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(Spanish Language)

Fourth Annual Labor Day Missionary Conference, First Baptist Church, Independence, Kentucky, Monday, September 2, 1968

Pastor Kirtley Jolly and the First Baptist Church, Independence, Kentucky extend to you a personal invitation to be with them in their fourth Annual Missionary Conference in the interest of Baptist Faith Missions. They will provide beds for out of town guests. Date, Monday, September 2, 1968 (Labor Day). SERVICES: 9:30 A.M., 2:00 P.M., 7:30 P.M. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. If you are coming early and want a bed write to Pastor Kirtley Jolly, Independence, Ky.

HOW TO GET THERE: Independence, Kentucky is about 15 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio on Kentucky Route 17. Those coming south on I-75 after crossing the Ohio River at Cincinnati at the top of the hill exit on Kiles Land and cross over I-75 going east to Ky. 17 and turn right on Route 17 about seven miles to the church. Those coming North on I-75 exit at Walton exchange right on to Walton, turn left on Route 25 one half mile and then right on Route 16 one quarter mile, then go about five miles and turn left on to Route 17 one quarter mile to the church. Remember that they have DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. Cut this out and put in your purse. Brother Jolly's telephone is 606-0356-9294.



Bobby Creiglow



W. D. Hundley



James Hamilton



John Hatcher



Homer Crain



Elton Wilson



SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, IQUITOS, PERU. HARRY HILLE PREACHES DEDICATION SERMON. Above is a picture of the new and finished Second Baptist Church building with the name "Second Baptist Church" above the door in Spanish. This church was organized in June and Harry Hille preached the dedication sermon on Friday night July 12, 1968.

Hilles Visiting In Iquitos . . . New Church Building Dedicated . . . Take Hilles To Visit The River Churches

By Walter Lauerman

Dear Friends,
Iquitos, Peru
July 15, 1968
While the Hilles are still resting this morning I will try to write this MISSION SHEET letter. Needless to say we are having a wonderful time with the Hilles. It has been one of the best times of our lives and just when we seemed to need it most. They are great people. Mrs. Hille just keeps the ball rolling with no time to get sad. We not only thank God for their visit here with us but the many years of faithfulness in helping make our ministry a reality (and others also, both here and in U.S.). May God give them many blessings and rewards for it. It has just been wonderful these days.



Walter Lauerman

Also, Bro. Hille has preached 3 times in the First Church and two times in the new Second Church, including the dedication of their new building. Of course we have been interpreting, (interrupting him as Bro. Crain says) in all these services. We had good services in all these but not one move yet. We are planning on visiting some of the churches on the rivers if weather and low water permit. The people here took up with the Hilles and it was quite a thing to see how Mrs. Hille tried to talk, but she did it and they liked it. She will tell most of you all about it I guess and also her plane trip here. We are now awaiting the arrival of the Kissells the 24 of July. We want to thank the New Hope Church for sending them our way. We are grateful unto God. We had about 110 in attendance the night of the dedication (official Mrs. Hille count) although it has rained so much since the Hilles have come.

The new Second Baptist Church building is done now and we hope to get a fence around it soon. Two have been saved so far in the new building so even now it was worth it all, but we are sure many more will be also. My flash on my camera broke and I did not get any pictures of our revival nor the organizing, but Bro. Hille will have many of the members of the new church as soon as I can and send for MS. Yes, also I baptized 4 this month in the First Church and the grandson of Simon Gaima, worker for many years with us, was saved. Old Simon cried like a baby over this. He was one of them that was

baptized. My wife had been working in the mission this past year and now will be coming back to the First Church with our young people and teach the young girls. We now have again only 28 members and the new church now 14, but we here will have to build up again and organize again and that is the way it ought to go. We hope to have at least one more church in Iquitos in these two years before furlough. Pray with us about it. The prospects are great. Also we want to major on our youth, and really our young people here are as a whole more faithful than the older folks. My wife will handle this for me.

This is now July 17 and all the pastors from the churches on the rivers have come and returned. Bro. Hille got to see them and know them and he and Mrs. Hille got to use all their Spanish on them. They all enjoyed it of course. I guess there was not too much news to report only in Mapa Cocha 5 are to be baptized the second Sunday in August. The pastors of our churches are: San Antonio-Francisco Enriques; Hojeal and Astoria-Jorge Macahuachi; Mapa Cocha-Abram Gaima; Tamshiyacu-Marcial Macahuachi; The Second Baptist-Purificacion Taricuarima; and I pastor the First Church. I say this as Mrs. Hille asked so many times and I thought others would like to know, too. The San Antonio Church is getting logs out of the forest and is going to make a new church building and not wait on the former pastor to return the old building. They say they do not want it now and if he wants to give it he can sell it and give them the money, etc. Pray for our river churches and pastors.

Well I guess I better close this. The Hilles and we get to talking so much I will never get this done so I will close. My son Paul and Timmy just about live together also. Also yesterday Bro. Hille and Timmy and my wife and Mrs. Hille and I all went to see the churches in Astoria and Hojeal and today we went to do the same in Tamshiyacu and we hope to go altogether (Kissells, Hilles and all Lauermans) to Mapa Cocha and then to go with the Kissells again to the other churches. Well, I will close for now and tell more about all this next month. The Hilles are some of God's greatest, and we just cannot thank God enough for all this. May God bless all of you for His glory.

By His Grace,
Walter F. Lauerman

THE HAROLD BRATCHER FAMILY.

The Harry Hilles Back From Peru

The Harry Hilles are back from a three weeks trip to visit the Walter Lauermans and Del Mayfields in Peru. We wish to make it clear that the Hilles did not go on mission money. New Hope Baptist Church, that Bro. Hille pastors, paid the cost for the trip with Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church and Home Baptist Church helping some.

The James Kissells Are In Peru

The James Kissells arrived in Peru for a four weeks visit with the Lauermans and the Mayfields. They were in Iquitos at the Lauerman home when the Hilles left to return home.

A New Baptist College In West Virginia

Pastor Glen Archer announces the formation of a new Independent Baptist College, THE TEAYS VALLEY BAPTIST COLLEGE, half way between Huntington and Charleston, W. VA. This is greatly needed for the wonderful young people in West Virginia. For information, write to:

Teays Valley Baptist College
Route 2, Box 321G
Hurricane W. Va. 25526

Thanks To Ashland Avenue And Pleasant Ridge Baptist Churches

We all thank Pastor Ross Range and Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, and Pastor Earl Thomas and Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church for furnishing homes rent free for the Harold Bratchers and George Beans to live in while home on furlough from Brazil. We have a home rent free for the John Hatchers to live in this year of furlough. But we need one or two churches together to give \$70.00 a month extra so the Bobby Creiglow's will also have a rent free place to live in. Want a blessing? May the Lord lead some to do so.

Refrigerator And Washer For The George Beans

The George Beans need a refrigerator and automatic washing machine in Sao Luis, Brazil. Dempsey Henderson saw the need and purchased these, but we need the money to pay for them. May the Lord lead many to send a special offering to pay for these. Mark your offering "For Bean Refrigerator and Washer" and send in the regular way.

Refrigerator And Washer For Harold Bratchers

We have \$687.61 towards the purchase of a Refrigerator-Freezer and Automatic Washer for the Harold Bratchers in Manaus, Brazil. We estimate that we need about \$300.00 more. May the Lord lay it on your heart to send a special offering marked "For Bratcher Refrigerator and Washer."

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Walter Lauerman in the baptismal of the First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru ready to baptize, June 30, 1968.



Walter Lauerman baptizing Jorge Alvarado. This boy is a grandson of Brother Simon Gaimo, the old man who was a missionary for many years.

Back In Sao Luis, Brazil . . . Hendersons Took Care Of Work In Our Absence . . . Preaching In Portuguese Again

By George Bean

Caxia Postal 500
Sao Luis, Maranhao, Brasil, S.A.
July 15, 1968

Dear Brethren,
It has been a beautiful day here in Sao Luis and Bro. Dempsey and I thought we accomplished a lot of things. First we went to change my drivers license as the old one was out of date. When we returned to get them at 5:00 P.M. and they were ready I said this is too good to be true. When I came home I was shoving them to Fran and he said why did they put it down that you are a Russian. Tomorrow I will start getting them changed. We exchanged some money and checked on my baggage that is in Customs. We start getting it out tomorrow or at least we are going to try.



George Bean

I will give a report on our last days in the States. We spent two weeks with my folks in Ala. and two weeks with June's folks in Ill. June 8, I preached at Calvary Baptist Church, Flat Rock, Ala. J. B. Igou is the pastor. June 15 I preached at Cave Springs Baptist Church, Stevenson, Ala. J. B. Igou is also the pastor, this is the church where my parents and brother are members. June 22 I preached at both services at the First Baptist Church, Crete, Ill. James George is pastor. Wed. June 26 I preached at Hazel Green Baptist Church, Worth, Ill. John Reed is the pastor. July 3 I showed the slides at Calvary Baptist Church, Harvey, Ill. This is the church where I was saved. Sun., July 6 I was with the First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. Warren Reading is the pastor. Bro. Hatcher and family were present and this is his home church. He preached that morning and I preached that night. It sure was good to see Bro. Hatcher and family again as we had not seen them in three years even though we labor in the same country.

Monday July 8 at 6:25 P.M. we left the Cincinnati, Ohio Airport bound for Miami. We arrived at Miami at 10 P.M. and were met by Bro. Hille and Mrs. Hille and their son Tim. They were on their way to Peru to see the Lauermans and Mayfields and at 12 o'clock midnight we left Miami on our way to Manaus.

We arrived at Manaus there at 6 A.M. Tuesday morning. We were met by many of the brethren from the churches in Manaus as the Bratchers were on the same plane with us. The Creiglowes were there also as they were in Manaus getting things in order to go to the States. We had a five hour layover in Manaus which was spent with the Creiglowes and we ate lunch with them as they were staying in Bro. Hatchers home. We caught a two engine propeller plane stopping and spending the night in Belem. After riding the big ones this one seemed like we were walking. We had been in Brasil 12 hours and we had been through Customs three times. I thought they were going to wear out our suitcases opening and closing them. Wed. July 10 we caught the same two motor plane for Sao Luis. We arrived in Sao Luis at 9:30 A.M. Bro. Dempsey Henderson and many friends met the plane. Mrs. Henderson was in the hospital with an attack of malaria fever. We went to our lawyer friend's house for dinner. That night we went to church and I preached for the first time in Portuguese after spending the year at home. The change is trying and there were so many words I had forgotten. It was good to be in the church again where I am pastor and see our loved ones in Christ again. Thursday night I preached at a preaching point near our home and a 14 year old girl made a profession of faith. Sun. July 14 I preached one time at the church in Sao Luis and one time at the Baptist Church of Anajativa. I am also pastor of this church. With Mrs. Henderson in the hospital and me with no drivers license our first week in Brasil has been a busy one. The change was not as great as it was the

first time we came here four years ago because we could not talk and do things for ourselves as we wanted to do. We live six miles from town and someone has said that it takes 90 percent of your time just living. This country is backward. For example, we have electricity and about half the time the refrigerator will not run because of low voltage and the motor will not turn. Someone has to watch it in case the voltage fails. We hope some day to see some of these things changed. Bro. Henderson sure has done a good job taking care of the work. I have one regret and that is that they will soon be leaving for Manaus. And we will miss their fellowship. I want to thank every church and individual that has helped us this past year for your prayers, your support and your love during our stay home.

I feel the need of your prayers as we try to line up our work for the next four years. The need is great for workers, here the fields are white unto harvest. Pray for workers that are faithful to the Lord. May He keep you safely in our prayer. I will also appreciate your prayers for David, our oldest son who is living with my wife's sister in Crete, Ill.

May the Lord bless everyone as you read our first mission letter from Brasil this second term.

Yours in Him,
George Bean

Red Tape To Get Twins On Passport . . . Arrive Safely In U. S.

By Bobby Creiglow

Route 6
Lancaster, Ohio 43130
July 31, 1968

Dear Brethren,

Since my last Mission Sheet letter we have traveled about eight thousand miles of airways and I think about the same amount of red tape, but at last we are home.

The last two weeks in Cruzeiro do Sul were spent getting documents, putting our furniture in storage, and visiting the churches. All went as planned and on Thursday, July 4, we moved our furniture from our home into the warehouse and the rest of that day was spent cleaning the house we had moved out of. Thursday night we moved into the new hotel where we stayed until our plane left for Manaus on Saturday. Friday was spent finishing up the last minute things that we always have to do in making a move such as this. Saturday we had a good trip to Manaus although it was the most tiresome part of our return to the States.

On Monday we started the long process of getting our paper work done. On Tuesday we took the morning off to go to the airport in hopes that the Bratchers would arrive and we were blessed more than expected with the arrival of the Beans also.

The Beans only had a few hours layover in Manaus so we took advantage of the few hours to enjoy some long needed fellowship. We took them to the Hatchers home, gave them breakfast and all too soon, they were on their way to Belem. In the days that followed we had some more good fellowship with the Bratchers.

The next eight days were spent getting the car before the horse but at last we thought we had all we needed to appear before the American Consulate to get the visas for the twins. The consul was in Manaus and after three attempts I got to see him just as he was getting ready to leave for Belem. He told me I should send all our papers to him by mail to make sure we had all we needed before mailing to Belem. We knew this would take at least three weeks so we



Bobby Creiglow

decided that Mike and I would take the twins to Belem to see if we could get the visas. We did not know how long it would take nor if we had all the documents needed. We left Manaus on Tuesday morning arriving in Belem before noon. We left the babies sleep in the hotel room until about 2:00 P.M. We woke them up to take them to the Consulate. That same afternoon we took care of almost everything including a medical examination for each of the babies and getting our plane tickets from the airlines office transferred to leave direct from Manaus instead of Belem. By just the four of us going to Belem, money was saved on plane fare and hotel bill. Friday morning I was at the Consul's office when it opened and in about two hours I was back at the hotel with the visas. We arrived back in Manaus at 4:00 P.M., went to check with the airlines about traveling to the U.S. on Monday only to find out that our health cards were not international and would have to be exchanged and that we would have to have police clearance, all to be done before Monday noon with all offices being closed Saturday. As it turned out we were able to get police clearance on Saturday and then on Monday morning we were re-vaccinated, received our international cards and were ready to travel when the plane left at 2:30 P.M. on July 22.

We arrived too late in Miami to get a plane to Orlando for us to spend a few days with my sister who lives in Sanford, Florida before going on to Ohio.

Between us, Mike and I, we preached five times for the Jordan Missionary Baptist Church where William L. Stephens is pastor. This was the first time Mike had ever preached in English and he did not use any Portuguese and that is much better than I did.

We arrived in Ohio July 29, picked up the station wagon that Bro. James Hamilton had brought to the airport in Cincinnati and then drove on to be with our folks in Lancaster, Ohio.

Although we arrived very tired, the Lord blessed us and protected us and we thank Him for His traveling grace.

In Him,
B. D. Creiglow

Apartado 166

Pucallpa, Peru, S.A.

July 18, 1968

Dear Brethren,

We have received word from Bro. Lauerman that the Hilles are in Iquitos and we're awaiting their arrival here Sat. July 20. I'm sure that it will be a great time of fellowship with Bro. Hille and family the next few days. Then we've also received word that the Kissells will be coming to visit us the 7th of Aug. So we thank the Lord for making it possible for them to come, and that we may enjoy them in our home once again. I'll have much more to say in my next mission letter about their visit.

Del Mayfield

This month has been a real hard month for us. I'm sure that everyone has their troubles with churches, but when you have three and try to take care of them it gets to be one big headache. Seems as soon as one thing is straightened out there is something wrong with the other. Pray for the church here. The devil can destroy more through one man in a few days than a missionary can build in years. Our attendance has dropped some



but we're still praising the Lord for the faithful ones that he has given us. Baptist doctrine here in Pucallpa is a new thing. We've only been here a few years, and many have said to me, "If you be the true church why did it take you so long to get here?" That is a good question, and we Baptists are slow at it. It is high time to rise out of our sleep. The time is now or never. We thank God that Pucallpa has a Baptist Church, and that soon, the Lord willing, will have another One that doesn't fellowship with all the other groups and we're trying our best to stand. Pray for us!

The mission here is doing very well. We have three more saved and baptized, and we're praying that God will raise up another family like the one we have. The three young men are a real blessing who were saved, and have brought others to our services. We are using the brethren from the church here to preach for us on Sunday nights. I'm still preaching there on Sunday mornings and Thurs. and Fri. nights. Our services on Thurs. and Fri. nights are well attended, but our Sunday morning crowd is very small.

San Francisco is doing very well. Their tithes and offerings are very good, and Pastor Luis Rucoba is very happy with the work there. I'm hoping to make a trip with Bro. Hille to visit them next Tues., the Lord willing. We'll have to have a service during the day as we will not be able to stay overnight. The Pastor said that he would get the people to come Tues. at 10:00 A.M. to hear Bro. Hille speak. They too enjoy visitors and I'm sure Bro. Hille will be a blessing to them. Our school there is coming along very well, as well as our school here. It's a real joy to teach over a hundred children daily the word of God. I'm sure that much of it will never be taken from them, and will remain with them until they stand before God. We memorize a verse a week here in the school, and every child has to know it or stay until he does know it. Every Fri. we have a service for the whole school in the church building, and I preach to them, and give them another verse for the coming week.

Now I'd like to relate to you an experience we have had this month. I'm sure that many of you will remember me telling about the boat guard, who guarded our houseboat while we were home on furlough, and let me add that he did a good job. We were very pleased with his work, but soon after we returned he said that he wanted to quit, and I paid him all that he had coming. He left seemingly very happy, but went and got a fellow to make him out papers saying that he had more money coming and took me before the judge. Bro. Crain will remember this as he was with me the day that I paid him some more money. I only saw him a few times after that. The other day his mother came to see me crying saying that he was very sick and that he was calling for me. Upon arriving at his home I found him crying, like a baby. He looked like a skeleton, able to speak but very little. He told me that he was sorry and that he had wasted his life, but that he wanted to prepare himself for death, and that he was going to die. He said that I was the only man that he knew that could tell him. So I told him again about Jesus, and asked him to trust Him and he said that he would. I've been back to see him a couple of times, and he seems to be happy in the Lord and contented. So we thank the Lord for the opportunity of serving Him. I told Ada after arriving back home, that maybe the Lord lead me here for just this very day. I received through the mail a little card to set on my desk, like a poem that I'd like to share with you in closing "Yesterday He helped me, Today He did the same: How long will this continue? Forever! Praise His Name!"

Yours by His Grace,
Del. Mayfield

Preached In 72 Churches While On Furlough . . . Many Thanks To All Who Helped In Every Way . . . Back In Manaus, Brazil . . . Now To Rebuild The Work To Where It Was

By Harold Bratcher

Manaus, Amazonas
July 16, 1968

Dear Brethren,
Once again, by the grace of God, we are able to write you a letter from Brasil. We arrived in Manaus, Tuesday morning, July 9th at 6:30 A.M. We were greeted at the Airport by several from the 14th of December Baptist Church. Bro. & Mrs. Bobby Creiglow were also present to welcome us back to Brasil. Now let us back up and remember the main happenings since the date of the last Mission Sheet. The last Mission Sheet letter, if my memory serves me right was written on Barnes Lake where we spent a few days as guests of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Harris of Mount Morris, Michigan.



Harold Bratcher

On Wednesday night, June 19th, I preached and afterwards showed the slides in the annex building of the Grace Baptist Church where Bro. Eugene Clark is pastor.

On June 22 & 23, we visited in the home of Pastor & Mrs. Roy W. Prescott of Sacramento, Kentucky. I preached Saturday night and at both services Sunday at the church where Bro. Prescott is pastor, Station Baptist Church.

Sunday night until Friday morning was spent at Morganfield, Kentucky at my Dad's home. I spoke at the Prayer Service at the Dekoven Baptist Church on Wednesday night and then at the Prayer Service at Grove Center Baptist Church on Thursday night. My father, C. S. Bratcher, is the pastor of these two churches. I want to express our thanks to these two churches, as well as the other churches and individuals who are contributing toward the purchase of a refrigerator and washing machine for us.

On Friday morning we had to say goodbye. We drove from Morganfield, Kentucky to Kingston, Tennessee where we spent the night in the home of Mr. & Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, Jr. and his mother, Mrs. L. M. Bratcher.

On Saturday, June 22nd we drove from Kingston to the home of Pastor & Mrs. Dannie Wainwright at Greenville, North Carolina. On Sunday I preached at both services at the Faith Baptist Church where Wainwright is pastor.

On Monday, July 1st, we drove from Bro. Wainwright's home to our home at 922 Aurora Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky. The rest of the week was spent in "breaking up housekeeping." On Wednesday night, July 3rd, I preached and showed the slides at the Ashland Avenue Baptist Church where Ross Range is the pastor.

Sunday, July 7th was spent with the Linden Street Baptist Church, Richmond, Kentucky where Bradley Johns is the pastor. This Sunday was a special day for the church. It was "Homecoming Day" the pastor's anniversary, Building Fund Day and Farewell Day for us. The Lord blessed throughout the day. In the afternoon service one came on promise of letter and two made professions of faith. At night there was 1 profession and 1 coming for scriptural baptism.

Monday, July 8th was the day of our departure. After taking care of the last minute necessary things in Lexington, we drove to the Cincinnati Airport. There we had a few minutes of fellowship with the Hatchers and others who came to see us off. We were greeted by the Beans also who journeyed on the same three planes with us from Cincinnati to Manaus. We had a pleasant trip to Atlanta and then from Atlanta to Miami, Florida. At midnight we boarded the plane and after a pleasant and enjoyable trip we arrived in Manaus at 6:30 A.M. on the 9th.

Before sharing with you the experiences of our first week here, let us give thanks—first, to the Lord for the great salvation that we have in Christ Jesus and for his watchcare over us during the days that we spent in the U.S. especially over us during the 25,000 miles traveled in the Mission Station Wagon. Second, we would give thanks to Baptist Faith Missions for the use of the car used during the year and the other things as well.

Then, we would give thanks to our parents and other loved ones who receive us in their homes.

Then, we would give thanks to the Ashland Avenue Baptist Church of Lexington who paid our rent during the year. That good church will soon be receiving a request from the 14th of December Baptist Church where we are now again members.

Then, we would give thanks to each one of the some 72 churches and pastors where I had the privilege of preaching one or more times. We also give thanks to the Lord for the professions of faith and other decisions made in these churches. We also must say to the churches that invited us but we didn't get to be with you that we are sorry but the time ran out on us. Here is a beautiful poem that I'm translating now from the Portuguese for you. The author is A.O. Denyszczuk and is based on 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

"I Give Thanks"

1. I give thanks for this life
For the good it revealed.
I give thanks for the future
And for all that is past.
For the blessings showered upon us,
For the pain, for the affliction.
For the grace revealed.
I give thanks for pardon.
2. I give thanks for the blue sky
And for the clouds that are in them also.
For the roses along the way
And for the thorns that they have.
For the darkness of the night
For the star that shone.
For the request responded to
And for the hope that failed.
3. For the cross and the suffering
And also the resurrection.
For the love unlimited,
For peace in the heart,
For the tears shed
And the consolation that is unexcelled.
For the gift of eternal life
Always thanks I must give.

We have been in four services of the church this first week. Sunday morning because of the rain, the attendance was 51, down 50 from the previous Sunday. The Sunday School enrollment is down almost 100 from last July when we left. The church has perhaps 30 members less with some others unaccounted for. The church had a rather turbulent time during our absence but a majority of the members remained firm and faithful. Sunday night the Lord blessed with an attendance of 174 (not counting some late comers) and three decisions. We ask your prayers, brethren, that the Lord will revive His work here in the midst of the years. I am including our address for any who have forgotten it and may want to write to us. We would be happy to hear from any of you. We pray the Lord's blessings to be upon all of you.

Yours In His Service,
The Bratchers - Harold, Marie,
Asa Mark, Stephen & Joel.
Caixa Postal 227
Manaus, Amazonas
Brasil, South America

Welcome The Beans Back . . . Both Hendersons Sick . . . Several Baptized . . . All The Work Going Well

By Dempsey Henderson

Sao Luis, Maranhao
July 19, 1968

Dear Brethren,
I thought, when I wrote my last letter that I would be writing this one from Manaus, but that shows how little we really know about the future, and about God's plans and providence. A preacher said to me once that he didn't believe that it was in God's election for me to get anywhere on time on this earth, and I am becoming a stronger believer in that statement every day. I certainly can't blame the Lord for all of my tardiness, but it seems that even when I put forth my best efforts to get somewhere on time, something unforeseen will happen to hinder me. Well, every preacher has to be known for something, and I guess that I will always be known for being late.



Dempsey Henderson

Now my reasons for still being here: First, we had the problem of fixing up the house for the Beans, which we were still trying to get accomplished, when they arrived. Second, on Friday, before the Beans arrived on Wed., Dorothy came down with a bad case of malaria. She spent 5 days in bed at home, and when the Beans arrived on Wed., she was in the hospital. After 4 days in the hospital, she came home feeling much better, but still very weak. The third reason is, by the time that she got her strength back, I came down with some kind of kidney infection, and am still trying to get it cleared up, though I am much better now, thank the Lord. I accept all of these things as the will and providence of God, and am waiting on Him to permit me to travel. One difficulty here is that you can't just pick up the phone and call Manaus and tell the brethren there why you haven't arrived. The nearest thing to this is a telegram, which might get there in two days, or it might make it in two weeks. But I guess I will try to send one today.

The work here is going real well at the present, it seems. The great event of the month was the arrival of the Beans. Everyone was certainly happy to see them, especially us. They are just about settled now, except for the fact that about half of their things are still in customs here in Sao Luis and it looks like it is to be a long,

slow process getting them out. May the Lord give grace and help. They like the house that we arranged for them real well, and we are so thankful. We have already visited most of the work, and all of the people are thrilled to see the Beans again.

I baptized two more people into the fellowship of the church at Vila Maranhao this past month, but the church had to exclude one of them about a week later. He is a young man who brought a young girl into his home to live with him, without getting legally married to her. They both still attend the services, plan to be legally married soon, so that he can be reinstated, and she can be baptized. She was saved in a "holy-roller" church, but wants to be scripturally baptized and be a Baptist. The church also had to exclude a young girl, who ran off with a man, and is living with him without being married to him. This is a common practice here in Brasil, but an unscriptural and unlawful one, and therefore, church members who do it must be disciplined. The practice of the Roman Catholic hierarchy is to incorporate into their religion the evil customs of the people, so that they can continue in them and still be considered faithful members of the church. But our business is to win people to Christ, show them the error of their diabolical customs and practices, and teach them the ways of truth and righteousness. The church mission at Itaqui is doing real well, also. Last night there was a man who walked all the way from there to Vila Maranhao—a distance of about 9 miles—to attend services. After church, we were going to take him home, but the jeep was almost out of gas, so he walked the 9 miles back home without complaining. His last words in parting were "the Lord will accompany me". Also, while I was sick and unable to travel, the members of the church at Vila Maranhao walked to Itaqui and back, at least once a month, in order to continue the services there. An 18 mile trip on foot at night through some pretty wild country to carry the message of truth, and many of them are mere children. To me, that is proof positive of genuine love for the Lord and the souls of sinners. Truly, the Lord accompanied them and blessed their labors. When you consider that none of these people were saved, and most of them were hardened sinners, you can see what a great work Bro. Bean has done, and how the Lord has blessed his labors with His power and grace. I love, appreciate and admire him more every day, and realize more fully all of the time how much he has suffered and sacrificed in the service of the Saviour.

The work at Anajatua is about the same. The young girl who was excluded came back to the church, confessed her wrong, and was reinstated. The church's mission at Toboca is still doing real well. I didn't get to make any more trips there, but the Brethren of the church have made trips there regularly and report good services. They have also opened up another preaching point in a small settlement on a river bank about 2 hours walk from Toboca, and they report large crowds in attendance, and good interest shown. These brethren are also faithful in carrying the message of Christ to out-of-the-way places, walking for hours through the jungles, in rain and mud, heat and dust, preaching wherever they find folks who will listen. Yest, this kind of preaching can and is being done in the jungles of Brasil, as well as in the United States, and the man who made the public statement about the little preachers who run off to

the little pulpit preachers who run off to Brasil to keep from preaching the gospel, owes me and the other missionaries a public apology, and must make it, if he values my friendship.

I must close this letter. The work in Sao Luis is doing real well. I baptized one into the fellowship of the church this past month, and a 14 year old girl made a profession of faith in the services here in Olho Dagua the first night that Bro. Bean preached. The man in whose home we started having services recently, is considering becoming a believer, as well as the other members of his family. They were strong Catholics. Pray much for this work here, as there is a great opportunity.

Brethren, thank you so much for your prayers and support. We will go to Manaus as soon as the Lord permits. God bless you all in Christ's name.

Yours in Him,
Dempsey Henderson

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Trip Home . . . Layover In Bogota . . . Sick In Miami . . . Arrive Home

By John Hatcher

Lexington, Kentucky
July 25, 1968

Dear Brethren,
About three weeks have passed since our arrival in the United States and each day has been packed with activity and with the mercies of the Lord. Truly the Lord is good and His blessings are exceedingly greater than we could ask or think.

OUR TRIP HOME

Due to the failure of Varig Airlines to arrange our reservations on the day they had promised it was necessary to change our plans at the last minute and come home on the Avianca line which is the Colombian airline. Leaving Manaus at 8:45 on Sunday morning, where about two hundred people came to say their goodbyes, the six hour flight to Bogota, Colombia was begun. This part of the journey was made on a DC-4, a four motored plane. For three hours and a half the plane traveled across almost a thousand miles of jungle forests. It is difficult to imagine the vastness of the jungles and virgin forests of northern Brazil. On the trip to Bogota one stop was made at Leticia, Colombia, a small city on the borderline of Brazil. Here several crates of birds and monkeys were loaded to begin their travels to zoos and laboratories. Dinner was served in flight and in mid-afternoon our popping ears told us that we were making our descent down. In a few minutes our eyes beheld some of His choicest works of creation. The clouds adorned the high peaks of the mountains and this moving picture became even more beautiful as the plane lowered into what appeared as a giant basin where the long fingers of the runways reached out to receive us.



John Hatcher

The Bogota International Airport is one of the busiest in South America. Upon entry into one of the massive buildings, where the chilling mountain winds told us that our lightweight clothing was deficient, the scene became strictly international like one would expect in Lisbon. The conversations were in Spanish, French, German, English, Portuguese and others. In a place like this it is not your ability to converse but rather the legal "in order" documents which help you to be hurried through the customs and immigrant procedures.

In a few minutes all had been taken care of and an old mini-bus carried us from the airport through one of the most beautiful settings and city we have seen, to the hotel.

The hotel was big and luxurious but the best part was that our stay was at the

airline's expense. In Bogota everything was different. As entry was made into the airport the dark clothing of the people was very noticeable. The physical appearance of the native was much different than the native of Brazil. Their attire was different and nearly half were using "ponchos", a large blanket-type wrap worn over the shoulders by both men and women. The people walked faster. They seemed to be a more robust people. The outlying fields were fertile and the dairy cattle were impressively beautiful. And the flowers—in no place have we ever seen so many beautiful flowers as here.

One of the things noticeably different from one country to another are the kites which children fly. You rarely see the American type of kite, which in Brazil is called the "sting-ray kite". In Brazil they call their kites "parrots" due to the back and forth or rather side to side movement it makes when flown which resembles the side to side movement of a parrot's head. In Colombia, however the kites are made out of cloth and are heavy requiring a heavy structure and heavy cord to fly them when there are heavy winds.

BOGOTA TO MIAMI

Monday morning was spent walking around through part of the city and making some purchases. Ranaah Paul came down with the flu and having a slight fever had to remain in the hotel room most of the time. At four o'clock in the afternoon we went by taxi back to the airport and after a delay in take off we left Bogota at six o'clock in the evening and a little after nine we arrived in Miami. This part of the trip was a Boeing 707 jet.

MIAMI

The two days spent in the Miami Airport hotel were sick ones for me. The first entire day was spent in bed with fever and upset stomach. On the 3rd of July we boarded a Jet and at 2:45 in the afternoon we arrived at the Cincinnati Airport and were met by our parents and friends. It was another blessing to have the privilege to embrace our parents once more.

OUR NEW HOME

Only the Lord knows the blessing we felt when our new home was reached. The house is so lovely and so many have helped and worked so hard to get it ready for us—the furniture, the food and the linens. From the depths of our hearts we do thank each of you who had a part. We will tell more about it in our next letter.

In Him,
John A. Hatcher



Harry Hille preaching the dedication sermon for the new building of the Second Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru. Walter Lauerman doing the interpreting.



The left side of the audience inside the Second Baptist Church at the dedication service.



The right side of the audience inside the Second Baptist Church at the dedication service. Harry Hille and Walter Lauerman on the front seat.

Offerings for July 1968

East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	\$ 16.57
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	42.95
Grafied Baptist Mission, Traverse City, Mich.	10.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Creve Coeur, Ill.	21.18
Randolph Street Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	150.00
Riverside Baptist Church, Richmond, W. Va.	40.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Algonac Baptist Church, Algonac, Mich.	34.08
Banklick Street Baptist Church, Covington, Ky.	20.00
Baptist Temple, Ravenswood, W. Va.	5.00
Bible Baptist Church, Madisonville, Ky.	19.36
Burna Baptist Church, Burna, Ky.	39.83
Calvary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.	7.89
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	30.58
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. (Bible Learners Class)	4.61
Carr Baptist Church, York, Ky.	10.00
Cheney Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.	25.00
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	80.00
Member of Emmaus Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	21.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	150.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Bible School Off.)	34.99
Members of First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla.	200.00
Member of First Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	100.00
Member of First Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	100.00
First Baptist Church, South Shore, Ky.	214.45
Grace Baptist Church, Chittenango, N.Y.	5.00
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
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	486.51
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Land Transportation)	124.38
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	68.76
Logana Baptist Church, Logana, Ky.	27.50
Mount Zion Baptist Church, Upland, W. Va. (Bible School Off. - Bratcher's Refrigerator & washer)	10.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	63.30
New LaGrange Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	25.00
Northside Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	66.27
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	27.02
Olmstead Baptist Church, Olmstead, Ky.	44.14
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	34.57
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	100.00
(Land Transportation)	10.00
Rupert Baptist Church, E. Rainelle, W. Va.	50.00
Station Baptist Church, Sacramento, Ky.	20.00
Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Villas, N.C.	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	35.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	16.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	100.00
First Baptist Church, Independence, Ky.	57.45
Gilbert Creek Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	40.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio (Station Wagon Fund)	10.00
Knotts Baptist Church, Orma, W. Va.	10.00
Lilly Valley Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va.	5.00
Millers Chapel Baptist Church, Middlesboro, Ky.	67.80
Morgan Avenue Baptist Church, Evansville, Ky.	25.00
Poplar Creek Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	10.00
Rollysburg Baptist Church, Talcott, W. Va.	20.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	10.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Shock, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	10.00
Hepzibah Baptist Church, Strouts Mills, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	22.30
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Perkins, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	61.73
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadieville, Ky.	28.00
Winchester Baptist Church, Winchester, Ohio	25.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	5.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	23.49
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	119.56
Bentley Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	14.98
Bethel Baptist Church, Mokena, Ill.	107.67
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio	20.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Nitro, W. Va.	10.00
East Corbin Baptist Church, Corbin, Ky.	35.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	20.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich. (Pucallpa Bldgs.)	23.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich. (Ladies Prayer Band-Pucallpa Bldgs.)	90.46
First Baptist Church, Crete, Ill.	53.43
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Villas, N.C.	20.50
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Villas, N.C.	199.59
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Wall for Mayfield's Church)	20.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (M & L Prayer Band-Teachers in Peru)	15.00
Grove Center Baptist Church, Morganfield, Ky.	146.05
(Grotcher's Refrigerator & Washer)	
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	

Mountain Dale Baptist Church, Boone, N.C.	53.70
New Salem Baptist Church, Dukedom, Tenn.	10.00
New Union Baptist Church, Symsonia, Ky.	10.00
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Tenn.	20.00
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky.	15.00
Temple Baptist Church, Maumee, Ohio	10.00
Winton Place Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio	5.00
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	48.03
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	40.43
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	25.00
Bible Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Rushville, N.Y.	30.00
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	50.00
Faith Baptist Church, Covington, Ky.	18.00
First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Mich.	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, Ky.	20.00
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va.	15.00
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Stumptown, W. Va.	15.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	144.66
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Connelton, Ind.	16.35
Sturgeon Branch Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va.	15.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	14.94
Elliot Baptist Church, Elliott, Miss.	23.68
Immanuel Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	133.72
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	50.54
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. (Teacher in Brazil)	15.00
LaGrange Baptist Church, LaGrange, Fla.	19.76
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Dryer for Mission House)	160.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Hille's trip to Peru)	1,000.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Teachers in Brazil)	24.75
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Ohio	40.00
New Testament Baptist Church, South Irvine, Ky.	10.00
Peoples Baptist Church, East Alton, Ill.	59.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	108.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Land Transportation)	27.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	27.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Peru)	27.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	121.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Bratcher's Refrigerator)	60.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Pucallpa Bldg.)	65.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	154.10
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Boat & Motor)	154.10
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.	79.09
A Friend, Brooklyn, N.Y.	4.00
A Friend	50.00
J. E. Murriner, Walkersville, W. Va.	2.00
Eld. & Mrs. G. B. Trent, Williamson, W. Va.	44.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Lewis, Stilwell, Okla.	20.00
Mrs. Katie Buffin, Versailles, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	10.00
Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La.	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Hucklebee, Leander, Texas	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond May, Grundy, Va.	24.00
W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00

Received in July for Boat & Motor Fund	204.10
Received in July for Buildings in Pucallpa	307.59
Received in July for Land Transportation	251.38
Received in July for Teachers in Brazil	92.75
Received in July for Teachers in Peru	47.00
Received in July for Station Wagon Fund	10.00
Received in July for Bratcher's Refrigerator & Washer	85.00
Received in July for Hille's Trip to Peru	1,000.00
Received in July for Furnishings for Mission House	160.00
Received in July for Regular Fund	5,879.98
Received in July for all purposes	8,037.80

OFFERINGS FOR BOAT & MOTOR FUND, JULY, 1968

Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	\$ 50.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	154.10
Total Received for this fund in July	204.10

OFFERINGS FOR BUILDINGS IN PUCALLPA, JULY, 1968

Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	\$ 20.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich (Ladies Prayer Band)	23.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich (Wall for Mayfield's Church)	199.59
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	65.00
Total Received for this fund in July	307.59

OFFERINGS FOR LAND TRANSPORTATION, JULY, 1968

Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	\$ 124.38
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Timothy Hille, Mrs. Walter Lauerman, Mrs. Harry Hille and Harry Hille in front of the Astoria Baptist Church building in the interior out from Iquitos.

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Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	100.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	27.00
Total Received for this fund in July	251.38

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN BRAZIL, JULY, 1968

First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	\$ 16.00
Katie Buffin, Versailles, Ky.	10.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	15.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	24.75
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	27.00
Total Received for this fund in July	92.75

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN PERU, JULY, 1968

Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (M. & L. Prayer Band)	\$ 20.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	27.00
Total Received for this fund in July	47.00

OFFERINGS FOR STATION WAGON FUND, JULY, 1968

Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	\$ 10.00
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OFFERINGS FOR BRATCHER'S REFRIGERATOR & WASHER, JULY, 1968

Mount Zion Baptist Church, Upland, W. Va. (Bible School)	\$ 10.00
Grove Center Baptist Church, Morganfield, Ky.	15.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	60.00
Total Received for this fund in July	85.00

OFFERINGS FOR HILLE'S TRIP TO PERU, JULY, 1968

New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	1,000.00
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OFFERINGS FOR FURNISHINGS FOR MISSION HOUSE, JULY, 1968

New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Dryer)	\$ 160.00
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OFFERINGS FROM NEW CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS, JULY 1968

Mount Zion Baptist Church, Upland, W. Va.	\$ 10.00
Grove Center Baptist Church, Morganfield, Ky.	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Hucklebee, Leander, Texas	20.00
Faith Baptist Church, Covington, Ky. (New name for Banklick St. Baptist Church)	18.00