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This is how the new school building looks at Pucallpa, Peru. It is attached to the rear of the church building. The rear gable end of the church building can be seen above the roof of the school building.



The Del Mayfield home, Pucallpa, Peru. The Volkswagen station wagon can be seen in the picture. The church and school building is at one end of the building site and the home at the other end.



Kindergarten school children, Pucallpa, Peru. These hear the word of God every day.



Mrs. Mayfield's class of children in the Baptist School, Pucallpa, Peru. Mrs. Mayfield is standing at the right.



Elizario Candido da Silva and family standing beside the plane on August 4, 1967, the day they arrived in Cruzeiro do Sul to work with Bobby Creiglow and pastor the church in Cruzeiro do Sul.



Part of the members of the church in Cruzeiro do Sul beside the truck that the church rented to go to the airport to meet their new pastor. Under the three X's left to right are Mrs. Creiglow and twin Arlene, Brenda Creiglow, August 4, 1967.



This is the storehouse that Bobby Creiglow is building on the bank of the Jurua River and the port of Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre to store gasoline, outboard motors, canoes, supplies, etc. This will be a great help to Brother Creiglow. To the left you can see the ramp that goes down to the river.

New Buildings In Pucallpa, Peru

Above on this page you see the pictures of the new buildings in Pucallpa, Peru that Brother Mayfield has built. There is still some work to do on the classrooms and the property must have a wall fence all around it according to law. As of today we need about \$3,100.00 to pay back the money borrowed and an equal amount or more to build the wall fence. Some are giving towards this each month. May the Lord lead others to give toward it. Pray and then give as the Lord leads you. Mark your offering "For Pucallpa Building".

Thanksgiving Offerings

Some churches have been giving regularly each month since last Thanksgiving Conference building up a fund for their Special Thanksgiving Offering. Some are working on it now. All need to be praying and planning so that we will have the largest Special Thanksgiving offering in the history of BFM. Only two months and a half till Conference time. Join us and get a blessing in a good offering.

Bratcher And Bean To Visit Churches

Missionaries, Harold Bratcher and George Bean are home on furlough from Brazil. They are available to visit churches that want and invite them to preach and tell of the work in Brazil and show slides of the work. If you want them write to them and invite them. They already have appointments and some dates are already filled. They will do their best to work out a date and visit as many as possible that invite them. A love offering to them will help in paying expenses. Write them at:

Harold Bratcher
922 Aurora
Lexington, Ky. 40502
George Bean
624 Wilderness
Lexington, Ky. 40502

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Two Houses Furnished For Bratchers And Beans To Live In

The Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church has a house that was a former parsonage. This house is furnished complete with all utilities paid, rent free for the George Beans to live in this year while they are home from Brazil on furlough. Brother Walker's Sunday School Class of Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, is paying the rent, and a house completely furnished, is free to the Harold Bratchers to live in. Many thanks to these two churches. Now we need two houses, completely furnished for missionaries to live in while home on furlough. Maybe you have a house that can be used or that can be sold to buy one that can be used. Or maybe you have a farm not needed that you can give, and cash that you can give. If so write and tell us about it.

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First Grade Class in the Baptist School, Pucallpa, Peru, with one of the teachers of the school.

Problems . . . Needs . . . Blessings . . . 101 In S. S. ... To Organize Church Sept. 15th . . . Trip To Lima . . . Supplies Purchased

By Del Mayfield

Apartado 166
Pucallpa, Peru, S.A.
Aug. 17, 1967

Dear Brethren,

How we do thank God for this opportunity each month to share with you some of the problems that you may pray with us, and then some of the needs that you may be able to help, and then some of the blessings that you may rejoice with us, realizing that it is only by His wonderful grace that we have a part in the spreading of the Gospel to many that have never heard.

This past month has been a very busy one for us. We also hit a high in our attendance, with 101 average attendance in Sunday School. There was one young lady saved, and we're hoping to baptize her and others next Sunday, the Lord willing. We also have the date set for our organizing of the church the 15th of Sept. I'll write more about that next month. We're praying that Bro. Lauerman will get to come and be with us. Our grade school is doing very well. We have 6 new students more for the last half of the year. We now have over 60 students and are planning to double that next year. The 27th the school had their program celebrating their Independence Day. It was also open house for the school. All the parents came, and many friends. It was a good day for us, and we only wish that all of you could have been here to see for yourselves. We'd like to thank each one who has given to build the buildings, and the paying of the teachers that make the school a reality in our lives. It is a blessing to teach 60 boys and girls every day about Jesus. Continue to pray for us as the building is not finished yet and we need a fence all the way around the property.

Now about our trip to Lima. We spent 11 days with the Paul Mulling family, and the Charlie Higgs family. The fellowship was wonderful and we want to thank them for taking care of us. We could have never gotten the things done that we got done without the help of our brethren. We just about wore out that new bus of Bro. Mulling, and Brother Higgs put several miles on his car driving us around. Our main purpose



Del Mayfield

for going over was to get the Mission registered in Peru. We were unable to do so, but we're still working on it and praying that we'll have it done yet this year. We did buy the things that we wanted to buy, the duplicating machine for the church and the school, and I want to add this that the Grace Bapt. Church, Fairborn, gave us the money while we were home to buy this with, and the reason for not buying it sooner is the fact we couldn't take time off, and we didn't need it until now. But we do want to thank Bro. Kirkman and his people for making it possible for us to have it. It sure will be a blessing to our work here. We also bought some motor parts for the houseboat that we could not buy here. This is the first work we've had to do on the motor in the houseboat. We had to buy new valves for it. We also bought light fixtures for the school building, and some other supplies. So we're thankful that we got to make the trip. Now for the best part about the trip. Bro. Mulling asked me to preach Sunday night, and we had a good service. One was saved and another is getting right with the pastor and church. How we thank God for the power of the gospel, and what a privilege it is to be able to preach it. Then on Wed. night Bro. Higgs asked me to preach for him in his new mission, and how we thank God for being able to preach the first message in that new work. We're praying that God will bless and that Bro. Higgs will be able to organize another Baptist Church in Lima and I should have said the Capital City of over two million people. What a need for Baptist churches in Peru.

Bro. Rucoba reports that everything is going good at San Francisco. We're planning a trip next week if we can get the houseboat motor back together. We desire your prayers brethren for the work. We can only be at one place at a time. We need someone to help with the river work. When we're on the river the work here suffers, and the same for the river work when we're here. We mention this so you can remember us when you pray. Thanks again for your love gifts that make it possible for us to be here. May His blessing be upon each one of you.

Yours by His Grace,
Del. Mayfield

Malaria Epidemic Is Past . . . Elizario And Family Arrive From Manaus To Pastor Church And Help In The Work

By Bobby Creiglow

Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre
August 17, 1967

Dear Brethren,

The malaria epidemic is past, many have been left with after effects and many are sick with other things. During our first term on the field medicine was one of the cheapest things we could buy, but since that time prices have gone up so much that they can be compared with prices in the States. These people have always the custom of just buying one dose of medicine at a time and many times just one pill at a time, but with prices the way they are they are much worse about this and will take one pill and if the fever passes they stop taking medicine. Because of this many times they stay sick for months with something, that could be cured within a few days if medicine was taken as directed. When we were treating the twins the doctor told me that he had just one other patient, other than us, that followed his directions as he prescribed, so you can see why there is so much sickness here. As I can see it, gift medicine is not the answer, but health education.

After spending two weeks here with us, Bro. Elizario returned to Manaus to get his family and on August 4, 1967 they arrived to take over the pastorate of the church here in Cruzeiro do Sul. During the past five years there have been many young preachers gone from here to study in the seminary in Manaus of which none ever seemed to want to return. Of these young



Bobby Creiglow

men that went there to study, I must confess with regret that more of them turned out to be headaches for Bro. Hatcher than turned out to be preachers. Although Bro. Elizario is not from here we are very glad to get him. He seems to be a hard worker and is well liked by the people here. His wife was saved while we were living in Manaus studying the language in the same church, of which we were members. She is a good wife, mother, and above all a good servant of the Lord. During the two weeks before their arrival, we were very busy painting the houseboat and getting it ready for them to live in while they are waiting for their furniture to come by steamboat. The next two were spent getting them settled in the work, they have adapted well and the progress is going well. There have been two professions of faith and eight have presented themselves for baptism since their arrival. He is, also, very anxious to visit the other churches and open other preaching points. Our outlook is now much brighter than before. Bro. Elizario is, also, pastor of the Green Mountain Baptist Church near Boca do Acre. There is a young man in that church that has been called to preach and takes care of the work in the absence of the pastor. This work will be maintained from here with trips by plane several times a year to instruct the young preacher and the church.

We are all in good health, other than bad colds, that we cannot seem to get rid of. May the Lord bless you all and don't forget to pray for us and the work here.

In Christ Jesus,
B. D. Creiglow



Missionary Del Mayfield baptizing in the new baptistry in the new Building, Pucallpa, Peru.

New Mission Growing . . . Revivals In Two Churches ... Work On Itaya River Going Good

By Walter Lauerman

Iquitos, Peru
Aug. 18, 1967

Dear Brethren,

We are glad to hear that the brethren Bean and Bratcher and families have arrived safely in U.S. and pray that they will have a great time in the Lord this coming year. We thank God for their work and surely the Lord has used and blessed them.

I stated before that 10 adults was our tops in the new work, but we went over that this month and had 62 last Sunday in S.S. and up to 35 in the evening services on Sunday and sometimes a full house on Wednesday. We have benches for 50 adults. Many times the children have to stand. Our building there is very small (10 ft by 30 ft.) and half of that is benches, etc. for S.S. The building I spoke of last month we did not get yet and it looks now like we will not get it at all as the man was to have moved in July but now circumstances for him make it indefinite. But we think the Lord has something better for us even if the other was almost ideal. We have only two classes and would have more if we had the room. Karen, my daughter, teaches the children and I the adults. Here in the church we have gone up again in attendance as the rain has slowed up. We have 6 classes here in the church. My wife and my daughter Barbara both teach. Barbara the beginners and my wife the adult ladies. We had highest offerings ever in our church this past month (\$180.00) and my family did not put in any extra this month. We hope that one day we will have a church that will really be an example and produce many other churches as it is and reach the lost so Christ can come. We wanted to have a revival and waited to do so until now thinking we would get the new building for the mission and have a man come and preach a week in both places but as I stated above all did not turn out that way.

The visit of Brethren Jorge Macahuachi and Abram Gaima to San Antonio as I stated in last letter, did not turn out quite as we had hoped and prayed. The former



Walter Lauerman

pastor insists on staying there etc. and we will wait and pray until they get all straightened out there and ask us for a helper etc. as it is in bad shape. Pray with us about this. We do not have anyone in mind that could go there and preach for them now anyway, so pray please. The Hojeal church had 5 days special services with one saved. Bro. Jorge states though that they had prayer at 5 in the morning each day and many came and got revived in these prayer meetings. Tamshiyacu church is having one this week and says they are going to use the same plan and praying for the same results. You cannot improve on prayer to get a church in order, with preaching. Bro. Purificacion, who works out of our church in the Itaya River is really doing a good job. Two straight months he has visited at least 15 places and these all new and many have never had anyone come and preach in these places. It appears that the Itaya River is the best of all here as it has been the least worked by missionaries. Pray for us as we try to get the Peruvian brethren to go so that we can go to other places in Peru and other places also to get the Gospel out so the Lord will save. We want so much to get even two men here in Iquitos soon to major on visiting and make trips to various places, etc. This is the only real way here in Peru is to get in the homes as it is prohibited by law to have any kind of service in the open. It is even against the law to pass out tracts in public or even baptize, or be it any kind of a non-catholic service. So you see the homes is the place and maybe the best place after all, as we have a hard time getting people to public services without having something to give them to entice them and that we will not do for many reasons and the main one is that you get them and not their soul, etc. Other churches here have their churches full, but they always have something in the way of entertainment or something given to attract etc. Pray that God would save souls as we just try to preach the best we know how. Our family all sends greetings and may the Lord bless you all.

By HIS Grace,
Walter F. Lauerman

On Furlough . . . Speaking In Churches And Conferences ... Check Up At Ford Hospital

By George Bean

Dolton, Ill.
August 20, 1967

Dear Brethren,

I have had an examination made at the Ford Hospital in Detroit and they found I have an over acidity stomach. I think with proper medication and dieting I will soon be well. While we were in Detroit we stayed in the home of Brother Overbey and he sure did treat us nice. Mrs. Overbey was, and is still in the hospital with an ailment of the back. I will give you a detail of the months speaking and telling of our mission work in Brasil S.A. Sunday, July 16, I preached at the Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. Bro. Overbey pastor. That night I spoke at Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. Bro. Clark, pastor. Wed. July 19 I spoke at the Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. Bro. Homer Crain, pastor. Sunday, July 23 I spoke at the Cave Springs Baptist Church, Stevenson, Ala. and that night I showed the slides we have. July 26 I went back to Detroit to get the report from the hospital and this time I stayed in the home of Bro. Hille and I spoke in the New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. Bro. Hille pastor. Friday, July 28 I spoke at the vacation Bible School, Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. Bro. Earl Thomas, pastor was conducting. Sat. and Sun. July 29 and 30 I was with the Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Tenn. Bro. Jesse Davis is the pastor. I spoke and showed the slides here two times. Aug. 1-4 I was the missionary



George Bean

speaker at the Youth Camp held at the Mountain State Baptist High School, Alderson, W. Va. We sure did enjoy working with these young folks and there were 15 professions of faith. August 9 I spoke at Fairview Baptist Church, Decatur, Ala. Sunday, August 13 I spoke at the evening service of the Cave Spring Baptist Church, Bro. J. B. Igou, pastor. Tuesday, Aug. 15-17 we attended the Missionary Conference at Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. Bro. Elton Wilson, pastor. I also spoke one time in this conference. We also enjoyed the fine hospitality in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Sawyer. Mrs. Sawyer is a member of Bible Baptist Church. Sunday I spoke at The Jordan Baptist Church, Portage, Ind. Bro. Warren A. Wilkerson, pastor and Sunday night I spoke in The First Baptist Church, Crete, Ill. Bro. George pastor. I have had the opportunity to speak in six states and to speak and present our work in eleven Baptist Churches and we have also driven 4500 miles. May God bless each one of you.

Yours in Him,
George Bean

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Twenty Six Services . . . Preached Eighteen Times . . . One Baptizing . . . Taught Four S. S. Lessons . . . Made Twelve Trips Into The Interior . . . Passed Out Tracts And Witnessed Personally

By Dempsey Henderson

Sao Luis, Maranhao
August 15, 1967

Dear Brethren,

It is a spiritual pleasure and privilege to greet each one of you again in the blessed name of our All-sufficient Saviour and coming King, and by means of this letter through the Mission Sheets to share with you our experiences and the blessings of our Lord during the past month. I received the Mission Sheet for August today and read it all, and, needless to say, it gave me great satisfaction, as it always does, to read of the Lord's blessings upon my brethren and the work in other parts of Brasil and Peru, as well as those who are home on furlough in the States. Following is a summary of the activities for the past month.



Dempsey Henderson

I might say first that the airline company found my suitcase after almost a month. They returned it to me with everything still inside and undamaged, thank the Lord. They mis-took it for someone else's baggage and shipped it to Rio de Janeiro. This has been another busy month, with trips into the interior, as well as the work here in town. I have made the trip to Vila Maranhao every Friday night and to Anajativa every Sunday afternoon this past month. These churches seem to be doing real well, and the evangelists seem to be working hard at the job in both places. Bro. Agostinho reports one profession of faith at Vila Maranhao, with others showing much interest. There was one profession of faith at Taboca, a preaching point of the church at Anajativa. I will tell about this later on in this letter. I made a trip to Itaquí, a preaching point of the church at Vila Maranhao, with some of the brethren from that church, one time this month. We had a good service, but no professions of faith. The brethren went back there again while I was in Taboca for another service, and there was one profession of faith. These brethren, having no other way to get there, walked from the Vila to Itaquí, a distance of some few miles, arriving back in the Vila at 1 A.M. There were some small children with them. They have planned another trip there on Sat. night, Aug. 26. They told me that if I couldn't go they would make the trip on foot again. Surely they love the Lord and His message of redemption. I have tried to keep Sat. open for study and preparation for the Lord's day, but I can't sit at home and let them walk. Please pray for these brethren and this work.

On July 25, Tues. night, I went to Formigueiro, another preaching point of the Church at Anajativa, for a service. We had good services, though the crowd was small. Some of the members walked from Anajativa to this service and back home through the jungle at night. We plan to go back to this place also this month. We are also to go to another place this Sat. I don't remember the name for a service. There is a church in this place, but it has been abandoned by the missionaries who started it, and the people asked us to come there.

On Mon., July 31, I left home at 5:30 A.M., went by Anajativa, loaded 8 more people and their baggage in the jeep, and we were on our way to Taboca. We arrived in the town of Rosario, where we left the jeep and crossed the river in a canoe. It was about 9 A.M. when we reached the other side and started walking, carrying our baggage. We arrived in Taboca at about 3 P.M. The last hour of the trip I made on horseback, but I think that I would have felt better walking, as the "saddle" was a wooden rack without stirrups. The way was rough and narrow, with mud, rocks and large boulders. At one place, the horse on which an elderly woman and her young daughter were riding, slipped and fell against a large boulder, almost crushing

the little girl's leg. The only thing, humanly speaking, that saved her was that the horse caught his footing before his whole weight went against the rock. The place where we took our baths was a spring down in the jungle that serves as a public bath and "launderette", the water of which looked and smelled like dirty dishwater, but, at least it was cool and wet. We all slept in the home of a widow woman, who is a believer. There were 4 hammocks in the room where I slept. We spent 4 days there, and had 3 nights of preaching. We had good crowds every night - 75 or 80 the first night. The only profession of faith was in a home where we visited. She is an old woman who has been on the bed for 3 months, and who seems to be sick unto death. She was very hard at first, but after about an hour of witnessing to her she said that she was trusting Jesus as her Saviour. We have a number of believers in this place, and hope to have a permanent work there before long. There is no other work of any kind in this place, and there are many who are interested in being saved. The preacher from Anajativa has gone to this place now, and we plan to make another trip there the first part of Sept. the Lord willing.

The work here in town is going very well. We had 2 professions of faith in the church services here in town the past month, and we had our first baptismal service in the new church baptistry. I baptized 3. There have been 3 more professions of faith in the services at Tirirical, the new work out near the airport. The lady's daughter and husband in whose home we have been having services, and another man who lives nearby. Also some of the brethren of the church have been having Sunday School out there on Sun. afternoons, as well as special prayer meetings in the church on Fri. nights.

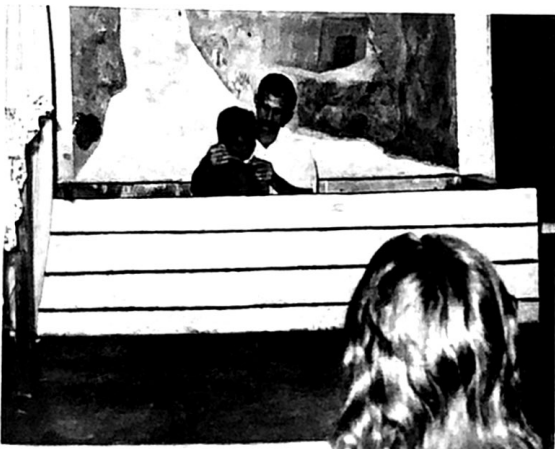
This past month I attended 26 services, preached 18 times, had 1 baptism service, taught S.S. lessons, made 12 trips into the interior, and passed out tracts and did personal witnessing. Besides this, our home is used almost daily as a free hotel, coffee shop, dining room, and general waiting room, and we operate a free pharmacy, bus line, taxi, ambulance and general moving service, loan service, and welfare agency. I am not complaining, just stating our regular activities. You can understand now why Bro. Bean had so much acid in his stomach; he didn't have time to put anything else in it. Well, brethren, I must close this "book" and go find something to do.

Remember us in your prayers, and may the God of all grace grant you grace always in all things. We have also received much sad news from home this past month, but we thank God for His sustaining grace, and we send our sympathy to our loved ones in Christ back there. We also want to thank those who write to us from time to time and keep us up on the news back home.

Yours In Christ,
Dempsey Henderson



These three persons were baptized by Dempsey and the first ones to be baptized in the new baptistry in the New Hope Baptist Church building in Sao Luis, Maranhao, Brazil.



Dempsey Henderson baptizing in the new baptistry in New Hope Baptist Church in Sao Luis, Maranhao. Brother Bean rebuilt this church building and built the baptistry before leaving for furlough.

Thirteen Trips Into The Interior . . . Problems To Be Solved . . . Ten Baptized At Tabernacle . . . Nine Professions And Two Baptisms In The Interior . . . Second Semester At Seminary

By John Hatcher

Manaus, Amazonas
17 de August de 1967

Dear Brethren,

With the swiftness of the days and the evil of the times which surround our lives it is wonderful to know Him, who is the anchor of our soul within the veil, the unchangeable One and the everpresent Help in time of need. Christ is just what we need and He is all that is needed.



John Hatcher

MISSIONARY TRIPS

Each month the Mission helps churches send workers into the interior places for the purpose of conducting services. With this financial help to the churches they are able to maintain mission points which will some day become churches. This past month there were thirteen such trips financed by your offerings. There were nine professions of faith and two baptisms reported. These trips go on month after month and many times you who give are unaware of all that your offerings are doing.

PROGRESS AND PROBLEMS

As the work grows there are also problems which appear. With the increase of churches and preachers and evangelists helped through these churches there is the need of ministering the funds which are your offerings to see that they are used in a way of honoring the Lord. This takes time but it is necessary if there are to be others besides the missionaries to reach the places which need reaching. You cannot just turn money over to the churches or pastors without seeing that it is used for the designated end. This month, for example, one church asked for the financial help to send their pastor to three places in the interior. The money was given for the trip. Later it was found out that the pastor didn't use the money as planned nor did he return the money. When he reported the trip it was necessary to confront him with this fact and to demand that the money be

returned. Until it is returned there will be no more offerings given for that church or pastor to make trips. It will be well to add that this preacher does not receive monthly help for his salary. When Paul said, "And besides this the care of the churches" he meant the problems which arise in mission work. There has to be administration of God's money and it ought to be good administration. This involves time and patience.

TEN BAPTIZED AT TABERNACLE

This month there were ten persons baptized at the Tabernacle church. Three of these were from the V-8 Road Mission where Brother Enos preaches and three from the Martins Ave. Mission where Brother Jose Araujo is the preacher. Four were from the services of the Tabernacle church.

SECOND SEMINARY TERM

The second semester of seminary work has begun and there is one new student who will be a Baptist by the time you read this letter, the Lord willing. This boy married one of Brother Jose Rodrigues' daughters while he was pastor in Cruzeiro do Sul. She is a fine girl and he is apparently a fine person. For some time he has recognized doctrinal errors of the Pentecost church and will be baptized Sunday night in the Tabernacle church. He has three children and his wife is already a member of our church. God knows how much we need good workers but it is not the policy to offer great things to get students. It has been learned the hard way that almost without exception these students which entered into the seminary and received financial help to do so have been "duds". We praise the Lord for what He has taught us and trust that we have learned and are learning more and more to wait on Him.

NEEDED

The harvest is white and the fields are many but oh, how few, how few are those to help in the harvest.

In Him,
John A. Hatcher

At Home On Furlough . . . Visiting Churches And Relatives . . . Two Revival Meetings

By Harold Bratcher

Battle Creek, Michigan
August 22, 1967

Dear Brethren,

We greet you in the name of the Lord. We are enjoying being in the United States again after having been away for four years and are enjoying the fellowship with loved ones and friends in the Lord. We praise the Lord for friends and for the freedom that we have to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit in all matters and decisions.



Harold Bratcher

Since the writing of July Mission Sheet I have had the privilege of preaching several times in several different churches. On Wednesday night, July 19th we (I, my wife, and Asa Mark) joined the Ashland Avenue Baptist Church in Lexington, Kentucky by letter from the 14th of December Baptist Church of Manaus, Amazonas, Brasil. On the 20th of July my wife and I took a physical examination at a doctor's office in Lexington. His report was that we are physically in good shape. We praise the Lord for that! On the 21st of July we drove from my wife's parents' house to my Dad's house - some 250 miles from Richmond, Kentucky to Morganfield, Ky. We stopped on the way at the country home of Mr. & Mrs. Ancil McKeen, Elizabethtown, Ky. - the parents of Mrs. John Hatcher. It was 9:45 P.M. before we finally arrived at my Dad's house - C. S. Bratcher. We had stopped several times during the trip.

On July 23rd and again on the 30th I supplied at the Uniontown Baptist Church. The pastor, John Coble was in the hospital recovering from a recent operation. I was a member of this church from 1940 to 1947 and served the church for some three years as Sunday School Superintendent. Also, this is the church that ordained me in August of 1947.

On Wednesday night, July 26th I spoke at the prayer meeting service of the Dekoven Baptist Church where my Dad, C. S. Bratcher is pastor. I also spoke on the night of the 27th at the Grove Center Baptist Church where my Dad is pastor, also. On August 3rd I showed slides of the work in Brasil to the older children of a Vacation Bible School of the Lewis Lane Baptist Church in Owensboro, Kentucky. Bro. Abbott is the pastor and one of my brothers, Donald Bratcher is a member of this church.

For eight days I was with the Julien Baptist Church of Christian County, Ky. where Wallace York is pastor. I had the privilege of preaching some 18 times during the 8 days. Even though we had no visible results we trust the church was blessed and revived. The pastor and church were a blessing to us in many ways.

From August 15th to the 17th we attended (I was one of the speakers) the annual Bible Conference at the Bible Baptist Church in Clarksville, Tennessee where Elton Wilson is the pastor.

Since Sunday I have been preaching in an eight day revival at the Grace Missionary Baptist Church at Battle Creek, Michigan where Wayne Brickner is pastor. The Lord is blessing and we hope and pray for the Lord's richest blessing to be upon us during these days.

By the time you read these lines we should be living at 922 Aurora Avenue in Lexington, Kentucky. Come and see us when you are in Lexington. To all of you who have been a blessing to us in any way, we thank you and pray that the Lord will bless you. I shall continue to visit the churches that invite me and that the time will permit. We pray the Lord's blessings to be upon the work that we left in Brasil.

Yours In His Service,
Harold Bratcher
922 Aurora Avenue
Lexington, Kentucky 40502



This is part of the crowd at a night outdoor service at Taboca, a mission point in the interior out from Sao Luis, Maranhao that Dempsey wrote about in his letter in this issue.

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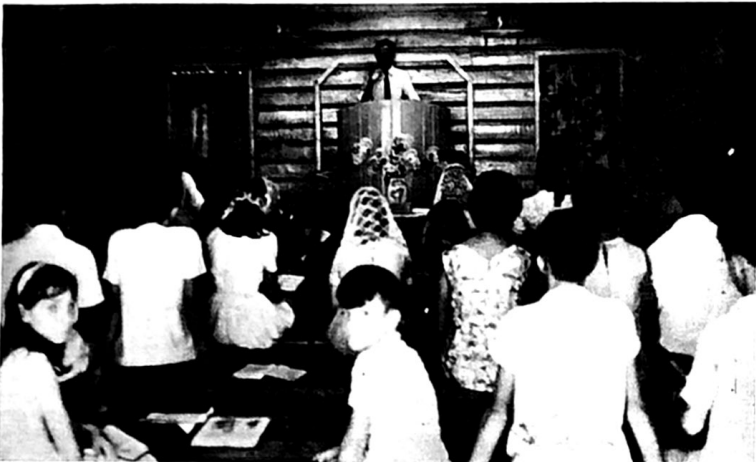
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Grade School Classes, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil lined up ready to enter classrooms.



Sunday School at the mission point in Manacapuru, Amazonas, Brazil.



Jose Alves preaching in the mission that Dempsey Henderson started in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.



This picture was taken from the rear of the Launch looking back down a narrow channel which in high water time connects the Rio Negro and the Amazon Rivers which is used as a cut-off and saved about three hours of time.

Offerings For August 1967

Algonac Baptist Church, Algonac, Mich.	\$ 25.67
Ballard's Cross Roads Baptist Church, Greenville, N.C.	10.00
Big Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association, Russellville, Ala.	159.40
Camp Nelson Baptist Church, Camp Nelson, Ky.	5.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	16.85
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	16.17
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	150.00
First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Mich.	10.00
Newby Baptist Church, Newby, Ky.	25.86
New LaGrange Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	25.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	25.66
Olmstead Baptist Church, Olmstead, Ky.	38.72
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	26.64
Randolph Street Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	150.00
Riverside Baptist Church, Richwood, W. Va.	40.00
Rupert Baptist Church, Rupert, W. Va.	10.00
Banklick Street Baptist Church, Covington, Ky. (Land Transportation)	26.00
Bible Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	50.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio.	74.91
Members of First Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	100.00
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 Bapt. Church, Warren, Mich. (Teachers in Brazil).	30.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. L.B.C.	10.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	20.00
Knotts Baptist Church, Orma, W. Va.	10.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	68.72
Oakvale Baptist Church, Danese, W. Va.	10.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.	90.50
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.	83.29
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. (In Memory of Flossie Simpson).	39.00
Carr Baptist Church, York, Ky.	10.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, Ky.	5.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	278.50
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	245.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Land Transportation)	56.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	55.89
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. (Bldg. In Peru)	10.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Crete, Ill.	39.72
Bible Baptist Mission, Madisonville, Ky.	18.00
Logana Baptist Church, Logana, Ky.	22.18
Morgan Ave. Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	57.20
Morgan Ave. Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind. (Bible School Offering.)	20.89
Rosedale Baptist Church, Shook, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	20.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	20.00
Hepzibah Baptist Church, Stouts Mills, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	5.00
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Tenn.	17.00
Smyra Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	17.05
Bryan Station Baptist Mission, Salt Lick, Ky.	3.82
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio	10.00
Kemp Road Bapt. Church, Dayton, Ohio (Teachers in Brazil)	26.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	109.33
Members of First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla.	75.00
Members of First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla. (Teachers in Brazil)	25.00
Members of First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla. (Building in Pucallpa)	100.00
Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	25.00
Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	10.00

Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	15.00
Bentley Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	86.03
Burna Baptist Church, Burna, Ky.	27.03
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	13.80
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. (Bible Learners Class)	8.44
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	25.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	35.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	16.00
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	29.23
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Morengo, Ohio	67.44
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Morengo, Ohio	63.92
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Morengo, Ohio	57.48
Jordan Baptist Church, Portage, Ind.	25.00
Little Sewell Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va.	10.00
Maple Grove Baptist Church, Mount Clemens, Mich.	10.00
Morris Fork Baptist Church, Meadow Bridge, W. Va.	27.32
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	16.64
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadieville, Ky.	77.59
West Side Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	9.11
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	25.00
Bible Baptist Mission, Middlesboro, Ky.	3.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Nitro, W. Va.	20.00
First Baptist Church, Crete, Ill.	67.79
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, Fla.	10.00
Mt. Dale Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	30.09
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky.	10.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	39.09
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	80.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, Miss.	14.53
Faith Baptist Church, Wauseon, Ohio	20.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	33.84
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	15.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	11.11
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	142.28
Sturgeon Branch Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va.	15.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	15.77
Bible Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	50.01
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	50.00
Elizabeth Jorell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	20.03
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Pucallpa Building)	238.74
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (M. & L. Prayer Band - Teachers in Peru)	20.00
LaGrange Baptist Church, LaGrange, Fla.	16.46
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	167.66
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Teachers in Brazil)	33.53
Peoples Baptist Church, East Alton, Ill.	81.50
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	54.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Teachers in Brazil)	50.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Pucallpa Building)	50.00
Upper Steer Run Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va.	10.00
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	55.02
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	159.30
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Boat & Motor Fund)	159.30
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.00
Rollynsburg Baptist Church, Talcott, W. Va.	10.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, Ohio	165.70
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	87.85
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Land Transportation)	21.96
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil).	21.96
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Peru)	21.96
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Henderson for medical & Misc. Supplies)	75.00
Winton Place Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio	5.00
Eld. & Mrs. G. B. Trent, Williamson, W. Va.	42.00
Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La.	30.00

Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	43.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	22.00
Parvin Hall, Evansville, Ind. (Pucallpa Building)	10.00
Zach & Naomi Savage, Gainesville, Fla. (Bibles for Poor in S. A.)	50.00
W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00
Roy W. Prescott, Campbellsville, Ky.	7.00

Received in August for Boat & Motor Fund.	209.30
Received in August for Building in Pucallpa	408.74
Received in August for Land Transportation	203.96
Received in August for Teachers in Brazil	217.49
Received in August for Teachers in Peru	41.96
Received in August for Station Wagon Fund	10.00
Received in August for Bibles for poor in S. A.	50.00
Received in August for Regular Fund	5,446.03
Received in August for All Purposes	6,587.48

OFFERINGS FOR BOAT & MOTOR FUND, AUGUST, 1967

Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	\$ 50.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	159.30
Total Received for this fund in August	209.30

OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN PUCALLPA, AUGUST, 1967

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 10.00
Members of First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla.	100.00
Parvin Hall, Evansville, Ind.	10.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	238.74
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
Total Received for this fund in August	408.74

OFFERINGS FOR LAND TRANSPORTATION, AUGUST, 1967

Banklick Street Baptist Church, Covington, Ky.	\$ 26.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	56.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	100.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	21.96
Total Received for this fund in August	203.96

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN BRAZIL, AUGUST, 1967

Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	\$ 30.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio	26.00
Members of First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla.	25.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	16.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	15.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	33.53
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	21.96
Total Received for this fund in August	217.49

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN PERU, AUGUST, 1967

Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (M. & L. Prayer Band)	\$ 20.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	21.96
Total Received in August for this fund	41.96

OFFERINGS FOR STATION WAGON FUND, AUGUST, 1967

Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	\$ 10.00
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OFFERINGS FOR BIBLES FOR POOR IN SOUTH AMERICA, AUGUST, 1967

Zach & Naomi Savage, Gainesville, Fla.	\$ 50.00
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