesboro, Ky. . . . .	10.00
Bryan Station Baptist Mission, Salt Lick, Ky. . . . .	3.12
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. . . . .	35.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil) . . . . .	90.26
First Baptist Church, Independence, Ky. . . . .	100.00
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C. . . . .	60.88
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C. . . . .	43.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Pucallpa Building) . . . . .	178.57
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (M & L Prayer Bd. - Teacher - Peru) . . . . .	25.00
Mountain Dale Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C. . . . .	30.00
Oakvale Baptist Church, Danese, W. Va. . . . .	15.00
Peoples Baptist Church, East Alton, Ill. . . . .	60.00

Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky. . . . .	10.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, Miss. . . . .	14.32
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	150.00
Fourteenth of December Baptist Church, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil, S.A. . . . .	28.00
Sturgeon Branch Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va. . . . .	15.00
Upper Steer Run Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va. . . . .	10.00
Winton Place Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio . . . . .	5.00
Winton Place Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio . . . . .	5.00
Warship Point Baptist Church, Lenoir, N.C. . . . .	20.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky. . . . .	12.34
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky. . . . .	50.00
LaGrange Baptist Church, LaGrange, Fla. . . . .	18.15
Morris Fork Baptist Church, Lawn, W. Va. . . . .	7.12
Banklick St. Baptist Church, Covington, Ky. (Land Transportation) . . . . .	23.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	174.20
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Boat & Motor) . . . . .	174.20
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill. . . . .	18.84
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky. . . . .	38.49
Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. . . . .	57.60
Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil) . . . . .	15.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio . . . . .	10.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio (Teachers in Brazil) . . . . .	26.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky. . . . .	7.59
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky. . . . .	8.70
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky. . . . .	227.79
Rolynsburg Baptist Church, Talcott, W. Va. . . . .	10.00
Starks Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, Ohio . . . . .	209.85
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va. . . . .	92.73
West Ave. Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio . . . . .	12.00
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C. . . . .	35.28
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky. . . . .	27.85
Bible Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. . . . .	51.00
Faith Baptist Church, Wauseon, Ohio . . . . .	20.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark. . . . .	50.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill. . . . .	35.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. . . . .	201.92
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Teachers in Brazil) . . . . .	40.38
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	146.12
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil) . . . . .	36.53
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Peru) . . . . .	36.53
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Land Transportation) . . . . .	36.53
Spring Missionary Bible Conference, Lexington, Ky. (Station Wagon Fund) . . . . .	397.85
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. . . . .	70.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Teachers in Brazil) . . . . .	50.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Pucallpa Building) . . . . .	65.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va. . . . .	24.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va. . . . .	23.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va. . . . .	14.00
W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn. . . . .	2.00
Roy W. Prescott, Cambellsville, Ky. . . . .	12.00
Roy W. Prescott, Cambellsville, Ky. . . . .	10.00
Roy W. Prescott, Cambellsville, Ky. . . . .	10.00
Roy W. Prescott, Cambellsville, Ky. (Station Wagon) . . . . .	10.00
Blanche Bryan, Vanceburg, Ky. . . . .	2.00
Mrs. Katie Buffin, Versailles, Ky. (School Teachers Manaus) . . . . .	10.00
Paul Owen, Calvert City, Ky. . . . .	20.30
Ronald M. Davis, Fairborn, Ohio . . . . .	35.00
Parvin Hall, Evansville, Ind. (Enos Ibernson) . . . . .	10.00
Jane McDowell, Lancaster, Ky. (Harold Bratcher's) . . . . .	10.00
Jane McDowell, Lancaster, Ky. (Station Wagon - Bratcher's) . . . . .	50.00
Eld. & Mrs. G. B. Trent, Williamson, W. Va. . . . .	42.00
Fred Hartsfield, Warren, Mich. (Mission Sheets) . . . . .	5.00
Edith Simpson, Berea, Ky. (Station Wagon, Bratcher's) . . . . .	10.00
J. M. Taylor, Wingo, Ky. . . . .	15.00
Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La. . . . .	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond May, Grundy, Va. . . . .	22.50
Mr. & Mrs. R. G. Lancaster, New Richmond, Ohio (Teachers in Brazil) . . . . .	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. H. McDowell, Springfield, Ill. (Pucallpa Bldg.) . . . . .	10.00
Earl W. Weaver, Portsmouth, Ohio . . . . .	5.00
Mrs. Ancil McKeehan, Elizabethtown, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil) . . . . .	20.00
Eva A. Luther, Louisville, Ky. . . . .	10.00
Received in April for Boat & Motor Fund . . . . .	224.20
Received in April for Building in Pucallpa . . . . .	265.57
Received in April for Land Transportation . . . . .	319.56
Received in April for Teachers in Brazil . . . . .	318.17
Received in April for Teachers in Peru . . . . .	111.98
Received in April for Station Wagon Fund . . . . .	1,814.22
Received in April for Bibles for Creiglow . . . . .	20.00
Received in April for help of Enos Ibernson . . . . .	47.49
Received in April for Regular Fund . . . . .	5,207.72
Received in April for all Purposes . . . . .	8,328.91

### OFFERINGS FOR BOAT & MOTOR FUND, APRIL, 1967

Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. . . . .	\$ 50.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	174.20
Total Received for this fund in April . . . . .	224.20

### OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN PUCALLPA, APRIL, 1967

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	\$ 12.00
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Mrs. George Bean and four children. The oldest son David is in the United States attending school.

Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. . . . .	178.57
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. . . . .	65.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. H. McDowell, Springfield, Ill. . . . .	10.00
Total Received for this fund in April . . . . .	265.57

### OFFERINGS FOR LAND TRANSPORTATION, APRIL, 1967

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	\$ 100.00
Bible Baptist Church, Rushville, N.Y. . . . .	100.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. . . . .	60.03
Banklick St. Baptist Church, Covington, Ky. . . . .	23.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	36.53
Total Received for this fund in April . . . . .	319.56

### OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN BRAZIL, APRIL, 1967

Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. . . . .	\$ 10.00
Mrs. Katie Buffin, Versailles, Ky. . . . .	10.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. . . . .	90.26
Mr. & Mrs. R. G. Lancaster, New Richmond, Ohio . . . . .	20.00
Mrs. Ancil McKeehan, Elizabethtown, Ky. . . . .	20.00
Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. . . . .	15.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio . . . . .	26.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	36.53
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. . . . .	50.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. . . . .	40.38
Total Received for this fund in April . . . . .	318.17

### OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN PERU, APRIL, 1967

Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. Ladies Class . . . . .	\$ 10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. L.B.C. . . . .	30.00
Fount Baptist Church, Fount, Ky. . . . .	10.45
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. M. & L. Prayer Band . . . . .	25.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	36.53
Total Received for this fund in April . . . . .	111.98

### OFFERINGS FOR STATION WAGON FUND, APRIL, 1967

Spring Missionary Bible Conference, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	\$ 397.85
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio . . . . .	10.00
Jane McDowell, Lancaster, Ky. . . . .	50.00
Edith Simpson, Berea, Ky. . . . .	10.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. Young People's Dept. . . . .	42.52
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. . . . .	1,225.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky. . . . .	68.85
Roy W. Prescott, Cambellsville, Ky. . . . .	10.00
Total Received for this fund in April . . . . .	1,814.22

### OFFERINGS FOR BIBLES FOR CREIGLOW, APRIL, 1967

Bible Baptist Church, Rushville, N.Y. . . . .	\$ 20.00
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### OFFERINGS FOR HELP OF ENOS IBERNEN, APRIL, 1967

Brittmore Baptist Church, Houston, Texas (Young People) . . . . .	\$ 37.49
Parvin Hall, Evansville, Ind. . . . .	10.00
Total Received for this fund in April . . . . .	47.49

### OFFERINGS FROM NEW CHURCHES & INDIVIDUALS, APRIL, 1967

Brittmore Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, Young People . . . . .	\$ 37.49
Jane McDowell, Lancaster, Ky. . . . .	60.00
Fred Hartsfield, Warren, Mich. . . . .	5.00
Edith Simpson, Berea, Ky. . . . .	10.00