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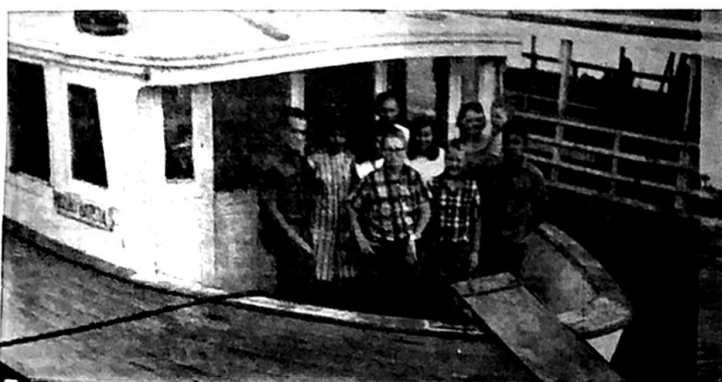
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Harold Bratcher baptizing six people at Manacapuru, Amazonas, Brazil. Brother Bratcher has a good mission at this place on the Amazon River in the interior up river from Manaus.



The six newly baptized ones at Manacapuru, Amazonas, Brazil. The two on the left are sisters and the man and woman are husband and wife. More Baptists in Brazil.



Baptist Faith Missions Launch that the trip to Manacapuru was made on. Mrs. Bratcher and the three Bratcher sons. The pilot of the boat is in the rear center.



Brazilian boys with a big fish they caught at Manacapuru, Amazonas, Brazil. The size can be estimated by the boys holding it. Note the smaller fish on the ground.



Dempsey Henderson baptizing these four in the baptistry of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. The girl on the left is the Japanese maid in the Henderson home.



Dempsey Henderson on the left with the three recent Seminary graduates and Professors Julio Dantas and Jose Alves de Araujo on the right.

### Trip In Launch To Manacapuru . . . Six Baptized . . . Dead Buried . . . Good Prospects For New Church

By Harold Bratcher

Dear Brethren,

Manaus, Amazonas

December 19, 1968

"And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is." Deuteronomy 10:12-14.

We rejoice in the Lord that once again we can write you and share with you news from a distant land—one of the nations



Harold Bratcher

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included in God's plan and command for all men to hear the good news. We shall report the main events of the month chronologically. November 20-Tonight we had 85 in Prayer Meeting. Sebastiao Pereira de Oliveira (the blind student from the Seminary) preached.

November 22-1 left Manaus at 6:35 A.M. aboard the Mission Launch. Wilson, the pilot, my son, Stephen and Romualdo Nogueira de Nascimento, evangelist of the 14th of Dec. Church and student at the Seminary are with me. At 2:45 P.M. we arrived at Manaquiri, a small interior village, to see about holding a service here tonight. It has been more than a year and a half since I preached in Manaus. (Continued on page 2, col.3) Bratcher

missionaries have more time to do mission work and with less worry. They do not have to spend their time doing deputation work and writing or mimeographing and mailing letters. Baptist Faith Missions missionaries write one mission letter each month and it is printed in the MISSION SHEETS and is sent in numbers to supporting churches so that each family may have a copy, not just one mimeograph letter posted on a board. Please remember that we are not attacking deputation missionaries. They have a Scriptural right to do deputation work and any church has a Scriptural right to give to them also. We are defending Baptist Faith Missions from the unjust criticism and showing that the faith way is better than the deputation way. Don't be misled. Remember that no one supports the "board" of Baptist Faith Missions. All directors serve without pay from mission offerings and all mission offerings are used 100% for mission work.

### Refrigerators And Washers

The Refrigerator and Washing Machine for the Harold Bratchers are paid for. As we write this we still need \$163.46 to pay for the refrigerator and washing machine for the George Beans. Mark your offering "For Bean's refrigerator" and send in the regular way. If more than enough is received it will be applied to the needs of other missionaries.

### We Begin The 28th Year As Editor Of The Mission Sheets

With this issue we begin the 28th year as editor of this paper. The first issue was mimeographed one page and thirty copies mailed out. Then to one sheet of two mimeographed pages and then to a small four page printed paper and then to the present size. To our knowledge it was the first paper of its kind, devoted entirely to the letters from the missionaries and in the interest of their work. It is sent free upon request, one copy to an individual and several copies in bundles to churches and no one is obligated in receiving the papers. All we ask is that you read it and pray and give, if the Lord leads you to do so, and if the paper is not wanted write and give the name and address and request that you be taken off the mailing list. Many thanks and to God be the glory for the success of our efforts.

### Spring Missionary Conference

The Ninth Annual Spring Missionary Conference in the interest of Baptist Faith Missions, in Lexington, Kentucky, March 31, April 1 and 2, 1969. This Conference is sponsored by several Churches in the Lexington, Kentucky area. Make your plans now to attend.

### Urgent Needs

We have two families, the John Hatchers and the Bobby Creiglow to return to Brazil in July of this year and we have two families, the Del Mayfields and the Dempsey Hendersons to bring home from the mission field for furlough. We need the funds to send, and to bring, and it will cost several thousand dollars. We trust that some churches will raise the funds to pay for the transportation of these families. Maybe four churches will take the responsibility of each paying for the transportation of one family. Pray about it, and after you decide, let us know.

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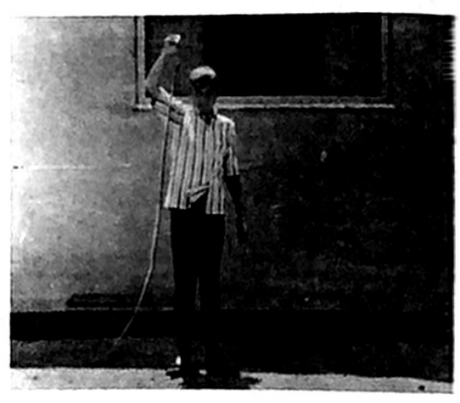
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George Bean with donkey carrying his baggage and fruit in the interior of Brazil to the place that he had to leave the Jeep.



Front of house recently bought in Sao Luis, Maranhao, Brazil for the George Bean family to live in. Brother Bean is enlarging the house by adding more rooms, etc. in the rear.



Fran Bean with a very poisonous snake killed in their yard in Sao Luis, Maranhao, Brazil.

## Hendersons Here . . . Mrs. Bean Has The Flu . . . Brother Bean Hurts His Back

By George Bean

Caixa Postal 500  
Sao Luis, Maranhao  
December 17, 1968

Dear Brethren,

May the Lord bless each one real well from His ever flowing fountain of Grace. It does not seem possible that it is time to write the M.S. letter but I see by the date that it is. Yesterday we were really blessed in going to the airport to meet Bro. and Mrs. Henderson and it is a real joy to have these dear people of God in our home. June has been sick for two weeks with a real bad case of flu. We had the doctor with her two times last week and she is much better now but still weak.

We read Brother Lauerman's letter in the MS last month about the off-brand Baptists there in Peru. We also have them here in Sao Luis. They call themselves Baptists and will unionize with anything that comes along. We do not have too much trouble with the old harlot, but with her daughters that are disguised in protestantism and many times confuse our new converts because they do not know the beginnings of these cults. Now a report about our work.

### New Hope Baptist Church

We have had a good month at the church. We had one man that joined by letter and the policeman that the church hired to keep the peace or to stand guard on Sunday night said he was believing in the Lord as his Saviour. We rejoiced that this man has heard the gospel and God has saved him by His Grace.

### Olho Dauga

We have had three services at Olho Dauga this month with nothing new to report. We have been to Itapel two times this month and have had three professions. We are going back the 27th of December and we will know if we can buy some land to build a mission house on. Brethren Agostinho and Jose report that in the services in the interior they have good attendances and the saved are growing in grace. I forgot to report that I hurt my back while working on the house and I have suffered some with it. I am supposed to have X-rays made if I ever get time. May the Lord bless each one real well.

In Him,  
George Bean



George Bean

## Third Mission Has 72 In Sunday School . . . New Missions . . . Planning Ahead . . . All Pastors At Second Church Meeting

By Walter Lauerman

Iquitos, Peru  
Dec. 15, 1968

Dear Brethren,

We have not received the MISSION SHEETS as yet, but I think I better write for next month while I have time and thinking on this. We pray that God has blessed you all this month as he has us here. Maybe one day we will tell you all about it. I hope the flu bug has not gotten hold of you all as it has here in Iquitos. Because of it we are way down in attendance as well as all other places. The Third Mission has reached a 72 high in S.S. this month and had one more profession of faith. Soon we will have a baptism, I guess, for those over there. Daniel Garcia has a new place or house where he hopes to preach one night a week also this month. We hope that this will even be a future place for a permanent work and church. The Second Church will change pastors Jan. 15. Bro. Jorge Macahauchi is coming from Hojeal to pastor there. The present pastor, Purificacion is planning on going to live and work on the Napo River as a missionary from the First Church here. He is leaving tomorrow for a week up there to find a place to live, etc. Pray for him and this work. Puri (as I call him) also went 3 days again up the Itaya River. This is a work of the Second Church. Also, when Jorge gets here he and I will work together on a new area in Iquitos as a work out of the Second Church for a new church in the future. So the First Church will have the Third mission and the work of Daniel, and Puri in the Napo and the Second Church will have a new mission and the work of the Itaya. This makes it even up and will be easier for Daniel and Jorge to handle when I am not here for the year of furlough. I am already looking ahead to all that even if it is over a year and a half away. I think the brethren will take care of the work in my absence as they did last time home but this time even better as we are not planning on another American as last time.

The Tamshiyacu Church and its two missions are doing real fine and Bro. Jorge Ayanbo will go out of this church to pastor in Hojeal and Astoria. I thank God for the way our churches are producing preachers. We now need a school to train them. We hope in the future to have many more preachers and churches and maybe soon. The work in San Antonio is really going good under the other preacher from the Tamshiyacu Church, Francisco Enriques. They are still slowly but surely getting their building done. They are doing it all by themselves, both financial-



Walter Lauerman

ly and physically. Mapa Cocha is doing fine and we hope they get going on a new work also. Last Thursday in the Second Church all the pastors of all the churches were present. Abram preached and gave a real message and challenge on "Discipleship". The house was full and all the churches represented. It was a real fellowship for all of us. The thing that stood out with me was, with all who were there, only Simon Gaima and family were in the work here 11 years ago when I first came, so there has been some growth in the work in Iquitos, but it is a long hard battle and we fail to see all at times. One night I was preaching and my voice left me and I had to close fast and get home and take a pill that I take for this and I just made it home to lie down and take before all my voice was gone. I had never had this in the pulpit before, even though at home I had-but not for years. It is quite an experience.

Now about our revival: We went from Sunday through Sunday. The crowds were pretty good but we had no moves although several lost came every night. Bro. Robert Bradley, a good Baptist missionary from North Carolina and a missionary here for the past year was the preacher for us. It was his first in Spanish and he did real well. He had preached for us and the Second Church when I went to Pucallpa, etc. He is the only Baptist here that fellowships with us as he seems to be the only real Baptist in Iquitos other than our brethren here. Pray for them (the Bradleys) as they plan to go work on the rivers now. It is hard work and they need your prayers.

I guess I better close for this month and I will try to remember you all as God would lead me. All the family says "hello," and we thank God for you all and our brethren in Brazil and home on furlough and the Mayfields in Pucallpa. We might say also we pray that someone God would have go and help in Pucallpa while the Mayfields are home on furlough. Pray about it and see what God will do, but pray as God could even use you.

By HIS Grace,  
Walter F. Lauerman

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## With Churches In Ohio, Ky., Tenn., And Fla. . . At Clarksville Baptist College

By Bobby Creiglow

Lancaster, Ohio  
December 28, 1968

Dear Brethren,

After attending the Thanksgiving Conference we returned home where I fulfilled my next engagement with the First Baptist Church of Lancaster, Ohio. I preached for them in the morning and then showed the slides of the work in Brazil in the evening services. The pastor of this church is Bro. Ulrich.

The following weekend was spent with the Bentley Memorial Baptist Church, where Bro. Louie Carver serves as pastor. This church is in the Lexington, Kentucky area.

I returned home on Monday to pick up Michael's car and then on Tuesday I took it to Clarksville, Tennessee to him. I then spoke three nights in the Berea Baptist Church where Bro. Sego is pastor in this same city.

On Saturday Bro. Harold Harvey came to Clarksville to take me home with him and his family, where I preached in the Olmstead Baptist Church, Sunday morning and night. Bro. Harvey is doing a fine job as pastor of this church.

While in Clarksville I spoke twice in the Chapel of the Clarksville Baptist College of the Bible Baptist Church. I always enjoy



Bobby Creiglow

the hospitality of Bro. Elton Wilson, the Bible Baptist Church and the college.

After completing my engagements in the Clarksville area I was there in the college trying to make arrangements to go home by plane, not having my car with me. A member of the Bible Baptist Church, Bro. Armstrong, came in and told me that he was on vacation and that he and his wife would take me home. This was better than anything I expected, and we were very happy to have them in our home and we wished it could have been for more than one night. I am very grateful to them.

On Friday we left for Florida. We spent the week-end of Dec. 22 with the Hill Top Baptist Church of Cairo, Georgia. Bro. McMurrin is the pastor of this church. Bro. Billy Creel and his mother are members of this church. I was their pastor before going to Brazil and of course we had a wonderful time of fellowship while staying in their home.

We arrived in Sanford, Florida at the home of my sister, Mrs. Evelyn Proctor, and preached in the Jordan Missionary Baptist Church on Wednesday, December 25. Bro. William Stephens is the pastor of this church and a long time friend of mine and my family.

We have once again this month enjoyed the fellowship of these pastors and their churches and I am looking forward to being with more of you next year.

In Him,  
B. D. Creiglow

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quiti. One of our members lives here. The Lord gave us a good service tonight with 84 present. No moves but several indicated that they want us to return again for another service as soon as possible.

November 23-December 1-Revival at Manacapuru.

During this nine day period, I preached 13 times (including a jail service and a funeral service). Also I taught two Sunday school lessons and lead a Bible Study five mornings. The smallest attendance during the nine night services was 44 (rainy night). The largest was 110 the first Sunday night. On the first Sunday afternoon we attempted to leave a tract and an invitation to the meeting in every house in the village. The Lord gave us 7 professions of faith, three by letter, 8 who asked for baptism with six being baptized. One was asked to wait because of some irregularities in her life and one lady (a midwife) was called away at the hour of the baptism.

On Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) night, my wife and the other two boys and three others from the church arrived by bus to attend the rest of the meeting.

The first Sunday morning of the meeting, a dear brother told me that his wife was very sick. I told him that I would attempt to visit her sometime before the meeting ended. He lived across the river, he told me. We were planning on visiting his home on Saturday. Friday morning he came to see us in the launch and told us his wife was worse and asked us to take him in the launch to his house to bring his wife on a stretcher to Manacapuru to the home of one of his daughters. I didn't go with them because of the morning Bible Study. I learned when I returned after the Bible Study that when they arrived she was already dead. Thus death visited her before we from the church did. We held a funeral service the next morning at 7:30.

Monday morning, December 2-We left Manacapuru leaving behind a town of 5,000 with 23 members of the mission, not including several other believers. Pedro Ribeiro da Silva, a 1967 graduate of the Seminary is the full time pastor of the mission. We cover your prayers for the growth of our mission there.

December 7-I preached, this morning, the graduation sermon for the three graduates of the Seminary Class of 1968.

December 13-Today's labors didn't end until after midnight. At 2:30 P.M. I left the house. I made a visit immediately in the home of Deacon Jose Olimpio de Freitas. On Wednesday night we had had special prayer for his four month old daughter, Ana, who he told us had almost died the day before. When I arrived at the home, I found out that she was worse again and I feared at the time, was dying. I had prayer with the mother and

others there. I went back by the church and picked up the ones waiting there for me to go to Ca-Calpereira. At 5:00 P.M. 19 of us from the church arrived at this little village of perhaps 15 houses after crossing the river and traveling about an hour. There at Ca-Calpereira everything is owned by the state government. We knew that we would have to get permission from the administrator before we could hold services in the little village. We found out that he was away but would be back, perhaps, in about an hour. In faith we visited all the houses and invited them to our service, either in the public square or aboard the launch if the administrator didn't return to give us permission to hold the service. At 7:20 P.M. (10 minutes before the time to begin the service, he still hadn't returned. No one had come to the launch to attend the service. (Actually we had announced that we would like to begin the service at 7:00 since we had to return to Manaus after the service. At 7:25 P.M. he arrived. We met him as he got off the boat. He very graciously gave us permission to hold the service in any place or in any home that might invite us in the village. We all returned to the village and were immediately given permission to hold the service on a front porch. 68 people were counted during the service. No one was saved but several indicated that they wanted us to return again. Thus we are happy to report another "first place" for us to preach the gospel. We also have one member that lives near the little village. At 9:30 P.M. we were arriving back in Manaus. I resolved to go by the deacon's home to see if the baby was better. When we arrived we learned the sad news that the child had died while we were conducting the service at Ca-Calpereira. Already several friends and kin folks of the family had arrived. We stayed for a while and then went to town with two other men to place the order for the casket. She would have to be buried within 24 hours. The next day we returned in the morning and helped in every way we could. That afternoon we held a short funeral service for 4 month old Ana Oliveira de Freitas. Her father is still sick having contracted malaria fever and the mother is still weeping for her little one. May the Lord's blessings be upon them.

The work at the 14th of December Church goes well. The first Sunday that I was away the attendance fell from 145 to 94. The second Sunday the attendance was back up to 139. The two Sundays that I've been back the attendance has been 125 and 114. Last Sunday night the attendance was 118 and I was received by reconciliation. Last night there were 59 in Prayer Meeting.

May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon all of you throughout the New Year.

Yours In His Service,  
Harold Bratcher  
Caixa Postal 227  
Manaus, Amazonas, Brasil, S.A.





George Bean and Pastor Sostenes Melo inside the new church building at Peritoro the night the building was dedicated. Harold Bratcher took the picture.

## End Of School . . . Great Crowd . . . Meeting Held Outside . . . Second Story On School Being Built

By Del Mayfield

Apartado 166  
Pucallpa, Peru  
Dec. 18, 1968

Dear Brethren,  
I have written down on my scratch pad the following: End of school, great crowd, meeting held outside, Ada falls, one saved, most faithful member goes to Lima, Chavez baby dies, and building going up fast. I read the other day that the majority of people read only the headlines of the newspaper, and I must say that I'm one of them. So for those who read all my letter, here are the details:



Del Mayfield

Friday Dec. 13th was the closing of our school. We also had our school program outside as the people could not get in the building. We had the largest crowd that we've ever had before. We only wish that all of you could have been with us. The best part was the singing of the hymns and choruses that they had learned, and the Bible verses (one from each book of the New Testament). It was a blessing to us. The only thing sad was that Ada fell and turned her ankle. I took her to the hospital and took X-rays and there were no bones broken. She missed church Sunday for the first time, and I'm sure that hurt her about as much as her ankle. She is back up now, and I'm sure will be OK in a few more days. I'm very happy with our teachers. 89% of all our students got a passing grade, and that is very good with 124 in attendance.

This has been a good month for our church. We've had good attendance, and Mrs. Scharfe, a lady who has attended faithfully, came last Sunday trusting Jesus to be her Saviour. We also lost one of our faithful members, who went to Lima for an operation on his eyes. We got a letter that he lost one of his eyes and may even lose the other before they get through with him. Pray for our brother, that he may be able to see again.

## Who Will Go . . . Whom Shall I Send???

By John Hatcher

Dear Brethren, December 28, 1968

By Wonderful Providence the end of another year approaches as this letter is being written. One year closer to Eternity, to Death, or to His coming. It has been a year of conflicts, turmoil, war and mocking at peace. At the same time it has been a year of change education and achievement. So many and great have been the accomplishments, including three men orbiting the moon. All of this causes us to realize what a great God we have and what great honors He has bestowed upon man to have made him in His image.



John Hatcher

It seems, however, that amidst all the greatness of man and his own success a great danger lies in the subtle lethargy among God's people—the Baptists. This condition causes an indifference toward the greatness of our God, an ignorance of His Will and gives us a deep-seated love for the things of this world (fads, fashions, friends and finances). Where is our dedication to Him? Where is the searching of the Scriptures? (Here and here only is His will known.) Where is that real preparation and planning for His work that is so vital?

Let us contrast facts!

In ten years earthlings have put three men around the moon. This is not only to the ends of the earth but much beyond. Have we gone to the ends of the earth? Accomplishments in outer space has come by a definite planning and training program of men who were dedicated to going. Are we actually preparing men and women for the mission field? NASA has an all out program of preparing many even though only a select few will be chosen to go. Why is it that we have so few to go? You will say, "Only God can call men." And I reply, "That is true. But it is also true that He can never call men unless His message of calling is preached

Our mission in Arenal is about the same. We're looking forward to the coming of Bro. Lucho Rucoba from San Francisco. I'm sure he'll be a great help to the work here. The Lord has blessed him in San Francisco, and he is leaving the church there in good hands, and in good shape. They have had some saved, and some getting married legally so they can get baptized and be members. Brother Adolfo Saureno will be the new preacher in San Francisco, and we hope that we can ordain him in the near future. Pray for our brethren on the river, as I'm sure they need your prayers.

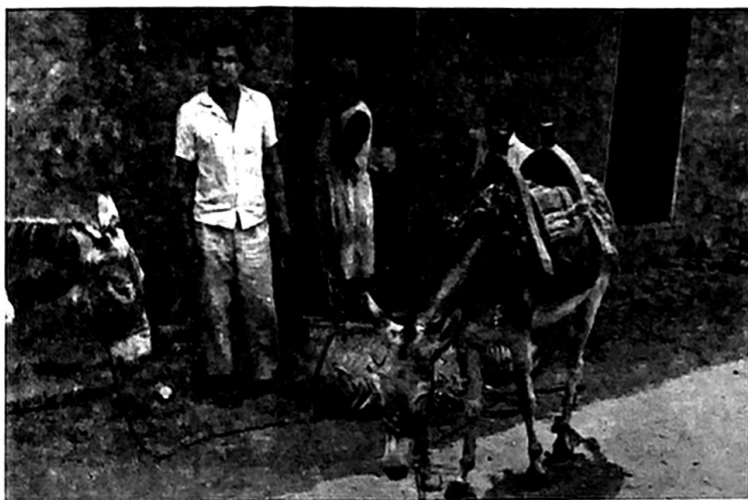
Another sad thing happened this month. Mrs. Chavez gave birth to a baby boy Sat. night, and it died Sunday morning. I'm mentioning the name as anyone who has visited our church will remember Bro. Chavez. I went with him to the hospital to get a death certificate, and they didn't want to give him one because the baby had died in the home. So we had to go back to his home, and he carried the dead baby in his arms to the hospital, and after many words from the pastor he got his certificate. In the afternoon we took it to the cemetery for burial. At the grave I spoke of how that with God a day is like a thousand years, and that little one was more precious to God as one who had lived to be 100 years old, and that one day it would be just like Jesus (33 years old). I also spoke of the idol that they have built at the cemetery. It has Jesus lying in the arms of Mary making Jesus dead, and Mary alive. I'll try to get a slide so I can show you when we come home. What an abomination to God!

The second floor of our school building is going up, and I'm happy that it is going up fast. The Lord willing, next week we'll be on the roof.

Well that's all for this month. May the Lord bless each of you, and make His face to shine upon you.

Yours by His grace,

Del. Mayfield



Harold Bratcher took this picture of the man selling oranges from door to door in Peritoro.

## In Sao Luis With The Beans . . . Three Graduate From The Seminary . . . Two Radio Broadcasts Weekly

By Dempsey Henderson

Manaus, Brasil

Dec. 17, 1968

Dear Brethren,

I am writing this letter in the home of Bro. Bean, in Olho dagua, near Sao Luis, Maranhao. We left Manaus yesterday morning at 9:15, arriving here just after noon. It was a very pleasant trip and a joy indeed to be re-united with our friends in this area once more. The Beans, with the exception of June who was at home sick with a cold, and our lawyer friend here, Mr. Rego, and part of his family were at the airport to meet us. We went to Mr. Rego's home for a few minutes, and then on to the Beans, where we will be staying most of the time, while here in Sao Luis. June is better today, thank the Lord. She has had a severe cold and constant headache. We are looking forward to a great time of fellowship with the Beans and the others in the work here. We plan to spend 2 or 3 weeks here, traveling to different places to visit the work. Bro. Bean hurt his back the other day and is hardly able to sit down and get up. It seems to be getting worse, as he has difficulty in walking now. He plans to go to the doctor again today, and I trust that he will be able to help him, as we will not be able to travel now, until he is better.



Dempsey Henderson

This past month I was busier than during the regular school term, as we have extra tests to give for some high school students, final exams and graduation for the Seminary, as well as having to do a lot of running here and there, trying to collect the money from the Government and State for the scholarships that they give to a number of our students, who study in the High School. We had 3 to graduate from the Seminary this time.

We have also had a very busy month in our church work. A number of the churches here are cooperating together to sponsor 2 radio broadcasts a week. The brethren gave me the responsibility of these broadcasts, and I have been busy helping the other brethren to get acquainted with the set-up of the program. Bro. Dantas preached the first few sermons. At the time he was getting ready to help me in a meeting at Tabernacle Church, and I felt that it would be good to have him on the broadcast for the people to hear. I have preached on the program twice, and always went to help Bro. Dantas. Also, Bro. Sebastiao, the blind boy who studies in our Seminary, usually goes with us, plays the accordion and sings, and gives his testimony. He has really been a blessing to us, both in the churches and schools and in the radio broadcasts. While Bro. Dantas and I are traveling, Bro. Jose Alves, pastor of Martin Ave. Mission, will have charge of the radio programs. The programs have really been a blessing and brought many visitors to our revival meeting at Tabernacle. We thank the Lord for it.

We had a good month at Tabernacle, in spite of the fact that our S. S. attendance was down some. We had some of the largest crowds that I have seen at Tabernacle, during our meeting. We had 5 professions of faith and 3 additions for baptism. The others expressed their desire to be baptized, but were unable at the time for various reasons; some being sick, others not legally married, etc. Perhaps the highlight of the meeting

bringing anyone to know the healing in the wings of the Sun of Righteousness; in the fame of sports and society though they be disqualified in the spiritual race and become the Lots of tomorrow.

Is it not time for us to re-examine our sense of values? Is it not time to return to our first love? Do we not need to turn and do again the first works? This could be the beginning of our greatest missionary year. May God make it so in my life, the lives of my wife, my daughters, and my sons. What is the desire for yours?

In Him,

John A. Hatcher

happened after the last night of the meeting. I was told at the close of the service that a man who was dying of TB of the lungs sent word for the pastor and the brethren of the church to come and tell him how to be saved. After the church service, Bro. Dantas and I, along with 3 brethren of the church, went to the home, and after presenting the plan of salvation, the man trusted Christ as his Savior. He was real happy, gave a good testimony, and requested that we remain and sing hymns for him. After a few hymns, we left him rejoicing in the Lord, and went out into a downpouring rain, thankful to the Lord for the blessed privilege to lead another soul to Christ. The following Thursday night, at the man's request, we held a preaching service in the front of his home. He was still rejoicing in the Lord. On Saturday morning following, at 3:00 o'clock, the Lord called him home. On the same day, I took a couple to get legally married, so that they could be baptized. They were saved in our church services soon after I came here, and have been trying to get legally married ever since. Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock they succeeded, and on the following Sunday morning they were baptized, along with 2 others, our maid and her cousin, into the fellowship of our church. On Sunday night, before leaving for Sao Luis on Monday morning, one of the sons of one of our deacons, Raimundo Araujo, was saved.

Our Mission at V-8 is very weak. We have been going out there for the past 2 Sunday afternoons, trying to help them out. This is helping some. Please pray for this work. Also, the Martin Ave. Mission is doing very well, but they are in bad need of a building. The contract on the building that they are now renting runs out at the end of the month. All of the other work, both in town and in the interior, seems to be doing very well.

As to our trip, we plan to remain here in Sao Luis until after the first of Jan., preaching for Bro. Bean in a meeting in the church here in town, and visiting the work here in the interior, traveling as far as Pesqueira, Pernambuco, where we have a work that no one has visited in 3 years. After this we plan to go to Rio de Janeiro, where we plan to spend a week or more, helping the brethren in the new work there, then back to Manaus, where we plan trips to Cruzeiro do Sul and into the interior around Manaus. Please pray for us that God will protect us in all of our travels and bless us in all of our efforts for Him.

I started this letter yesterday morning, but I had to stop and help the Beans catch something to eat. I spent the rest of the morning in the jungle, with Bro. Bean and the others, crawling around on my hands and knees in the thick underbrush, trying to catch "sumpin unter t'eat". Of course the "something" happened to be the "Christmas turkey" that June let get away. And that turkey, knowing what it means to be a "Christmas turkey", and that his remaining days were few, sure gave us a run for our money. But the poor fellow just failed to take into consideration that he had on his heels two hungry Baptist preachers. Needless to say, the turkey lost the race. Now I can finish this letter without pre-occupation. May God give to you all the very best of everything during the holiday season, and the greatest year ever in the year to come. I thank and praise God for the wonderful conference and the largest special offerings ever. We thank you all for all that you have done to make our ministry here possible. Until next month, God bless you all.

In Him,

Dempsey Henderson

Please make all checks for all mission offerings payable to Baptist Faith Missions and mail all mission offerings to:

James L. Hamilton  
P. O. Box 8007  
Lexington, Ky. 40503



The girl is the Japanese maid in the Henderson home in Manaus and the boy is her cousin. They were saved in the same service and baptized by Dempsey Henderson. Bro. Bean said "That is really something. An American comes to Brazil and learns Portuguese to preach the gospel to the Japanese".



A couple getting legally married in Manaus, Brazil after being saved, so they can be baptized and become Baptists. About 20 couples were getting married this same day.



New Morris car (English make) with truck bed in rear, bought for Walter Lauerman to use in the mission work in Iquitos, Peru.



New Church building at Peritoro, Maranhao, Brazil where Harold Bratcher made a journey for dedication and a meeting.

## Offerings for December 1968

Algonac Baptist Church, Algonac, Mich. . . . .	\$ 21.60
Baptist Temple, Ravenswood, W. Va. . . . .	5.00
Bentley Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	104.98
Bethel Baptist Church, Mokena, Ill. . . . .	11.79
Bible Baptist Church, Madisonville, Ky. . . . .	20.83
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio. . . . .	87.22
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio (W.M.U.) . . . . .	40.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. . . . .	9.52
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. . . . .	47.65
Car Baptist Church, York, Ky. . . . .	10.00
Cheney Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla. . . . .	25.00
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. . . . .	80.00
Elizabeth Jarrrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky. . . . .	19.52
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky. . . . .	105.90
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky. . . . .	40.00
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. . . . .	20.00
First Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio (Birthday Offerings - Teachers in Peru) . . . . .	10.00
First Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio . . . . .	134.66
Members of First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. . . . .	71.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. . . . .	25.00
Goodfield Baptist Church, Traverse City, Mich. . . . .	15.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, Ohio . . . . .	32.88
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Wall for Church in Peru) . . . . .	155.78
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Teachers in Peru - Prayer Bands) . . . . .	20.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio . . . . .	40.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio (Station Wagon) . . . . .	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Holly, Mich. . . . .	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Holly, Mich. . . . .	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. . . . .	600.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Boat & Motor) . . . . .	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (L.B.C.) . . . . .	10.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark. . . . .	50.00
Lagana Baptist Church, Lagana, Ky. . . . .	22.70
Newby Baptist Church, Newby, Ky. . . . .	22.23
New LeGrange Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala. . . . .	25.00
New Salem Baptist Church, Dukesboro, Tenn. . . . .	7.60
New Salem Baptist Church, Dukesboro, Tenn. . . . .	8.56
New Testament Baptist Church, Creve Coeur, Ill. . . . .	18.50
New Union Baptist Church, Symsonia, Ky. . . . .	10.00
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Tenn. . . . .	15.00
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gatho, Fla. . . . .	5.00
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill. . . . .	23.65
Poplar Creek Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala. . . . .	25.00
Randolph Street Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va. . . . .	150.00
Rollynsburg Baptist Church, Tolcott, W. Va. . . . .	10.00
Rupert Baptist Church, Rupert, W. Va. . . . .	10.00
Southside Baptist Church, Rutledge, Tenn. . . . .	65.53
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadieville, Ky. . . . .	49.40
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky. . . . .	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. . . . .	50.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Nitro, W. Va. . . . .	20.00
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky. (Gift for Henderson's - Middle Age Women S.S.C.) . . . . .	25.00
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky. (Gift for Henderson's Adult Ladies S.S.C.) . . . . .	20.00
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky. . . . .	50.00
Member of First Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J. . . . .	50.00
Member of First Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J. . . . .	50.00
Member of First Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J. . . . .	100.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio . . . . .	36.00
Knott Baptist Church, Oram, W. Va. . . . .	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. . . . .	93.83
Lilly Valley Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va. . . . .	10.00
Little Sewell Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va. . . . .	10.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Shock, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association) . . . . .	20.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association) . . . . .	20.00
Hepzibah Baptist Church, Strouts Mills, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association) . . . . .	17.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. . . . .	44.79
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Bldg. in Iquitos) . . . . .	28.56
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Bldg. in Iquitos - Young People) . . . . .	10.00
Olmstead Baptist Church, Olmstead, Ky. . . . .	47.22
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Mayfield Church Bldg.) . . . . .	100.00
Southside Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. . . . .	65.33
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky. . . . .	5.00

Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky. . . . .	22.47
Buma Baptist Church, Buma, Ky. . . . .	35.41
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill. . . . .	45.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill. . . . .	35.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill. (Bond Interest) . . . . .	15.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill. (Bratcher's Refrigerator & Washer - Thanks. Off.) . . . . .	60.50
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill. (Jr. Dept. - Thanksgiving Offering) . . . . .	48.19
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill. (Mens Class - Thanksgiving Offering) . . . . .	50.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, Miss. . . . .	24.16
Faith Baptist Mission, Sacramento, Ky. . . . .	25.00
Faith Baptist Church, Wauseon, Ohio . . . . .	20.00
First Baptist Church, Crete, Ill. . . . .	53.59
Members of First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla. . . . .	90.00
Grace Baptist Church, Chittenango, N.Y. . . . .	5.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. . . . .	275.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Land Trans.) . . . . .	87.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Creighton's Trailer Payment) . . . . .	35.00
LaGrange Baptist Church, LaGrange, Fla. . . . .	16.03
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky. . . . .	51.39
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Ohio . . . . .	140.00
Northside Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	72.70
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky. . . . .	15.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannellton, Ind. . . . .	15.64
Temple Baptist Church, Maumee, Ohio . . . . .	10.00
Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	25.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky. . . . .	63.93
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. . . . .	25.00
Bible Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. . . . .	36.00
Bible Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va. . . . .	50.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich. . . . .	35.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich. (Ladies Prayer Band) . . . . .	11.40
First Baptist Church, Independence, Ky. . . . .	100.00
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C. . . . .	32.91
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. . . . .	70.02
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. (Teachers in Braz.) . . . . .	15.00
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va. . . . .	15.00
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Stumptown, W. Va. . . . .	15.00
Peoples Baptist Church, East Alton, Ill. . . . .	69.53
Rickland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky. . . . .	378.49
Riverside Baptist Church, Richwood, W. Va. . . . .	40.00
Riverside Baptist Church, Richwood, W. Va. (Thanks. Offering) . . . . .	5.50
Salem Baptist Church, Willow Hill, Ill. . . . .	100.00
Salem Baptist Church, Willow Hill, Ill. . . . .	100.00
Salem Baptist Church, Willow Hill, Ill. . . . .	100.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	50.00
Sturgeon Branch Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va. . . . .	15.00
Timbered Ridge Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C. . . . .	47.00
Winton Place Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio . . . . .	5.00
Warship Point Baptist Church, Lenoir, N.C. . . . .	20.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky. . . . .	17.12
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C. . . . .	16.74
Belview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. . . . .	43.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	209.25
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Boat & Motor Fund) . . . . .	209.25
First Baptist Church, Siloam, Ky. . . . .	198.90
Gilberts Creek Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky. . . . .	58.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. . . . .	202.25
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	149.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Land Transportation) . . . . .	37.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil) . . . . .	37.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Peru) . . . . .	37.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. . . . .	101.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va. . . . .	172.25
West Avenue Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio . . . . .	42.13
Mr. & Mrs. F. R. Potter, Crescent City, Calif. . . . .	100.00
J. E. Murriner, Walkersville, W. Va. . . . .	2.50
Eld. & Mrs. G. B. Trent, Williamson, W. Va. . . . .	44.00
Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La. . . . .	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Hockabee, Leander, Texas . . . . .	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. H. McDowell, Springfield, Ill. (Mayfield's Work) . . . . .	5.00
Chaplain & Mrs. Sherman B. Richards, Virginia Beach, Va. (Bratcher's Refrigerator) . . . . .	25.00
Mrs. Naomi F. Savage, Gainesville, Fla. . . . .	200.00

Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va. . . . .	26.00
W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn. . . . .	2.00
A Friend, Ky. . . . .	20.00
A Friend, Ky. . . . .	100.00

Received in December for Boat & Motor Fund . . . . .	259.25
Received in December for Building in Iquitos . . . . .	38.56
Received in December for Building in Pucallpa . . . . .	269.78
Received in December for Land Transportation . . . . .	124.00
Received in December for Teachers in Brazil . . . . .	68.00
Received in December for Teachers in Peru . . . . .	67.00
Received in December for Station Wagon Fund . . . . .	10.00
Received in December for Creighton's Trailer Pay. . . . .	35.00
Received in December for Bratcher's Refrigerator . . . . .	85.50
Received in December for Regular fund . . . . .	7,323.39
Received in December for all purposes . . . . .	8,271.48

### OFFERINGS FOR BOAT & MOTOR, DECEMBER, 1968

Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. . . . .	\$ 50.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	209.25
Total received for this fund in December . . . . .	259.25

### OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN IQUITOS, DECEMBER, 1968

New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. . . . .	\$ 28.56
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Young People) . . . . .	10.00
Total received for this fund in December . . . . .	38.56

### OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN PUCALLPA, DECEMBER, 1968

Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Wall for Church) . . . . .	\$ 155.78
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Church Bldg.) . . . . .	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. H. McDowell, Springfield, Ill. . . . .	5.00
Total received for this fund in December . . . . .	260.78

### OFFERINGS FOR LAND TRANSPORTATION, DECEMBER, 1968

Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. . . . .	\$ 87.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	37.00
Total Received for this fund in December . . . . .	124.00

### OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN BRAZIL, DECEMBER, 1968

First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. . . . .	\$ 16.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. . . . .	15.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	37.00
Total received for this fund in December . . . . .	68.00

### OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN PERU, DECEMBER, 1968

Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Prayer-Bands) . . . . .	\$ 20.00
First Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio (Birthday Offs.) . . . . .	10.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. . . . .	37.00
Total received for this fund in December . . . . .	67.00

### OFFERINGS FOR STATION WAGON FUND, DECEMBER, 1968

Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio . . . . .	\$ 10.00
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### OFFERINGS FOR CREIGLOW'S TRAILER PAYMENT, DEC. 1968

Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. . . . .	\$ 35.00
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### OFFERINGS FOR BRATCHER'S REFRIGERATOR, DEC. 1968

East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill. . . . .	\$ 60.50
Chaplain & Mrs. Sherman B. Richards, Virginia Beach Va. . . . .	25.00
Total received for this fund in December . . . . .	85.50