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Manaus Conference And Seminary Graduation



Night service of Conference in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. When we received this picture and looked at it, tears of joy came to our eyes. We are sure that every supporter of Baptist Faith Missions would have liked to have been there.



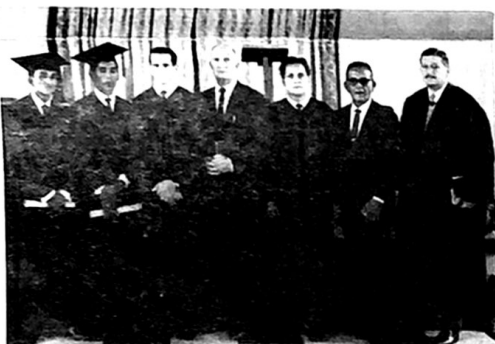
Thirty six of the forty one preachers who attended the conference in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.



Missionaries Bobby Creiglow, Dempsey Henderson and John Hatcher standing beside the seminary building.



Raul Rodrigues and Pedro Silva who graduated from the Seminary during the Conference, with their diplomas in hand.



Left to right standing on the auditorium platform: Graduates Raul Rodrigues and Pedro Silva, Professor Aruajo, Bobby Creiglow, Dean Dantas, Commencement speaker Melo and Director of School John Hatcher.



Dean of the Seminary, Julio Dantas presenting diploma to Raul Rodrigues. Dantas is a graduate of first Seminary class and is John Hatcher's right hand man.



Dantas presenting diploma to Pedro Silva while from left to right, Professor Aruajo, Bobby Creiglow and Sostenes Melo look on.

Great Conference . . . 300 In Attendance . . . 41 Preachers Attended . . . Two Graduated From Seminary

By John A. Hatcher

Dear Brethren,

Manaus, Amazonas
January 28, 1968
This has been one of those overflowing months for us and so perhaps you will want to hear about some of it. Brother Creiglow arrived here one week before the conference to take care of the details of his daughter's operation. Brenda had been with us almost three months so she was already one of the family. The other brethren from Cruzeiro do Sul arrived on Saturday, January 13 and we were at the airport to meet them and bring them in the Jeep to the dormitory. Brother Dempsey Henderson was to arrive on the thirteenth also but he has been late to so many conferences in his life that he could not stand to arrive on time. So the plane arrived two days late. When his plane finally did arrive it was at the same time that army dignitaries arrived and Dempsey thought that all the brass band and celebration was for him. However he soon recovered from the shock of knowing it was not.



John Hatcher

First Meeting Sunday Afternoon

The first meeting on Sunday, January 7, was one of real rejoicing and praise. Thirty-five pastors and workers came to the platform one by one to tell their names, places of work and about their families. It was a great meeting and God blessed our hearts. On Sunday night Brother Henderson preached for us at the Tabernacle church. That morning Brother Creiglow had preached for me at the Beautiful Garden Baptist Church. Other

pastors here invited some of the brethren from other places to preach in the Sunday morning and night services. The visiting brethren from Cruzeiro do Sul and Maranha were fed at the Seminary dining room but

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Julio Dantas and daughter Sara. His wife and son about ten or eleven are in Rio de Janeiro where the boy has undergone about four operations on his back and legs and has about 16 more operations to go. If you would like to have a part in this terrific expense send a special offering and mark it for "Julio Dantas" and John Hatcher will administer it.

Furnishings For Mission House

We have the drapes, curtains, kitchen stove, electric refrigerator, one dresser, one fold-away single bed, sheets, pillow cases, towels, and pillows. Needed are beds, dressers, box springs and extra firm coil spring mattresses, living room suite, and automatic washer, etc. Call James Hamilton, Area code 606-277-2432 and tell him what you can furnish or take a special offering and mark it "Mission house furnishing" and send it in the usual way.

Clarksville Baptist College

Pastor Elton Wilson advises that beginning in September of 1968, Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. will have a full fledged Baptist College. Classes will be held in their new three story Educational Building.

Annual Spring Missionary Conference

The Eighth Annual Spring Missionary Conference will be held in Lexington, Kentucky April 1, 2 and 3, 1968, the Lord willing. This conference is held in the interest of Baptist Faith Missions. Pictures of speakers and details in next month's paper, the Lord willing.

Manaus Brazil Conference

All the pictures in this issue have to do with the Bible Conference and Seminary graduation in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. It was truly a great conference with the attendance reaching 300. There were 41 Baptist Preachers in attendance as a result of the work of Baptist Faith Missions in Brazil. Read about it and thank God with tears of joy for having a part in it. Missionary John Hatcher did a great job in planning and putting on this Conference. It will be remembered for a long time.

Delayed Thanksgiving Offering

Because of remodeling their building and paving the parking lot, Gethsemane Baptist Church delayed their Special offering for Baptist Faith Missions from November to January. The Special offering as listed in this issue is \$2,222.80. Pastor and Mrs. Homer Crain plan to leave Miami February 21, the Lord willing, and fly to Peru to visit the Walter Lauermans and Del Mayfields and see the mission work first hand. Brother Crain is to speak at the Anniversary Celebration of the First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru, February 25.

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Preachers Who Attended The Conference In Manaus, Brazil



Manoel Costa, Seminary graduate and pastor of 14th of December Baptist Church, Manaus, Amazonas Brazil.



Newton Vasconcelos, pastor of Moriah Baptist Church, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.



Francisco Santiago, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church at the Seminary and where conference was held.



Sostenes Melo, pastor of Peritoro Baptist Church in the State of Maranhao. Seminary graduate and Commencement speaker.



Elizario da Silva, Seminary graduate and pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil.



Ranulfo Tobar, Seminary graduate and pastor of Mira Aua Baptist Church, interior out from Manaus.



Jose Alves Araujo, Seminary graduate, teacher in Seminary and High School and pastor of Martin Avenue Baptist Mission.



Antonio Barroso, pastor of First Baptist Church, Island of Patience, interior out from Manaus.

112 In Sunday School . . . Church Buys Lot On Other Side Of Town For Mission . . . Work Moving Ahead . . . Another New Experience

By Del Mayfield

Apartado 166
Pucallpa, Peru, S.A.
January 18, 1968

Dear Brethren,

As I began my first mission letter for the new year, I'm reminded of the words of David in the 65th Ps. "How the Lord crownest the year with His goodness". Surely He is to be praised for His blessing to us the past year. We have so many things to thank Him for. Now we must think of the new year, as there is so much to be done. So let us press on, working, watching and waiting as this may be the year our Lord will return. What a glorious day that will be! Now to recall some of the activities of the past month.



Del Mayfield

New Years night we had a special service, one that lasted better than five hours. Two of our young men brought messages, and I preached, and after that we had a baptismal service, baptizing a young man who had trusted the Lord the Wed. night before. He also gave a testimony after he was baptized. We have had two others saved, and three are now waiting baptism. We hope to baptize next Sunday night, the Lord willing. Our attendance has been very good this month. We had 112 in SS after the rainy months. We've also worked on the new lot trying to get it cleaned off and ready to use. We hope to have outside services as soon as the papers are through, and the new sound system arrives that Bro. Crain and his church has bought for us. This I'm sure will be a great opening for preaching the gospel to many that would never enter a church building. So pray that God will bless this effort as we preach His word.

CHURCH BUYS LOT on the other side of town in a new section called Atrinal, and we're planning on having a building up in a few months. We have some three families in that section that have attended our church here, and I'm sure will be faithful. We also have a young man that lives near the lot that is a member and will help with that work. I'm glad to see the church with a vision for the work here. I've preached, not only here but in the States that a Baptist Church is a Missionary church, and if not, it is not Baptist. We have another point on the other side of town, in the home of the member we baptized New Years night. We are going to use his home until we can get a building. He told me Sunday that he has a lot that he will give the church for a building.

So our work here is moving and we're very happy to see the Lord work among His people. We're also working toward opening our grade school again in April. We desire your prayers as we plan, and as we near another school year. There is so much to do, and at times we feel like sitting down as the work mounts up. But He gives grace, and will never leave us or forsake us. We hope that you'll want a part in the work the Lord has called us to do. Pray with us that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest.

At San Francisco the Lord has blessed. Bro. Rucoba reports that he will be making a

trip this month with Bro. Guavarra to Caridad. So that makes me feel very good to see that the church there is getting a vision also. We plan to make a trip the last of the month also, and try to organize a church there, and to get the building started. There are two new families moved into San Francisco and are attending the church. So their attendance has been up this past month. They also are planning for a large number in their Day school for April. Our teacher there is a blessing to the church as she helps teach in SS and her husband also can preach, and will be taking the place of the pastor while he makes the trip down river.

We also had another new experience this past month that I'd like to relate. There was a German boy who came here from Lima to work as a manager for an ice cream company. The week after he arrived he was going out the highway with a gun loaded in his car. Some way or other the gun went off and he was dead when they got him to the hospital. I was asked to use my bus to take him to the airport as they planned to ship his body back to Lima, but the Airlines Co. refused to take the body, so in the afternoon we took his body to the cemetery here. He was a large fellow, and they had to make a special box for him, and when we arrived at the cemetery the tomb was too small. I'm glad for the opportunity of preaching and witnessing to many. This was another experience we'll never forget a young man, 24 years old without family and very few friends gone into eternity and probably lost, without Christ.

May the Lord bless you all and use each one of us to do His will during 1968. Remember us when you pray.

Yours by His Grace,
Del Mayfield

A Report On Churches Visited In The Interest Of The Mission Work

By George Bean

Dear Brethren,
Lexington, Ky.
January 16, 1968
Greetings in the name of the Lord. We have about 10 inches of snow on the ground and it does not agree too much with me. We have had a busy month visiting in the churches that support us and makes our ministry possible. Now to give a report of our visits this month.

Wed., December 20, I was with the First Baptist Church, Alexander, Ky. Bro. Warren Redding pastor. Sunday, Dec. 24 I was with the First Baptist Church, Crete, Ill. Bro. James George pastor. Sunday evening, Dec. 24 I was with the East Main Baptist Church, Niles, Ill. Bro. Lewis Maple pastor. Sunday morning, Jan. 7, I was with the Olmstead Baptist Church, Olmstead, Ky. Bro. Ed Kittle pastor. Sunday evening I was with the Bible Baptist Church,



George Bean

Clarksville, Tenn. Bro. Elton Wilson pastor. Mon. evening, Jan. 8 I spoke at the chapel service of the Clarksville Baptist College. Bro. Wilson is the president of this college. Tuesday, Jan. 9, I showed the slides at the Bible Baptist Church. Wednesday, Jan. 10 I was with the Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. Bro. Wallace York pastor. Thursday, Jan. 11 I was with the Longview Baptist Mission, Hopkinsville, Ky. This is a mission of the Julian Baptist Church and Brethren Bud Simmons and Robert Matton are taking care of the services. Sat. Jan. 13 I showed the slides at Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. Bro. Al Gormley pastor. Sunday, Jan. 14, I was with the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. Bro. Earl Thomas pastor. Sunday morning I preached and Sunday evening I showed the slides. May the Lord bless each and everyone is our prayer.

In Him,
The Beans

Bible School Well Attended . . . Five Baptized . . . Church Largest In History . . . To Start New Building

By Walter Lauerman

Iquitos, Peru,
January 18, 1968

Dear Brethren,

We had a week of Bible school this month in the church and had an average of 87 daily. This was the best behaved of all I have had here. I had 8 teachers this time so I could do just the directing and this might be what kept all under control. I used both my oldest daughters this time and Delores of course and then the 5 Peruvians really made it good. We hope now to retain new children we gained this time for our Sunday School. We had our regular attendance go up much this month in both the church and mission and we thank God. There was one profession of faith and I baptized 5 this month in the church here. We now have 38 members that live here in Iquitos and that is the most ever in my time here. In our business meetings we call the roll and they answer by raising of the hand and we had 35 of the 38 present. We have a pretty good church here in comparison with others I know. I now have the title to the property we bought for the new mission and the plan I made is in the hands of the engineer (his signature needed to get license to build) to sign and then pay the right to build and then maybe we can get going on the building. It has been 3 months now getting just the title as I refused to pay anything extra to get it and now I hope to start building by Feb. 1, at the latest. We are trusting the Lord in this as all other that is to supply the need to get the building up and paid for and hope you join us in this. We need the building so badly it is pathetic at times to think how we get along in that place with so little room and so many



Walter Lauerman

people and yet more want to get in at times. The river churches were about the same I think this month. Only in San Antonio were there any professions of faith (2) Bro. Enriques has gone to live there and this month did not do much other than get his house finished to live in. Pray for this preacher that God will use him to revive this place and church. It could be that he may just be the man to do it. Brothers Marcial and Daniel are to leave Jan. 23 to go to the Maranon and Tiger Rivers for about two weeks. Daniel was born in this area and Marcial preached there in the past; and they hope (as I do also so much) to see the hand of the Lord work and maybe even Daniel could go and live and work there. Pray for us and them in particular on this trip. Purification and I went up the Itaya River this month and we visited 3 places and had several professions of faith as I forgot to count them all. I do know that in Pena Blanca as I had them to stand after the service, etc. those that had made a profession and there were 18 in this little place. We also visited Pintuyacu and Baradero up about 2 hours and a half from Iquitos in the speedboat. So I have noticed in the last several months many new places have been reached around here. Check your past MISSION SHEETS and you will see what I mean.

The family is well at this writing and all send their greetings. I gave Delores (the teacher) and the children (the pupils) a month off the school in our house (the correspondence grade school course). They all needed it. This week they are back at it. Believe me this is a job and I wish all you could see the problems in it as well as many others that one never thinks about living back there. A small example: All Americans send their children to U.S. at high school age (I intend to do this from now on) and this leaves our family the only one that has children of that age here. So our children need and seek companionship with Peruvians and they need this at that age and then what happens, well Karen my daughter is an example. Many more things I could say but you might think I am complaining and we'll leave it there. Just please do not try to compare anything here with back there, it just won't work as I have tried them all. A missionary here in Iquitos with a family has many many problems that one never thinks of back there (I know there are many back there also, but I know both ends remember) and I do not know about other places so I speak only for here where I try to serve the Lord. Continue to pray for us and we thank you all for your prayers and your financial support that make our ministry possible. Now God is so good to us and I know he will supply and get all the glory. I know he will give us the new building for the mission, get glory from what Karen did, supply physical strength (which I really lack lately) and then one day take us on to glory. I am made to shed more tears on that thought, but also to say, "Praise the Lord", Amen.

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

Preachers Who Attended The Conference In Manaus, Brazil



Manoel Aguiar, Seminary graduate and pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.



John Dias, Seminary graduate, and pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.



Miguel Ibernson, pastor of Januaca Baptist Church in interior out from Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.



Mario Araujo, pastor of First Baptist Church, Japiim, Acre, Brazil interior out from Cruzeiro do Sul.



Wilson Cavallante, Seminary student and pilot and watchman of the Launch. He sleeps on the launch.



Francisco Souza, Seminary student (graduate of Business School) and bookkeeper for the Schools.



Altiric Rodrigues, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.



Moses Lima, Seminary student and pastor of church on Island Maria Antonio, interior out from Manaus.

Great Bible Conference . . . Revival Meeting At Mission In Manaus . . . Plan Trip Into The Interior

By Dempsey Henderson

Dear Brethren,
I am writing this letter in the home of Bro. Hatcher here in Manaus. We have just had a wonderful conference, with preachers and missionaries present from all of the different places where we have work in Brazil. There were more than 40 preachers present;



Dempsey Henderson

of them representing some phase of the work of BFM in Brazil; pastors, evangelists, missionaries, teachers, etc. It truly was a great conference; well planned and well conducted. I want to thank the Lord first, then Bro. Hatcher and BFM for the privilege of being here. Bro. Hatcher and I wish to take this opportunity to thank BFM for paying our passage and for the wonderful hospitality of the Hatchers in keeping us in their home and taking such good care of us. I would also like to express appreciation in behalf of the Brazilian brethren who came with us from Maranhao. Their eternity will reveal what this conference meant to them. I expect to see a great improvement in their ministry as a result of it, and I trust, by God's grace and power, to a better missionary as a result of it. There are so many other things that I would like to write about the conference, but neither time nor space will permit, as I must report on the other work, also.

The conference closed with a special service last Sunday afternoon, and I began a meeting with the Martin Ave. Baptist Mission at night. Tonight will be the 3rd night of the meeting. We are having good crowds, and am really enjoying preaching there. This is the mission that we started in our home while we lived here in Manaus. It is a real blessing to meet our friends here again, and to have fellowship with the believers here who are still faithful in the mission. Bro. Jose is still the able leader of this work, which is a mission out of Tabernacle Church. It is a real blessing to have fellowship with the members of Tabernacle Church again, as well as the other pastors and brethren in this area. It was also a special blessing to get fellowship with Bro. Creighton and the brethren from the Acre. The meeting at Martin Ave. Mission will continue through Sunday night. We trust that God shall bless us with the salvation of souls. Dorothy and I plan to spend one more week here after the meeting, as it will probably be the last opportunity that we will have to be with the Hatchers before they go home on furlough. Then too, the hospitality, fellowship, and FOOD is so good that we just want to stay and enjoy it as long as we can. I also hope to be able to make a preaching trip into the interior while I am here, as I have had a number of invitations from different pastors.

As for the work in Maranhao, the Lord has blessed us this past month in many ways. I did not make a trip to Tobaca the past month, I needed the time to prepare for the trip to Manaus. Bro. Jose Ferreira, the evangelist of the church at Anajatia, made a trip there the last of Dec. and reports that the work is going real well there. The building should be ready for use when we go there in Feb., the Lord willing, and there are others awaiting baptism. The church at Anajatia is doing well also, and we have 2 awaiting baptism there.

The work at Vila Maranhao is doing well

also. Though we haven't had any professions lately, the attendance is always good. Their work at Itaqui is about the same. There doesn't seem to be much chance for growth there. The evangelist there hopes to get some work started when he gets back from Manaus.

The work of the church in Sao Luis is about the same. Though we have had a number of good prospects, we have not had any visible results lately. Our work at Titirical and Olho Dagua is going well, and we have enjoyed an increase in attendance in the last few services in these places.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support, which makes our work here possible. May the Lord bless you all, always, in all things, in Christ's name.

Yours in Him,
Dempsey Henderson

Two Funeral Services . . . Visiting Churches . . . Preaching And Showing Slides

By Harold Bratcher

Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Brethren,
Besides visiting the churches, preaching, teaching, showing the slides, etc., during the past month, it has been my sad duty to preach at two funeral services: On January 3rd, Mr. William Chamberlain 86, On January 23rd, Mr. Robert Sparks, 79. Both of these brethren were members of the Newby Baptist Church.

At Mr. Chamberlain's funeral I was assisted by Pastor Harold J. Harvey of the Newby Baptist Church. At Mr. Spark's funeral, by Pastor James Dargavell and Pastor Harvey. May we, the living, remember and meditate on the words of Psalm 90:10-12 "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

On Wednesday night, December 20th, I showed the slides and preached at the Devondale Baptist Church where Bro. B. H. Kazee is pastor.

Saturday night and Sunday morning of the 23rd and 24th were spent with the Liberty Baptist Church near Lancaster, Kentucky. The church is without a pastor at the present. On that Sunday night we had an enjoyable visit with the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Winchester, Kentucky, and Pastor J. R. Jeffries. I showed some of the slides and preached.

On Wednesday night, December 27th I spoke at the Prayer Service of the Uniontown Baptist Church. The pastor, John Coble, was away on a visit to his parents. On Thursday night I spoke at the Grove Center Baptist Church where my father, C. S. Bratcher is pastor.

We left Morganfield, Kentucky on Friday morning, December 29th and drove until about 3:30 P.M. stopping in Kingsport, Tennessee. We spent the night in the home of relatives and then on Saturday drove on to Lenoir, N.C.



Harold Bratcher

where we spent the night in the home of Pastor Van Proffit. At both services on Sunday, December 31st I preached at the Worship Point Baptist Church where Brother Proffit is the pastor. My first time to preach in North Carolina was thus an enjoyable experience. On Monday morning we began our trip home to Lexington. We drove over several miles of snow covered roads but reached home without any serious trouble. We found Lexington with near zero weather and several inches of snow.

On Wednesday night, January 3rd I preached at the Thompson Road Baptist Church where Jimmy Hamilton is pastor.

On Saturday night and Sunday January 6th we visited and I showed the slides and preached at the Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio where Paul Kirkman is the pastor.

On Wednesday night, January 10th I enjoyed being in the home of Pastor Kirtley Jolly for supper and then preaching in his church, the First Baptist Church of Independence, Kentucky.

On Sunday morning, January 14th we drove over slick roads from Lexington, Kentucky to the Myrtle Tree Baptist Church, 5 miles north of Grayson, Ky. There we had a good service in spite of the cold weather and small attendance due to the cold and slick roads. The pastor of the church, Elder Woodrow Brumfield, was not able to be in the service because of sickness. We ate dinner in the home of one of the members, Bro. Arnold Bush, where we showed the slides.

Last Sunday was spent, as usual, in the House of the Lord this time with Pastor Kelly Campbell and the Winton Place Baptist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brethren, we give thanks to the Lord for the privilege of serving Him visiting the churches as we have been privileged to do. We pray the Lord's blessings to be upon all of his people everywhere but especially the ones in Brazil where we've labored in the Lord bless you all! Pray for us!

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

Launch Trip Into Interior . . . Great Week . . . Twelve Baptized For The Month . . . Preacher Ordained

By John Hatcher

Manaus, Amazonas

Dear Brethren,
The year 1967 ended and God's blessings have been ours from the beginning to the end. How undeserving people can receive the very "breath of Heaven" in our lives is a mystery that only Grace can account for. "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His loving kindness."

Work at Tabernacle Church

There were five professions of faith in an open air service directed by one of the deacons of the church. Three were women and two were children. Four persons were baptized into the fellowship of the church: Three young men and one girl.

Trip Into Interior

The family left on the launch on the 19th of December with the destination being a little place called Santa Maria. On the night of the 19th after 10 hours of travel the launch was docked at Manacapuru where the Fourteenth of December Church has a mission. There was a good service here in spite of the fact that there was a problem to be dealt with. Pastor Costa had gone with us on the launch. The next day at 5:30 A.M. we undocked and headed up river. After 10 hours of travel the mouth of the stream, where we were to enter, was reached. In the Amazon Basin there are many, many islands formed by arms of the great river which leave the main stream and then after many miles turn back into the river. It is on these streams where many people live. The entrance to the stream was very narrow and shallow. Unfortunately the launch hit mud. Wilson, the launch man, jumped into the water while I took care of the steering and motor. In a few minutes the launch started to move and the swift stream was helping us to get off. However the current helped too much and in less than a minute had carried us to a bank of mud on the other side. This was at 2:30 P.M. Wilson was soon in the water but this time he did not have enough push. So into the water I went. But there was still not enough push. Paul and John got into the water to help but the push power was still deficient. The water was rising due to the rains and so it was decided to wait a few hours.

The stream was so swift that one had to be very careful so as not to fall and be carried downstream. Wilson swam across the stream with a hatchet and cut two large thick poles and then returned dragging the poles, carrying the hatchet and swimming with one hand. We then tried to pry the launch off but to no avail. Night came and we had services and the next morning another attempt was made. Before doing much a lady came in a canoe with a duck and vegetables wanting to trade them for some free American milk. When she found out that we were not free milk dealers she sold the duck and vegetables to Mrs. Hatcher. But the launch would not budge. So we waited hoping that the water would rise more. About 10:30 another attempt was made and this time it went free and two hours later we were at our destination.

Wonderful Week

The people were advised of our arrival and services were held that night. Each morning we conducted a Bible school for the children, with Lynn's help. All the children and parents came. The men and women stopped all their work during the entire week to attend the services and visit with us. On Sunday there were baptized nine persons who had been saved in the services before our arrival. One lady made a profession of faith. When we left the people brought us stalks of bananas, mandioca, one chick and lots of brotherly love.

Big CATCH

I forgot to mention that John Mark caught the biggest fish on the trip the first night we stopped. A six pounder. One other day the boys, Paul, John and David went with Wilson and some of the men to fish. They fished with nets, the round type that you throw out. They caught about 300 in a couple

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Mike Creiglow Makes Month Trip Into The Farthest Interior Of Brazil . . . Thrilling Experiences . . . Brenda Creiglow Has Tonsils Out

By Bobby Creiglow

Dear Brethren

Cruz do Sul, Acre
January 25, 1968

On Dec. 28, just one month and one day after leaving, Mike returned home from his missionary trip up the Jurara River. As I wrote last month he went most of the way with his speed-boat on top of a large house-boat used by some army officers who were going there to buy land for an army post and an airport. He spent the first week helping them after which they returned to Cruzeiro do Sul and then to Manaus leaving Mike on his own. The next three weeks were spent returning to Cruzeiro do Sul preaching and teaching the word of God. He preached thirty two times in sixteen different places. Mike had many invitations to go hunting, but since the purpose of his trip was to preach, he refused most of them, but on one occasion he did go and killed a large black monkey of which they ate for three days. He said it was some of the best meat he had ever eaten and if evolution were true he could understand why there are still cannibals in the world. It has been ten years since there has been any preaching above Campo de Santana and, therefore, many who have never heard the gospel. Of course, there are some places that are so hard that they will not even consent to preach the word, but then there are places like one where he stopped to have one service and with them having so much desire to hear he stayed three days. After these three he told them where he was going to have services the next day. One man who because of a trip he was making did not get to attend, when he arrived home after hearing what he had missed started out after Mike. Although Mike was in his speed-boat and the



Bobby Creiglow

man in a canoe he caught Mike four preaching points and four days downriver. Although Mike was ready to leave that morning he held preaching service for the man to hear. Just after another morning service as he was strolling in the forest he was met by a man coming on the run who when he saw Mike, stopped, put his hand to his head and said, "I have missed it." He was coming to services, but was too late, so Mike promised to have services in his home the next night, which he did. There was only one profession of faith, the Lord blessed and he returned with great satisfaction for having made the trip. I am looking forward to making the next trip with him in March or April.

Two days after Mike arrived, I left going to Manaus to be with Brenda during her tonsillectomy. I arrived at the Hatcher home Saturday afternoon and Brenda entered the hospital on Monday Jan. 1, had her tonsillectomy on Tuesday and returned to the Hatcher home on Wednesday. I think her operation hurt her worse than it did her, because they presented me with the bill. It doesn't do any good to complain about the benefits charged for but not received, they will tell you that is your cooperation with the hospital.

Brenda recuperated well and was able to attend the eight day bible conference that Bro. Hatcher had which I will leave for him to write about. She returned for a check-up and was pronounced well and after the conference returned for another eye examination, received her glasses and on Jan. 19 we returned to Cruz do Sul to find the rest of the family in good health and waiting for us at the airport. What we thought would be a one week trip for Brenda turned out to be almost three months. We want to thank the Hatchers for taking care of her for us.

We desire the Lord's richest blessings for you all.

In Him,
B. D. Creiglow

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many of the pastors were invited to homes of the brethren here for meals.

Morning Services

The morning services began at 8:00 and continued until 11:00. There was one message each morning by one of the brethren and three periods of doctrinal studies. Brother Julio Dantas brought five messages on the "Trail of Blood". Each preacher was given a free copy of this book. Brother Creiglow taught about the Lord's Supper. Brother Henderson taught about the doctrines of Grace. My messages were about the doctrines of baptism and the Holy Spirit. These were great mornings which will be long remembered.

Seminary Graduation

On Saturday morning the Graduation Exercises of the Seminary were held. Brother Sostenes Melo, pastor of the Peritoro Baptist Church in the State of Maranhao and member of the first graduating class of the Seminary, brought the commencement address. A real challenge to the students to look upon the fields which are "white unto harvest".

This is the first time that we have had graduations two consecutive years so in spite of the small number of graduates (only two) it is a victory for us.

Night Services

There were night services every night, Monday through Saturday, with two preachers each night. Each night a different phase of the work was presented. On Monday night the work of the state of Acre was introduced. Brother Creiglow introduced each of the workers from there and told something of his work. On Tuesday evening Brother Henderson presented the workers and work from the state of Maranhao. On Wednesday night the work of the Seminary was presented and Brother Julio Dantas, professor and Raul Rodrigues, one of the graduates brought the messages. On Thursday night the work of the interior of the state of Amazonas was presented, that is the work of the Directory Missionary Brasileiro which is the work of the churches here which have begun support-

ing their own missionaries. On Friday night we had Manaus night and the pastors from Manaus were presented. On Saturday night the work of the interior of Amazonas was presented and two preachers from the interior preached.

Special Offering

On Thursday night there was an offering taken to buy gifts for the brethren which had come from other states as a remembrance from us. The total offering was NCr \$107.00 or about \$35.00. The gifts bought were books which included concordance dictionaries of the Bible and other books which could be used in their ministries. The people gave with a willing heart as we sang a hymn and they marched around to put their offering in the box.

Last Service

The last service was on Sunday afternoon, January 14, at three o'clock. It closed about 5:30. Some of the services reached 300 in attendance with forty-one preachers in attendance. Since the mission helps the churches to support some 15 of these preachers, this leaves about 25 which are preaching who do not receive any help from the mission. This should encourage you who support the work. The services were simple and informal. The messages were good and the fellowship will long be remembered. May it strengthen the ties of fellowship and service between those of like faith.

Trip Into The Interior

My family and I will be leaving on a trip by launch on the first of February, the Lord willing, on a three weeks trip to visit about five places including Codajaz about 300 miles up the Amazon River.

In Him,

John A. Hatcher and family

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of hours. WISH YOU WERE HERE, Brother James Hamilton.

We arrived safely in Manaus on the morning of the 27th of December and thanks to God for one of the greatest weeks we have ever had.

Three Baptized At Belo Jardim

During the month of December there were two professions of faith and three baptized into the Beautiful Garden Baptist Church.

On the 25 of November, 1967 a group of pastors journeyed on the launch to the Island of Patience for the purpose of ordaining a brother to the gospel ministry. Leaving Manaus about 8:30 A.M., we arrived at our destination about 2:30 P.M. That night services were held and Brother Aguiar preached. The next morning, Sunday, the ordination was held and the church chose me to do the questioning and brother Costa to preach the sermon. The church was full for the occasion and the fellowship was good. The actual pastor is supported by the missionary offerings of the churches here in Brazil and they have built their own building. The new pastor does not receive any outside support and lives close to the church. The one pastor is leaving to go to work in another State, the Lord willing. Pray for these brethren and this work.

In Him,

John A. Hatcher

Total Received for this fund in January 215.60

OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN PUCALLPA, JANUARY, 1968

Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. \$ 50.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. 1,990.01
Total Received for this fund in January 2,040.01

OFFERINGS FOR LAND TRANSPORTATION FUND, JANUARY, 68

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . \$ 100.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. 100.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . 26.64
Total Received for this fund in January 226.64

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN BRAZIL, JANUARY, 1968

First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. \$ 16.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio 26.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio 26.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich. (Ladies Prayer Band) 15.00
Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. 15.00
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky. (Int. Girls S.S. Class) 5.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. 30.33
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. 50.00
Mrs. Katie Buffin, Versailles, Ky. 10.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . 26.64
Total Received for this fund in January 219.97

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN PERU, JANUARY, 1968

Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . \$ 26.64

OFFERINGS FOR STATION WAGON FUND, JANUARY, 1968

Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio \$ 10.00

OFFERINGS FOR P. A. SYSTEM, JANUARY, 1968

Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. \$ 232.79

OFFERINGS FROM NEW CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS, JANUARY, 1968

Winchester Baptist Church, Winchester, Ohio \$ 21.00

Offerings for January 1968

Algonac Baptist Church, Algonac, Mich. (Special Offering)	\$ 25.17
Algonac Baptist Church, Algonac, Mich.	33.11
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	48.42
Baptist Temple, Ravenswood, W. Va.	5.00
Bentley Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	80.71
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	50.00
Bible Baptist Mission, Madisonville, Ky.	12.43
Carr Baptist Church, York, Ky.	10.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	13.35
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	150.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	35.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	16.00
First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Mich.	10.00
Members of First Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	100.00
Members of First Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	25.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	114.12
Members of First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	77.00
Gilberts Creek Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	55.64
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	40.00
Grace Bapt. Church, Fairborn, Ohio (Sta. Wagon Fund)	10.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	14.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio	10.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio	10.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio (Teachers in Brazil)	26.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio (Teachers in Brazil)	26.00
Knotts Baptist Church, Arnoldsburg, W. Va.	10.00
Morris Fork Baptist Church, Lawn, W. Va.	9.61
Newby Baptist Church, Newby, Ky.	33.87
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	45.35
New LaGrange Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	25.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Creve Coeur, Ill.	29.00
New Testament Baptist Fellowship, Chittenango, N.Y.	5.00
Northside Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	66.66
Olmstead Baptist Church, Russellville, Ky.	48.88
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	40.27
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	100.00
(Land Transportation)	100.00
Randolph Street Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	150.00
Rupert Baptist Church, E. Rainelle, W. Va.	10.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Valley View Baptist Church, Valley View, Ky.	10.55
Winchester Baptist Church, Winchester, Ohio	21.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio	96.01
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	9.65
Millers Chapel Baptist Church, Middleboro, Ky.	5.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannellton, Ind.	32.56
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	20.00
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	25.00
Bible Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	50.00
Members of First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla.	66.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	600.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (L.B.C.)	10.00
Grace Bapt. Church, Warren, Mich. (Boat & Motor Fund)	50.00
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Tenn.	20.00
Logans Baptist Church, Logans, Ky.	43.30
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	122.76
Rosedale Baptist Church, Shock, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	20.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va.	20.00
(Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	20.00
Hepzibah 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)	14.73
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadiaville, Ky.	68.33
Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Villas, N.C.	14.84
Bethel Baptist Church, Williams, Indiana	59.64
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	419.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Land Transportation)	100.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	110.68
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, Fla.	10.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.	35.99
Calvary Baptist Church, Nitro, W. Va.	20.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	35.00
First Baptist Church, Crete, Ill.	72.75
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	35.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich. (Ladies Prayer Band - Teachers in Brazil)	15.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, Ohio	75.14
Poplar Creek Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	25.00
New Testament Baptist Church, South Irvine, Ky.	4.45
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	5.00

Grace Baptist Church, Annville, Ky.	20.00
Mountain Dale Baptist Church, Boone, N.C.	55.13
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky.	15.00
Southside Baptist Church, Rutledge, Tenn.	48.27
Sturgeon Branch Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va.	15.00
Winton Place Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio	5.00
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	22.56
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	80.00
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	50.00
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Villas, N.C.	56.07
LaGrange Baptist Church, LaGrange, Fla.	11.95
Little Sewell Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va.	10.00
Upper Steer Run Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va.	10.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	16.12
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	44.98
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	17.20
First Baptist Church, Independence, Ky.	100.00
Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	40.26
Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	15.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	120.29
Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	25.00
Member of Emmaus Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	26.00
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	82.11
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil - Int. Girls S.S.C.)	5.00
Faith Baptist Church, Wauseon, Ohio	20.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.00
Myrtle Tree Baptist Church, Everman Creek, Ky.	72.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	151.65
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Teachers in Brazil)	30.33
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Ohio	9.95
Peoples Baptist Church, East Alton, Ill.	55.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	75.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Teachers in Brazil)	50.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Pucallpa Building)	50.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, Miss.	21.60
Westside Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	7.50
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	165.60
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Boat & Motor Fund)	165.60
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	2,222.80
(For Pucallpa Bldg. 1,990.01 - P.A. System 232.79)	
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va.	15.00
South Lexington, Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	50.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.	89.94
Morgan Ave. Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	62.90
Rollysburg Baptist Church, Talcott, W. Va.	10.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	106.64
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Land Transportation)	26.64
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	26.64
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Peru)	26.64
W. T. Burlison, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Lewis, Walling, Okla.	20.00
Eld. & Mrs. G. B. Trent, Williamson, W. Va.	44.00
J. M. Taylor, Wingo, Ky.	25.00
A Friend	100.00
A Friend	50.00
Arling S. Horton, Lambertville, Mich.	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	42.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	25.00
Parvin Hall, Sacramento, Ky.	15.00
Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La.	30.00
J. E. Murriner, Walkersville, W. Va.	2.00
Roy W. Prescott, Campbellsville, Ky.	10.00
Mrs. Katie Buffin, Versailles, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	10.00

Received in January for Boat & Motor Fund	215.60
Received in January for Building in Pucallpa	2,040.01
Received in January for Land Transportation	226.64
Received in January for Teachers in Brazil	219.97
Received in January for Teachers in Peru	26.64
Received in January for Station Wagon Fund	10.00
Received in January for P. A. System	232.79
Received in January for Regular Fund	5,824.69
Received in January for All Purposes	8,796.34

RECEIVED FOR BOAT & MOTOR FUND, JANUARY, 1968

Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	\$ 50.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	165.60