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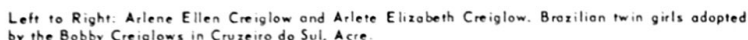
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(Spanish Language)




By Bobby Creiglow

Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre
June 22, 1967

Dear Brethren,

The work here in the Acree is going about as usual. I am still going to Colonia every other week-end and the other weeks I stay in Cruzeiro do Sul. The Lord has blessed in Colonia in that one of the first to be saved when we started our work there in 1962 has started to preach. He says that he just couldn't stand to see the church go without services in the absence of a preacher and I asked him why he didn't prepare something to teach the church although perhaps he hadn't been called to preach. The first time he got up to preach, although he was among friends, he spoke just four words and lost his courage and had to sit down, since then he has been holding services at least for the two mid-week services and most of the Sunday night services. Whether the Lord has called him to preach or not I do not know, but one thing I do know is that the Lord has blessed in at least giving him courage to try and keep on trying. Some of the members were teasing him saying that it must be of the Lord, because since he has been taking charge of the services he has been on time at least six times.



Bobby Creiglow



Brother and Sister Henderson came to visit us last week. Due to the fact that they are going to Sao Luis to take care of Bro. Bean's work while he is on furlough, they could only spend a week with us, but to us it was a good week of long awaited and needed fellowship. They arrived on Friday and Saturday I took Bro. Henderson with me to Colonia staying just for the Sunday morning services and then returning to Cruzeiro do Sul for the night services. Bro. Henderson preached a fine message that Sunday morning with good liberty of the Spirit and in the language and there was a small boy saved. Bro. and Sister Henderson both have a good command of the language for only having been in Brazil for ten months. From Sunday through Friday we had services each night and they left for Manaus on Saturday morning.

When the Hendersons left here they left with us a Readers Digest in which we were reading that the soldiers in Vietnam have been suffering from malaria which attacks the brain, but the doctors had discovered a cure for it. With the high water that we have had this year there are many pools of stagnant water in which the mosquitos breed and from Japiim on up the Moa River there have been many cases of malaria that also attacks the brain. After a few days of this malaria, the afflicted will go into a coma and if good medical care is not obtained soon, the person is almost certain to die within just a few days. Here there are two big problems, first of all ten doctors could not get around to treat all the people and there are only three in Cruzeiro de Sul and one of them is out of service due to an accident.

The second problem is that there was no medicine to treat them. After several radio messages to the state capitol for help, some medicine did come and the mayor asked me to take it and a doctor to Japiim, this doctor being a dentist. Going in by the speed-boat to get there faster we arrived early one morning, but when the doctor saw so many sick he said the medicine we took would not be enough to treat those in the worst condition and that he was going to return to Cruzeiro do Sul with me to go to Rio Branco to get more. As it turned out they sent another radio message and the next day a chartered plane came with at least enough to get treatment started. Once again I was asked to take it to Japiim which has been the hardest hit. This time I could not even take a dentist with me, instead I took a state representative and a male nurse, both of whom knew a little about this malaria and its treatment. This time we stopped at the small villages leaving some medicine for treatment of those already sick and for those not sick to take as a preventive measure. We heard that on up one of the smaller rivers some one stopped in at a house and found eight dead and no one left to even bury the dead. We do not know for sure that this story is true, but we do know many have already died. All of us here at home started yesterday to take medicine in hopes that we won't get it.

Today we had a very happy event take place here in Cruzeiro do Sul and that was the adoption of the twin babies that we have had in our home for the past seven months. We took a man and his wife who are members of our church here as witnesses and another brother-of the church who had been given the power-of-attorney by the parents of the children to the court house and after hearing the reading of the conditions of the adoption we all four signed it and my wife and I became officially the proud and happy parents of twin daughters. It brought to my mind how God before the foundation of the world loved us and chose us to become His children by adoption through faith in His Son Jesus Christ by His death on the cross.

In Christ Jesus,
B. D. Creiglow

At Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. August 15, 16 and 17, 1967. At First Baptist Church, Independence, Kentucky, Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 1967.

The new building in Pucallpa, Peru is almost finished, but it is being finished on borrowed money. Also, a block wall fence about six feet high has to be put around the property. Brother Mayfield needs some eight thousand dollars to finish and pay back the loans. Mark offerings for Pucallpa Building.

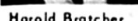


By Harold Bratcher

Manaus, Amazonas
June 12, 1967

Dear Brethren,

In about a month from now we will be arriving in the United States, after having been absent for four years. As I think of our leaving Brasil, I feel somewhat like Paul did when he wrote in Philippians 1:23 "For I am in a strait betwixt two, . . ." Anyway we'll be praying for the Lord to bless us and our dear friends in the States whom we'll soon be seeing and for Him to bless our dear friends from whom we'll be absent for a year.

A black and white portrait of a man with dark hair and glasses, looking slightly to the right. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt and a dark tie. The portrait is framed by a thin black border.

The most interesting event that I can report for this month is a 13 day trip that I made aboard the Mission Launch with some 5 others. My companions during the trip were Wilson Profiro Calvacante—the pilot, Elizario Candido da Silva, his wife and small daughter and Romualdo Nogueira Nascimento. Brother Elizario's wife served as the cook during the trip. All three of the men worked hard guiding the boat and clearing the way during two days for the boat to travel in narrow waters. Also all three of my male companions helped much during each service in various ways. Everyone worked hard during the trip.

We began our trip at 8:00 A.M. Thursday morning. We traveled almost due east until we arrived at the entrance of Rio Preto. We went up this river, traveling north for almost two hours. We began to look for the house where we planned to have the services that night. We missed it due to the fact that unknown to us, they had moved their house closer to the river. At 3:45 P.M. we found the house and thus finished our trip for the first day. I preached that night to 20 people.

The next day we made some visits and marked the service that night in another home where 3 boys live that I baptized last year. That night Bro. Eliziario preached to 35. On Saturday night we held services in another home on up the river. 67 people attended and the Lord gave us two professions of faith.

Sunday morning we held Morning Worship Services in the same home where we first arrived and preached Thursday night. There

Pastor Ross Range, of Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, has advised that Brother Clarence Walker's Sunday School Class, taught by Brother Cecil Fox, has voted to pay the house rent for the Harold Bratchers while on furlough. Brother Fred Hearn is president of the class.

were 33 present for Sunday school and no one went home before preaching! By using the kitchen of the house and the launch as Sunday School rooms we had 3 classes. The Lord gave us one profession of faith when I gave the invitation after the message. At 11:30 (we began Sunday School at 9:00) we left to go to Varro Vento. There we held services at 7:30 P.M. in the home Senior Gilberto. Three things made our attendance less than the night I preached there last October. First we didn't arrive in time to visit and invite for the service, second the river is now in high flood stage and has separated the houses making it necessary for everyone who came to come by canoe. Third-mosquitos and more mosquitos! In spite of these three things 28 attended that night. Monday we were able to invite more and that night I preached to 35. The Lord blessed us with some 6 professions of faith.

At 9:30 A.M. Tuesday morning, May 30th, we left Varro Vento. At 10:30 we arrived at Usina do Brasil. We saw a few of the members

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We rejoice in the Lord and are thankful to those who have told us that they have remembered Baptist Faith Missions in their wills. Perhaps some have done so that have not told us about it. Perhaps the Lord will lead others to will a home, or a farm or money. Have a lawyer make out your will and make it to BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS, a Non-Profit Michigan Corporation and it will be used 100% for mission work after you have gone on to heaven.

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Building with sign over the door where Walter Lauerman has the new mission in Iquitos, Peru.



Pedro Pilco and wife, faithful members of First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru. He is church treasurer and attends the services of the mission also. A big help to Brother Lauerman.



Services were held in this school building with 80 present at Costa de Sao Jose de Amatori. Man in the picture did the preaching. No school, because there was no teacher to teach.

Daughter Saved . . . New Mission Well Attended . . . Work On The Rivers Going Well Except One Place

By Walter Lauerman

Iquitos, Peru
June 19, 1967

Dear Brethren,
The Lord never gives a better blessing to his children than when he saves one of the children of that child of God. Again the Lord saved another one of ours, our Mary, age 8, our daughter born here in Iquitos. I guess this one gave me more joy as she is the only one that was saved in a service. All the rest were saved in the home and through the faithful teaching of my wife. This by the way, is a big blessing for the mother also. I shall never forget how Mary came down the aisle broken up! She told me in English (After hearing the sermon in Spanish) "Dad I cannot put it off any longer, I want to trust the Lord right now". She said even her stomach hurt as a result of her striving. Two things: God always saves those he planned to and wants to and blesses his own in doing so. I preached that night on the blood of Christ and its effects, etc. and my wife said I had never preached any harder. I just thank God for all his blessings and want to share this one and others with you all.



Walter Lauerman

Other blessings this month: The new work in Iquitos had 40, 41, 55, 53, in S.S. this month and anywhere from 10 on up of these were adults from the neighborhood. It is easy to get 100 here with children and young people but for us to get 10 adults is rare. We need a much bigger building and are looking to rent another (bigger than we now have) the first of August, the Lord willing. I still preach at both services at both the mission and the church here on Sundays and Wed. here in the church and then Thursday at the mission. I also have a doctrinal class here in the church on Mondays. So you see I have my hands full in preparing for these and then I use the days for all the visiting possible. Pray for us in this as we believe this is what the Lord would have us do for

the present. We had another profession of faith in the church this month and two were baptized. Offerings have stayed up real well in the mission and increased well in the church. The new work that we have on the Itaya River has anywhere from 20 to 40. The missionary there, Bro. Purificacion also now lives up there and is visiting other places close by where he lives and has regular services. This place is called Pena Blanca or White Rock or boulder in English. The Itaya River starts on the upper side of Iquitos as the Nanay River starts at the lower end of Iquitos. Both flow into the Amazon. I hope to visit this place as soon as possible but I have no one who could take care of the work here while I would be gone. I hope by the end of the year at least I could get away for a week. It takes 4 hours with a 40 H.P. motor.

The river work and churches: The church in Mapa Cocha is still down. It looks like many promises were made there and the people are now discouraged. The pastor Abram Gaima had big ideas that did not work out and now the work is worse than ever. If the brethren would just worry about preaching more and not so much on plans, etc. I am sure things would be better. In Tamshiyacu there was a big increase and one man let it be known that he is called to preach. Pray for them. Pastor Marcial Macahachi visited several new places on the Tamshiyacu River but with little success. Most did not even care to receive him. Jorge Macahuachi pastors both Astoria and Hojeal churches and says that Astoria is putting a wire fence around their property and fixed up the building and cleaned off all the junk, etc. from the land. In Hojeal one was restored to fellowship and one saved. Attendance was about the same but always up in the 40's or 50's. In closing, Brethren pray for us. May the Lord bless you all that help make our ministry a reality here in the Land of the Incas.

By His Grace,
Walter Lauerman

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of the church there and had prayer in the home of one of the members whose 9 month old grandchild who lives with his mother and grandmother was very sick. Remember, brethren, the people of the interior lack everything. There are no doctors and no medicines to buy at many places and many times no money when there is. There are no dentists and worse even, many times no gospel being preached to them. During the trip many people asked us for medicine—especially for fever. About the only medicine I had to share with them was "Melhoral" (a form of pain killer similar to aspirin). At 12:00 noon we arrived at Costa de Sao Jose de Amatori. When we began to wonder where we could hold a service there, we were informed that everybody already knew that we were coming and that it was already decided to let us use the best building in the community, the school house. We saw upon entering that the building had everything in it to have a good school—desks, blackboard, etc. but we were informed that there was no school being held there this year because there was no one to teach. Another lack in the interior is school teachers. We divided into two groups and went from house to house visiting and inviting to the service. 80 people heard the gospel message preached by Pastor Elizario that night.

The next morning we went on down the river about a half hour, to another small village called Colonia de Amatori. We visited one of our members who lives on the side of a small lake almost an hour's distance from the Colonia. That afternoon we visited and

that night in a man's front yard I preached to 94 (the best attended service during the trip). As a result of that service there was 1 profession of faith.

Thursday morning we left Colonia and after losing much time during the trip, we arrived at 6:00 P.M. at the home of the brother who directs the work on Rio Urubu, Bro. Secundino. The attendance was only 14 (the smallest of the trip). The young brother, Romualdo, from Rio Preto, one of my traveling companions brought a good message. Friday was spent inviting for the services. We visited, as always, an elderly Japanese couple who are not believers but Buddhists. I played some records in Japanese—hymns and a short sermon and then personally witnessed to them. Pray for Mr. Mackswem and his wife! That night I preached to 40 in the small church building on Rio Urubu.

Saturday morning we had to make a visit to deal with a case similar in some respects to the case in the Corinthian Church as recorded in 1 Corinthians 5. (One we were able to forgive, one had to be excluded). That night our pilot, Wilson who is also a student in the Seminary, brought a good message to the 39 of us present.

Sunday, June 4th—A blessed day in the Lord! 71 attended the Morning Service which included Sunday School, the sermon and a baptism. We held two short services in homes some distance apart that afternoon and that night I brought the final message of the trip to the 64 present. The Lord gave us the profession of faith of 4 little girls.

When we arrived back in Manaus on Tuesday June 6th we were able to report that

Coming Home On Furlough . . . Thankful For House To Live In . . . Church Building Rebuilt . . . Fourteen Professions At One Place

By George Bean

Sao Luis, Maranhao
June 15, 1967

Dear Brethren,
This will be the last time I will write a M.S. letter from Brasil this term. The next letter will be written from the States, the Lord willing. We will leave Sao Luis the 9th of July and will leave Belem the 12th for the States. I want to thank each one who has prayed and given of your means that has made our three years of ministry to Brasil possible. We have already received some good news from Bro. Earl Thomas and the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (This is the church we left when we went to the mission field.) They have offered us the parsonage next door to their church building, completely furnished and utilities paid for the year we are home. We will move there around the last of Aug. We are not worthy of such love, and we really appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts. We will look forward to seeing each of you during our furlough and pray that we may have some good times together in the Lord. Now a report of our work for the month.



George Bean

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, SAO LUIS

We have completely rebuilt the church building in S.L. It yet has to be painted but we will have to wait until the plaster dries. We also built a baptistry and the best news of all is that the Lord saw fit to redeem three previous souls there this month and one man joined by statement from another Baptist church here in S.L.

VILLA MARANHAO

We had to exclude four from the Villa this month as their testimonies were hurting the church. The services are always well attended by the saved and lost.

ANAJATIVA

I baptized two young ladies into our mission at Anajativa this month and the brethren there are more grown in the scriptures than our other missions and preaching points.

ITAQUI

I have made one trip to Itaqui this month with two professions of faith made there.

IGRAU

We have made one trip to Igrau and it seems this is a place where there is much gossip, strife and contention. We have tried to rent a house to hold services but as

during the 13 day trip we held 15 services in 5 different places, made many visits, had 14 professions of faith, baptized one and excluded three.

Yesterday was a good day at the 14th of December Baptist Church. We had 141 in Sunday School. I preached both sermons from the 21st Chapter of Leviticus.

We pray the Lord's blessings to be upon you.

Yours In His Service,
Harold Bratcher

P.S. We plan, the Lord willing, to begin our trip home on Tuesday morning, July 11th by plane. Four of us, my wife, Hattie Marie, and I and Asa Mark and Stephen left the United States on July 8, 1963. Five of us will return. We welcomed our third son, Joel, into our home here on March 3, 1965. We return, except for Joel, 4 years older than when we left. We return to serve you in the Lord in any way possible that we can as creatures limited to time and space can do so.

H. F. B.

yet we have not found one. A man offered us the use of his house to have services in and after having two services there we found that nearly everybody is his enemy so we decided the next time we go we would hold services on the football field there.

TABOCA

I left my house at 5:30 A.M. Monday June 12 traveling in the Jeep to Anajativa. There were waiting for me five brethren and a son of one of our sisters that lives there. We soon left for Rosairo, a city down state from S.L. The ferry boat there was tied up moving some road machinery across the river and the man told us that they could not move the Jeep over that day. After making arrangements with the police for a safe place to leave the Jeep we crossed the river in a boat and started walking toward Taboca. One man told us it was about an hour's walk. Another said it was a little bit longer than that. We walked for five hours in the hot sun and arrived at Taboca at 5:30 P.M. with tired, blistered feet, wet and hungry as the last three hours of the trip was made on a cow path and it had rained just before we arrived. We went to the spring to take a bath and soon they had egg omelets, rice and farinha for our supper. We had services in front of the house where we stayed. Tuesday was spent nursing tired and sore feet and legs. Tuesday night we had a service with 14 professions of faith, and they made me promise them that I would send Bro. Dempsey there when he arrived. I told them I would try. Wed. we left Taboca in a boat with four of us paddling, arriving in Rosairo at noon. We had left at nine, a three hour journey, and I assure you we arrived in better shape than when we arrived at Taboca. We ate lunch in Rosairo with some small catfish we had bought from some fisherman on the river. We soon found a woman that cooked them (boiled) for us and we ate them with farinha (very good when hungry). I arrived in S.L. at 4:30 P.M. in time to prepare for services in the church. We close asking you to remember these new converts as you pray that they may grow strong in the grace and love of the Lord. May His blessings be with each one.

Yours in Him,
George Bean



Two girls that were baptized by George Bean at Anajativa. Young Jonathan Bean stands in front of his father.



Part of the crowd who attended the Anniversary service at Bairro Vermelha Church in Manaus, Brazil on May 16, 1967.



Three girls singing a trio at the Anniversary service at Bairro Vermelha Church, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil, May 16, 1967.

Carrying On Work At Beautiful Garden Church . . . Making New Pews For Tabernacle Church . . . Bratchers Leave On Furlough And Hendersons Move To Sao Luis . . . Lonesome Me

By John Hatcher

Dear Brethren,
Manaus, Amazonas
June 19, 1967

This is the time of year that everybody feels tired, that is more tired than usual. The first semester of the school term ends and there will be a one month vacation before the second semester starts. I suppose that many of you are feeling a need for a rest also since the school term is finishing in most places. All goes well and the schools are enjoying a good year up to the present date.

God knows how we desire a great working among us of His Spirit. All of the effort we make is nothing lest He doth fill our sails with the power of the Holy Spirit. We preach in season and out of season and trust Him to accomplish that which pleases Him but oh, how we desire to see the Christians here with a greater desire to be filled with His Spirit.

BEAUTIFUL GARDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

This is the church where Argeimiro Leite was the pastor. Since his resignation the last of April, with the exceptions of two Sundays, we go there to hold services. This place is some seven kilometers or about four miles out of Manaus. The road is just dirt and there are four small streams to cross or rather to go through. The first Sunday I missed the shallow side of one of the streams and the Jeep was drowned out in the middle of the stream with the water only one inch from the mouth of the gasoline tank. Fortunately, another Jeep came along and there was enough manpower to push it out and after drying plugs, etc. the Jeep started and we went on our way. Yesterday Brother Henderson preached a good message on "Living Faith and Dead Faith". One young girl about 15 made a profession of faith. She studies in the High School and from her conduct her spiritual need had concerned us for some time.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The services at our church have been



John Hatcher

good. The Sunday School keeps going and there have been a good number of visitors recently. The young ladies and the ladies have been doing a lot of house-to-house visiting. Several of the students have been attending.

At the present time we are making ten new pews for the church. Each pew is about 13½ feet long and altogether the new pews will accommodate about 110 persons and with the old pews the seating arrangements will allow a lot of growth in the attendance.

Being 82 years of age Pastor Santiago is becoming incapable of preaching although the Lord has conserved his physical strength in a marvelous way. This week he is planning a trip to Rio to visit his grandson for a while and to treat his health. After this he plans to make a preaching tour visiting the places in the states of Ceara and Pernambuco and Maranhao.

BRATCHERS AND HENDERSONS LEAVING

Next month at this time Brother Bratcher and family will be in the States along with the Bean family, the Lord willing, and Brother Henderson and wife will be moved to Sao Luis. This will leave us all by ourselves and even though we do not spend much time visiting one another it will be a little lonesome to know that they are not there to visit. It is the prayer of our heart that the Bratchers and Beans will have a blessed year in the States for their much needed and deserved change of scenery and rest. No one knows the thousand and one pressures that grind on the energy of a missionary. No one will ever know who has not gone through it. And the apostle Paul said, besides all this "the care of the churches".

BRAZIL - AN OPEN DOOR

Twenty two states and three territories which make up an area larger than the 48 of our 50 states in which the population is 90% Catholic is a wide open door for those who would preach the unsearchable riches of the Lord Jesus Christ. Oh! May it please the Lord to give more to go and more to send.

In Him,
John A. Hatcher

To Cruzeiro do Sul . . . Week With Creiglows . . . Moving To Sao Luis To Take Care Of Bean's Work

By Dempsey Henderson

Dear Brethren,
Manaus, Brasil
June 19, 1967

We have been very busy this past month, and yet it seems that we have made very little progress. We greet you in the precious name of Jesus, and send you this brief report on our activities and the Lord's blessings during the past month.

Our work in the mission is progressing. We had a high attendance in Sunday School of 40, with an average of 35 for the month. We have also continued to have the Saturday night services in different homes in the area. There were 3 professions of faith in all of our services in the mission this past month; 2 in a Wed. night service when Mike Creiglow preached, and one in a Sat. night service in a home where Jose preached. Besides our visiting and regular church activity, Mike and I have been working on a large sign for our mission building and about have it completed.



Dempsey Henderson

Almost one entire week was spent in preparing for a birthday party for Dorothy, which our neighbors insisted that we have. They had been planning and looking forward to it for months. The neighbors were most kind and helpful, helping to prepare the food etc. The party was on Friday night, May 19. On Thursday night at midnight a large group of neighbors came and sang "Happy Birthday" to Dorothy, played records, and serenaded until about 1:00 A.M. There were between 150 and 200 people who came to the birthday party. We had a wonderful time, and will certainly miss our friends and work here when we leave.

On Friday, June 9, Dorothy and I left for Cruzeiro do Sul, to spend a week with the Creiglows and visit the work there. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and blessing with the Creiglows, and enjoyed immensely the beautiful twin baby girls that they have in their home and are in the process of adopting. Of course we "spoiled them rotten" and left the Creiglows with the problem of getting them back to normal. On Saturday afternoon Bro. Creiglow and I left

Cruzeiro in the speedboat for a place in the interior called Colonia, where we have a church. They do not have a pastor, so Bro. Creiglow goes there as often as he can. We spent the night there and had services the following morning, and I preached. There was 1 profession of faith. A lady of church fixed dinner and we ate, and soon after eating, we left for Cruzeiro do Sul. I preached in the church there that night and every night the following week through Thursday night. I was also supposed to preach on the radio there on Thurs. night before the church service, but the generator broke down and they didn't get it fixed in time to get us on the air. On Friday night we had services in the home of the father of Bro. Jose Alves. I preached in this service also. We left early Saturday morning for Manaus, arriving here in the early afternoon. We thank the Lord for the Creiglows and the work that they have done in the Acre, and for the wonderful hospitality shown us in their home and on their mission field, and for the opportunities given me to preach. We plan to go there and work the year that they are home on furlough, if it be the Lord's will.

Besides these activities, I preached twice at the mission, once at Tabernacle, at a special anniversary service in Salem Church where Bro. Sarmento Lima is pastor, and yesterday afternoon (Sun.) I went with Bro. Hatcher in the Jeep a short distance out of Manaus to the Beautiful Garden Church - they are out of a pastor at the present - where we had S.S. and then I preached. A teen-age girl, who attends our high school here in Manaus, made a profession of faith. We thank the Lord for His manifold blessings. May God bless you all in Jesus' name.

Yours in Him,
Dempsey Henderson

P.S. We hope to be moved to Sao Luis before the first of July. Our new address will be: Dempsey Henderson, Caixa Postal 500, Sao Luis, Maranhao, S.A.

A Week At San Francisco . . . Hoping To Organize Church At Pucallpa Soon . . . Needs Funds To Put Up The Fence

By Del Mayfield

Apartado 166
Pucallpa, Peru, S.A.
June 20, 1967

Dear Brethren,
Well here we are at San Francisco where we have been the past few days, and will be here until the last of the week. We planned to come here last week, but upon arriving at the houseboat we found that the aluminum boat that we pull along back had been sunk by a passing boat.

We then changed our plans as the 28 H.P. Johnson motor had to be taken apart and cleaned and put back together. We never like to travel without this as it has been very useful in case of emergencies. We've only needed it a few times, but it sure is nice when you need it. Our week here is passing very fast. We're trying to get the school going again after several weeks being without a teacher. My wife is doing most of the school work helping the teacher get all the paperwork, and hope that we can get the church built up. Brother Rucoba the pastor has been very faithful and we thank God for him. We didn't expect the teacher to quit after paying him some many months while in the hospital, and also paying his mother to teach in his place. But only the Lord knows, and I'm sure will make all things right in His time. Continue to pray for the church. This has been much more of a let down for them than it has been for us, as they had also much confidence in their teacher. We're also



Del Mayfield

going to have a business meeting and ask for the names of those who live in Pucallpa, those who have been baptized who are members here, and with those names organize the church in Pucallpa as soon as possible. I don't have the exact number in front of me, but there are about 35 if not more. We thank the Lord for those whom He has given us to work with, and believe that some day we'll have other churches because of this one. Our school at Pucallpa is coming along very well. I'd like to mention my wife also who has been a great help in the work. I'll agree with Bro. Hatcher who said we sometimes forget to give credit in our mission letters to our wives who have been a blessing to us through the years. She has been teaching the kindergarten and filling in when needed. She also teaches in our Sunday School. The other two teachers we have are very good teachers, and we thank God for them. Our building is very nice. We still lack the painting outside and the lights are not completely finished yet. We hope also to get started on the fence around the property as soon as possible. We need to get this done, as the Inspector of Education may not give us an accredited school without this being done. We want to thank all who have given and made possible the building here in Pucallpa. It will be a blessing for many years, and I'm sure until the Lord comes.

We've had good attendance this month. There were two baptized. We also have a new family from downriver at Tierra Blanca-White Earth now coming to our services and that has helped our attendance. They say they are Christians, and I'm hoping that



This handsome husky lad rowed Harold Bratcher in his canoe to make some visits at Varo Vente. We are sure he was a good pilot. We wonder what his future will be. Maybe a preacher?? God knows.



A group of children that attended the Sunday School, June 4, 1967 at Rio Urubu. The little boy on the left did not want his picture taken.

they'll see their need of being baptized and being a part of us.

I'd like to mention the lot that we bought, and also thank some who gave to help buy it. We now have behind the school a lot 25 meters x 32 meters, which gives us a real nice playground for the students. We may buy another 10 meters which will enlarge it even more, and be so very nice. Pray with us as we try to do the will of God. These are the last days I'm sure, and we need to be found busy for Him. Will you continue to stand behind us with your prayers, and may He bless you real well.

Yours by His Grace,
Del. Mayfield



The man who lives in this house at Varro Vento is a believer. Harold Bratcher preached two nights in this house in the interior of Brazil.



Harold Bratcher held two services in this house at Rio Preto. Two days later the people had to move out because of high water. The poor have the gospel preached to them.

Offerings For June 1967

Algonac Baptist Church, Algonac, Mich.	\$ 23.45
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	25.00
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. (V.B.S. Off.)	9.71
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio	77.57
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	11.55
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. (Bible Learners Class)	4.37
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	35.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill. (Bond Dividend)	15.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	35.00
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	13.02
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	19.52
Members of First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla.	75.00
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. (Boat & Motor Fund)	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (L.B.C.)	10.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	11.95
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	43.29
Morgan Ave. Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	55.85
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, Staats Mills, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	5.00
Newby Baptist Church, Newby, Ky.	11.88
Newby Baptist Church, Newby, Ky. (Youth Fellowship Offering)	13.61
New Testament Baptist Church, Creve Coeur, Ill.	20.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	20.94
Olmstead Baptist Church, Olmstead, Ky.	35.14
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, Fla.	10.00
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	17.17
Randolph Street Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	150.00
Rich Mountain Baptist Church, Boone, N.C.	171.64
Rupert Baptist Church, E. Rainelle, W. Va.	10.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Victory Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn.	24.57
Westside Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	12.00
Ballard's Cross Roads Baptist Church, Greenville, N.C.	10.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	15.00
Bentley Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	66.81
Bethel Baptist Church, Williams, Ind.	26.01
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	50.00
Bible Baptist Mission, Madisonville, Ky.	18.00
Bryan Station Baptist Mission, Salt Lick, Ky.	3.53
Camp Nelson Baptist Church, Camp Nelson, Ky.	5.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	14.63
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	25.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	35.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	16.00
First Baptist Church, Crete, Ill.	54.74
First Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio	119.74
First Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio (Building in Peru)	100.00
Member of First Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	100.00
Member of First Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	25.00
Member of First Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	25.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	68.76
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	30.77
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	237.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Land Transportation)	50.00
Knots Baptist Church, Orma, W. Va.	5.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	80.76
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (L.B.C. - Teachers in Peru)	15.00
Little Sewell Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va.	30.00
New LaGrange Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	25.00
New Testament Baptist Fellowship, Chittenango, N.Y.	5.00
Northside Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	96.94
Oakvale Baptist Church, Denese, W. Va.	10.00
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Tenn.	15.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Land Transportation)	100.00
Peoples Baptist Church, East Altan, Ill.	64.50
Riverside Baptist Church, Richmond, W. Va.	40.00
Worship Point Baptist Church, Lenoir, N.C.	20.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Nitro, W. Va.	20.00
Car Baptist Church, York, Ky.	10.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	150.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.00
Lagana Baptist Church, Logana, Ky.	22.28
Maple Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Clemens, Mich.	10.00
Mountain Dale Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	32.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	37.18
New Salem Baptist Church, Dukedom, Tenn.	9.75
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky.	10.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannellton, Ind.	19.12
Valley View Baptist Church, Valley View, Ky.	5.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	33.66
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	64.68
Bethel Baptist Church, Crete, Ill.	44.30
Bethel Baptist Church, Crete, Ill.	11.15
Bible Baptist Mission, Middleboro, Ky.	10.00
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	50.00



Harold Bratcher ready to baptize Denhora Candida Batista da Silva at Rio Urubu. Note the Launch in which Brother Bratcher made the trip just back of him.

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, Ky.	5.00
Faith Baptist Church, Wauseon, Ohio	20.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Pucallpa Building)	168.68
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (M. & L. Prayer Band - Teachers in Peru)	40.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	42.90
Julien Bapt. Church, Gracey, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	15.00
Myrtle Tree Baptist Church, Everman Creek, Ky.	71.50
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	160.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Teachers in Brazil)	32.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Ohio	40.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	138.03
Southside Baptist Church, Rutledge, Tenn.	159.39
Sturgeon Branch Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va.	15.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	114.41
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Land Transportation)	28.60
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Peru)	28.60
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	28.60
Timbered Ridge Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	83.83
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	39.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Teachers in Brazil)	50.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Pucallpa Building)	65.00
Winton Place Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio	5.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	12.61
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	21.20
Bible Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	73.00
Bible Baptist Church, Rushville, N.Y. (Teachers in Brazil)	30.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	160.60
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Boat & Motor Fund)	160.60
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	30.75
LaGrange Baptist Church, LaGrange, Fla.	10.49
Missionary Baptist Church, Willow Hill, Ill. (Prim. Boys & Girls V.B.S. Offering)	3.38
Rollinsburg Baptist Church, Talcott, W. Va.	10.00
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadiaville, Ky.	62.01
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadiaville, Ky.	75.01
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, Ohio	165.35
Upper Steer Run Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va.	10.00
First Baptist Church, Siloam, Ky.	176.97
Gilberts Creek Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	45.60
W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00
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Roy W. Prescott, Campbellsville, Ky.	10.00
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Blanche Bryan, Vanceburg, Ky.	2.00
Parvin Hall, Evansville, Ind.	10.00
Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La.	30.00
W. B. & Lenore Snell, Chesapeake, Ohio (Teachers in Brazil)	23.00
Eld. & Mrs. G. B. Trent, Williamson, W. Va.	42.00
J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	43.00
R. G. Lancaster, New Richmond, Ohio (Teachers in	



The woman on the left is the mother of this family of six children. Her husband died two months ago. She was baptized by Harold Bratcher on June 4, 1967. See picture of Bro. Bratcher baptizing here in this issue.

Brazil)	20.00
Received in June for Boat & Motor Fund	210.60
Received in June for Building in Pucallpa	333.68
Received in June for Land Transportation	178.60
Received in June for Teachers in Brazil	214.60
Received in June for Teachers in Peru	83.60
Received in June for Station Wagon Fund	10.00
Received in June for Regular Fund	5,570.57
Received in June for all Purposes	6,601.65

OFFERINGS FOR BOAT & MOTOR FUND, JUNE, 1967

Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	\$ 50.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	160.60
Total Received for this fund in June	210.60

OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN PUCALLPA, JUNE, 1967

First Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio	\$ 100.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	168.68
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	65.00
Total Received for this fund in June	333.68

OFFERINGS FOR LAND TRANSPORTATION, JUNE, 1967

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 100.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	50.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	28.60
Total Received for this fund in June	178.60

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN BRAZIL, JUNE, 1967

First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	\$ 16.00
W. B. & Lenore Snell, Chesapeake, Ohio	23.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	15.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	32.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	28.60
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
R. G. Lancaster, New Richmond, Ohio	20.00
Bible Baptist Church, Rushville, N.Y.	30.00
Total Received for this fund in June	214.60

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN PERU, JUNE, 1967

Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (L.B.C.)	\$ 15.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (M. & L. Prayer Bands)	40.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	28.60
Total Received for this fund in June	83.60

OFFERINGS FOR STATION WAGON FUND, JUNE, 1967

Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	\$ 10.00
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OFFERINGS FROM NEW CHURCHES & INDIVIDUALS, JUNE, 1967

Bethel Baptist Church, Crete, Ill.	\$ 55.45
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