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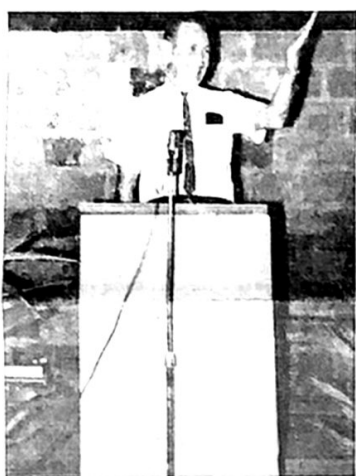
This view is of the beautiful buildings and ground in Pucallpa, Peru. Missionary Del Mayfield built all these buildings and all are the property of Baptist Faith Missions. On the left is the house the Mayfields live in, next the boat house and then the church and two-story school building. The wall fence at the left goes around three sides of the property and the wall at the bottom with steel fence in across the front.



The rear of the two-story school building in Pucallpa, Peru. Second story now completed. Missionary Del Mayfield is standing in the door of the second story. The benches in the rear yard is where the recent revival meeting was held in the open air with over 300 one night and as many as 200 each of the other nights in attendance. As this is being written we need approximately \$5,000.00 to finish paying for the wall fence and second story of the building. Mark offering "For Pucallpa Building".



Missionaries Del and Ada Mayfield standing in the yard of their home in Pucallpa, Peru with boat house and part of two-story school building showing in the rear. It will soon be furlough time for them, the Lord willing.



Missionary Del Mayfield preaching in the open air service in the large yard back of the two-story school building. Note the height of the wall fence back of Bro. Mayfield. Note microphone and PA system on the ground.

Trip In Houseboat . . . School Boy Missing . . . Second Story Finished . . . Work Prospering . . . Hoping For Help

By Del Mayfield

Apartado 166
Pucallpa, Peru, S.A.
March 20, 1969

Dear Brethren,
It's been a long time since writing a mission letter from our houseboat. We're now at San Francisco and will be here a few more days. We had planned a trip before going into the hospital, and the folk here wouldn't let us forget. They came asking us to come and help them. Upon arriving our hearts were made sad, as one of our school children had gone down to the river for water and never returned. When we arrived everyone was in the water searching for the 8 year old boy. After about three hours everyone gave up as lost. After the service at the church that night we all went to the home and had service there. The father and mother are not saved, so we're praying that through this the Lord may save them. Pray for them. It's been good being here with the people once again. There are several new members, and some of the old ones are coming back. Brother Saureno, the new pastor, is doing a good job, and we love him and his family. His wife is our school teacher here, and also does a good job with the children.



Del Mayfield

The attendance at Arenal in Pucallpa is up this month, and Brother Lucho Rucoba is doing a fine work there. The offerings from Arenal are good also. The church in Pucallpa gives their Sunday evening offerings to the work there. We're keeping that money in a separate fund, and as soon as there is enough money to start another building we'll begin. We're looking for a lot now in a place called San Fernando and have one family that lives

in that section to start with. Maybe some day we'll have several BAPTIST CHURCHES in and around Pucallpa. We thank God for the two we have now, and hope to organize Arenal real soon.

God has blessed the work at Pucallpa this past month. The attendance has been good, and we had the largest offering that we've ever had for one month. Last Sunday night there were two saved. One being our neighbor who lives across the street. Her husband was saved during our conference with Bro. Mulling. They have been faithful in attendance. The other young fellow who came is a school teacher and may teach for us this next year. I'm going to meet with him when we get back to Pucallpa. The other new members (9) that were baptized have been faithful members and are growing in grace and knowledge of our Lord. This is an encouragement to us and our church. There are so many that come and make profession of faith and then never do anything for the Lord. Pray for the people here that they will be faithful, watching, working and ready for the Lord when He shall come.

It's a joy to report that our building (second floor) is finished. We have the date set for the dedication - 24th of March, and that also happens to be my birthday. Of course, I'm not going to tell you how old I am. As one fellow wrote that he was so old, and that he looked it also, but didn't want anyone else saying so. Anyway we're looking forward to our dedication service, and the people are really buzzing. We're going to have a fiesta after the service, and for you who don't know what fiesta means, it means that we're going to have a lot to eat. Wish you could all come and be with us for that night. I'll try

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Extra Special Needs

At this time we have several special needs for offerings, as explained in the March issue of this paper. But the most pressing need right now is for the funds to pay the airplane trips with baggage for the John Hatchers and Bobby Creiglow to return to Brazil and for the Del Mayfields and Dempsey Hendersons to come home on furlough from Peru and Brazil. All this in June and July. Maybe one church will pay the needs for one family, etc. Pray and so as the Lord leads you to. The other pressing needs are for the printing equipment for John Hatcher to use in Brazil and to finish paying for the buildings in Pucallpa, Peru. Pray and give as the Lord leads you to do so. Let us know what you can do, the Lord willing.

Is Baptist Faith Mission Sound?

In an article headed UNFAIR CRITICISM OF BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS in the December, 1968 issue of this paper we pointed out several unfair criticisms. Most of the criticisms are from plain jealousy and from a desire to take offerings being given to Baptist Faith Missions for themselves. Some criticism is from those who are honest, but misinformed. Edward H. Overbey had written a small six page booklet entitled "IS BAPTIST FAITH MISSION SOUND?" in which he shows that it is both sound and a good work. We honestly believe that it is the best mission work on earth today, considering everything. There are others that are good, but none better. For a free copy of this booklet write and ask for one. Write to: Edward H. Overbey, 1009 Balsam, Lexington, Ky. 40504. If you want an extra copy to give to someone else, ask for it, they are free.

A Good Time To Make Your Will

A few that we know of have made wills remembering Baptist Faith Missions. Maybe others have done so that we do not know about. We know of three husbands and wives who do not have children who have made their wills leaving their property, etc. to each other and then upon the death of the last one, all is to go to Baptist Faith Missions. You should have a lawyer make out your will so that it will be legal in every respect. To leave to Baptist Faith Missions, be sure to state "Baptist Faith Missions—a non-profit Michigan Corporation, 28855 Wexford, Warren, Michigan."

Revival Meetings And Blessed Fellowship . . . Getting Things Together To Return To Brazil

By Bobby Creiglow

Dear Brethren,
Lancaster, Ohio
March 21, 1969
There is very little news to write about since my last Mission Sheet letter. The months are passing and it will not be long until it will be time for us to return to Brazil. We are already starting to get things together so as not to have so much to do at the last minute.

I started this past month off with a week-end meeting with the Faith Baptist Church of Covington, Ky. where Bro. Andy Sexton is pastor. Although it was only a week-end meeting we saw the hand of the Lord working in the salvation of souls and the rededication of lives, and of course as is always the case I had a good time of fellowship in the Lord with his children.



Bobby Creiglow

From Covington I traveled on to Lexington where I spent the next eight days in a revival meeting with the Bryan Station Baptist Church. Bro. Al Gormley is doing a fine job with this church and it is one of the few churches that is growing faster than they can build to take care of the congregation. I went to this church in hopes that I could be a blessing to it but, as it turned out I was the one that got the blessings. Because of the faithfulness of the members of that church in witnessing, we did see souls saved and others coming to rededicating their lives. If anyone in Lexington was blessed half as much as I was we can say that we truly did have a good meeting.

After a few days at home I left once again—this time going to Taylor, Michigan to

be with Bro. Homer Crain and the Gethsemane Baptist Church. It is always a blessing to be in the home of Bro. Crain and also to be with his church. Although we did not see any visible results on that week-end we hope that some were blessed for our having been there.

The following Saturday I traveled from my home to Holly, Michigan where I met for the first time Bro. Bob Hopkins, his family and the Grace Baptist Church of that city. Bro. Hopkins and the church had rented a fellowship hall and invited the Liberty Baptist Church of Flint, Michigan to view

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The new Second Baptist Church building in Iquitos, Peru showing the wall fence in front. The steel fence is to be put on top of the wall yet. The building was built by Missionary Walter Lauerman.



The new Second Baptist Church building in Iquitos, Peru with pastor's house beside showing the wall along the long side in front and short side of the end of the lot.



Brother and Sister Gary Swinford singing a duet in the pulpit of the First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru. They recently visited the Del Mayfields and Walter Lauermans in Peru for a week.



Mission in Rio de Janeiro. The mission is in the second story of the house in the front center. The rest of the picture shows the area around it. Brother Newton Pessao is in charge of the Mission.



Crowd attending the Mission in Rio. Brother Newton is in the rear second from the left and Mrs. Dempsey Henderson is fourth from top left. Brother Henderson took the pictures while they were checking on the work in Rio.

Schools Off To Good Start . . . Increased Enrollment . . . Preacher Ordained . . . Injured Child Doing Well

By Dempsey Henderson

Dear Brethren,
Manaus, Brasil
March 20, 1969
I will try to give you the news of the work here as briefly as possible. Many things have happened, since our last mission letter; some glad and some sad, but all for our good and God's glory.

In the first place, the schools all got off to a good start on time. We have more students than ever in our grade school and high school, and about the same number in the seminary as last year, or maybe a few less. I am sorry that I can't give the exact figures at the present, but I don't have them memorized, and I won't take time to go to school and get them. Everything is going very well in all of the schools so far, for which we are thankful.

Everything is going well with Tabernacle Church and her missions, thank the Lord. Our church has services somewhere almost every night of the week. Of course I can't attend all of them now, because of my seminary classes, but I give thanks to God for my faithful church members, who are so ready and willing to take care of these services for me. Tabernacle Church may not be the largest church in Manaus, but it is the best one (pastor's viewpoint). This past month there were 5 professions of faith at V8, one at Martin Ave. Mission, 2 professions of faith and one addition by letter at Tabernacle Church. The work in the other churches seems to be going along very well, as well as the preaching points in the interior. Bro. Wilson Calvalcante was ordained this past Sun. afternoon. He is the pastor of the Chapada Baptist Church. In spite of a hard rain, there was a full house for the service. There were 7 ordained preachers and deacons on the council.

Perhaps the greatest event of the month was the preparation and trip of Bros. Julio Dantas and Jose Alves. We are thankful that the brethren got to make the trip and trust that you all will have a wonderful time together, while they are there. We already miss them much here, but I know that they

will be eternally grateful to those who have made this trip possible for them.

On the day that they traveled, as I was on my way to the airline agency with Bro. Jose's passport, I hit a little 5 year old boy. He ran in front of my car, as I was going through an intersection. I tried the best I could to miss him, but it was impossible. He actually ran into my car, hitting the front fender just behind the headlight. It hit him right in the head, and the lick was so hard that it bent the front fender. It really shook me up so, that I hardly knew what to do. A man came and helped me and we got him in the car and took him to the emergency hospital. I thought he was dead, but on the way to the hospital he started crying. I did too, and thanking the Lord at the same time. He was in shock and the case was grave for a while, but the Lord, bless His Holy Name, heard our prayers, solved all of our problems with the police, and brought the boy through the crisis. It happened at about 11:30 in the morning on the 18th and at 7:00 a.m. on the 19th I took the boy and his mother home in my car. He was awake and asking for something to eat. I went by his house tonight, before going to the Seminary and took him some soup and ice cream and a little toy truck. When I left, he was down on the floor playing with the truck, as happy as he could be. He has already been walking some. They didn't find a broken bone or a gash, only some bruises and skinned places. It is absolutely marvelous the way the Lord has and is blessing in it all. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

We also have a "daughter" now - a little girl who lived with us for a few weeks in Maranhao, just before we came back to Manaus. She will be staying with us until we get ready to go home. I will send a picture of her. She is saved - I baptized her in Sao Luis - and a very sweet little girl. She is 12 years old and her name is "Telma de Jesus Costa Nogueira Henderson". That's enough for now.

Thanks once again for your wonderful support and prayers. God bless you all, and give you a wonderful spring conference in Lexington.

In Him,
Dempsey Henderson



Dempsey Henderson

Fourth Mission To Be Started . . . Third Church To Be Organized . . . Gary Swinford's Visit In Peru

By Walter Lauerman

Dear Brethren,
Iquitos Peru
March 14, 1969
Pray with us and thank God: Three more have been saved this month in the Third Mission. The Lord willing, this mission will be organized into the Third Baptist Church on April 15. We have bought a permit for a lot to be obtained when the area is urbanized in an area called San Francisco. When this neighborhood is formed we pay the city so much for the lot just as we will do where we have the Third Mission. We did this, by the way, to open up the Fourth Mission. So we will organize one mission and start another, and this as soon as we get a building up. Now if you are thinking that the names, First, Second Third and Fourth are not necessary or obnoxious you will have to talk to the church here as this was all their idea and I would not even hint it wrong nor argue over this. I do know one thing. The other so-called group of Baptists get angrier every time they see another one of our churches organized and I suppose when they see the name "Fourth Mission" on our new building out there they will burn some more. As it is evident they are angry and jealous, so we leave that with the Lord and keep on going and praying and working and preaching. I might say also and praising the Lord. One more thing: These names make sure all know who we are.

The Gary Swinford's came through Iquitos on their way to visit the Mayfields and were with us here one day going up there and two days on returning. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Independence, Ky. Bro. Kirtly Jolly is the pastor. They are fine Christians and we sure enjoyed their visit. The wall that we had wanted to build around the Second Church is all done now. It is of the type brick we have here. I hope to have a picture of it all soon. Thank God with us on this also. Thank some who had a part in this. The First Church here also sends their thanks. Also Bro. Homer Crain led the church pastors, Gethsemane Baptist Church of Taylor, Mich. to give us a \$200.00 offering to help on the expenses of sending our daughter Karen back to US to have a new start in life, and brethren you just cannot know how much we needed that and how much we appreciate it. Thanks so much. Now you are seeing why I started this letter with the words I did. God has been and still is so good to us. I hope you all had a good Spring Conference in Lexington. It is two weeks away now but will be about 2 weeks gone by the time you read this. You can remember that we were praying and thinking about you all through it. Praise the Lord for it all.

Four made professions of faith in Astoria this month and 3 in Hojeal reports the new pastor of these two churches, Jorge Ayanbo. The rest of the churches had an average month, it seems. I have several short trips planned in the next month and I hope I can get away to do it. Pray for us. The family sends greetings and we pray that all of you are being blessed as we are. May the Lord bless you all for His glory.

By HIS Grace,
Walter F. Lauerman



Walter Lauerman

All Well Again . . . New Mission Started In Sao Luis . . . Trip Into The Interior

By George Bean

Caixa Postal 500
Sao Luis, Maranhao
Brasil, S.A.
March 14, 1969

Dear Brethren,
It is always a pleasure to stop from the regular grind of the day and think about sending a letter to all my brethren by means of the MS, telling some of the months' activities. We are well for which we give the Lord the praise, and the children are studying. Cathy and Mary Ellen are studying at home and Fran is studying at the Baptist Brazilian High School in Sao Luis. For the two that are studying at home, it would be just as easy to teach thirty as it takes all day for them to finish their classes due to so many distractions during the day.

New Hope Baptist Church, Sao Luis Maranhao

We have started a new preaching point in another part of the city and it looks like it might be a real promising place. We have had three services and two professions of faith. June has started teaching the children in the Sunday School. The reason she has waited so long is that she did not think her Portuguese was fluent enough for her to teach them. I am glad I have not waited until I could speak the language fluently, because if I had I still would not be speaking. I think she has twelve enrolled, but I can assure you it will be more as her children are telling others there about her class. I say this humbly that June is a good teacher and she goes to her class well prepared to teach the children. Pray for us as we labor here.

Anajativa Baptist Church

Friday, Feb. 14, we left for Anajativa and we moved some dishes and hammocks to the house that Bro. Jose, the pastor there, had rented for June and the children to stay in. Sat., Feb. 15 two brethren and I from New Hope Church and three brethren from the church at Anajativa left in the sailboat for Taboca. We stayed there for five days with ten messages and one Sunday lesson taught. I preached five times and others took turns. We had one profession of faith. We arrived back at Anajativa for prayer services Thursday night. I found June and the kids well and happy but ready to come home. They had passed another Carnival of Brasil out in the country side and did not know that it was going on. Rio de Janeiro is the No. 1 spot and Recife is the No. 2 spot and Sao Luis

is in third place. The people put on skimpy outfits (women bikinis & men, swim trunks) and they drink, dance, trade wives and unmarried ones do just about anything they want to. We try to leave the city this time of the year because it is sin on the rampage.

The Church at Anajativa has voted to send Bro. Antonio Carlos to Taboca as a missionary and our church is going to help them support him. Our church has also given money to build a house for him to live in but it will be the property of the congregation there. He is now building the house and will soon be moving there. I hope soon that the Church at Anajativa will be able to organize into a church. Our church is paying 100% of her offerings out to the support of preachers or missionaries. We should be buying property to build on as our building is small, but we are paying all out to missions and I do not think any of these people will sell us property on promise.

May the Lord bless each one real well is our prayer.

Yours by His Grace,
George Bean

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my slides of the work in Brazil. After the slides we had coffee and donuts and then I preached in the Grace Church in both services on Sunday.

This is Friday, March 21, 1969 and I am in the home of Bro. Hille in Dearborn Hts., Michigan in a week of meetings with the New Hope Baptist Church. The Lord has blessed us with good services and we are still waiting on Him to move on the hearts of the people giving a revival and saving souls.

In Him,
B. D. Creiglow

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



February, 1969. This is the roof over their heads that Missionary Harold Bratcher refers to in his letter in this issue at a place in the interior of Brazil called Costa de Jose de Amatori.



Sunday morning congregation at Costa de Sao Jose de Amatori on the journey by Harold Bratcher.

Traveling With And Interpreting For Brazilian Preachers

By John Hatcher

Dear Brethren,
March 26, 1969
At this writing we are enjoying the hospitality of Brother and Sister Overbey. This morning March 26, 1969 the Lord gave us a special blessing and this was to have Sister Overbey up and sitting with us around the breakfast table in her wheel chair. These last few days have been busy ones as we have been traveling around with our Brazilian brethren from church to church from place to place.

Brothers Julio Dantas and Jose Alves de Araujo arrived Wednesday morning March 19, 1969 at 1:20 a.m. at the Greater Cincinnati airport. It was great to welcome them to the U.S.A. Brother James Hamilton drove up to the airport with us and Brother Warren Redding came over with his son so there was a welcoming committee to greet them.

On Wednesday night we visited in the South Lexington Baptist Church where Bro. Edward Overbey is the pastor and both of the Brazilian brethren preached while I translated. The next morning we left for Clarksville, Tennessee to visit with the Bible Baptist Church and the Clarksville Baptist College. There were special services on Thursday and Friday nights and the reception and fellowship was a real blessing to us and to the visitors from Brazil. On the way to Clarksville we stopped to visit a cave which was a real novelty to our brethren. On Wednesday afternoon we took them to visit some historical places around Lexington.

On Saturday we drove to Ashland, Kentucky where we were royally received by Brother Sidney Fisher and his wife. They took us out to a lovely restaurant and the brethren really enjoyed this great treat. The services on Saturday night were well attended and God blessed us. Sunday was a really great day for us. The church had gone all out to receive and prepare for the coming of the brethren. A large banner across the church welcomed the boys from Brazil. The flowers and decorations blended with the colors of the Brazilian flag which had been made and hung also at the front of the church. Both Jose and Julio brought great messages and the only danger of our visit was overeating.

We drove back to Lexington after services Sunday night and on Monday drove to Mt. Morris, Michigan to be with the Home Baptist Church and the other churches who were there to meet and fellowship with us. The service was good and both men brought good messages. Two of the families fixed a banquet supper for us and there we had a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with Brother Don Titus and his wife and family and the two families which prepared for us. The night service was followed by a reception



John Hatcher

at the high school. There was a big crowd and tons of food.

The next day we traveled down to Brother H. H. Overbey's home to be with the Twelve-Ryan Church in Warren, Mich. The church prepared a big supper and reception for us and it was a great time of fellowship. The brethren have had and are having a great time. One of them, Brother Julio, said, "It is good to be here, let us make three tents and stay here." They are having a great time and I believe they have been a blessing to all who have met and heard them and certainly the great reception and hospitality and love shown to them has been a blessing to them and we trust that all of this will be used of the Lord in the development of His work in Brazil.

Next month maybe it will be possible to have a short letter from each of the brethren to give some idea of their impressions of our country and of the churches.

May the Lord bless you all,

In Him,
John A. Hatcher

MAYFIELD (Continued from Page 1)

to get some pictures and send you of the building and also of the dedication service. We're also looking forward to the starting of our day school. We have 171 enrolled this year, and if we had enough teachers we'd have more. That is the big problem. We could get teachers, but the kind that we want - Baptist are few. Our principle text book is the BIBLE, and we want that taught every day, not only by me but by every teacher in our school.

We're also going to start several new classes in our Sunday School now that we have more room with the second floor. I'm sure that we'll have over 200 in SS after we start classes this year.

There have been many pastors and churches who have written asking us to come and be with them in July or Aug. as our furlough time is in June. As of now we're not sure just what to do. We just can't leave the work in the hands of the Peruvian, as they are not able to watch after things for a year. Unless some unforeseen thing happens we'll stay on until someone comes. If some one comes we'll stay on until the first of August, for the sake of the school. For you brethren who have written asking us to come, we appreciate you and will do our best to be with you, if at all possible. Pray for us as we want to do what will be best for the work and I'm sure that will be the will of God. I'd like to close with the Macedonian call "Come over and help us," hoping that this will not fall on deaf ears. May God bless each one of you.

Yours In His Grace,
Del. Mayfield



Part of the Vacation Bible School that Harold Bratcher held in the interior at a place called Colonia de Amatori. This is at the Commencement program.

A Journey Into The Interior . . . Baptizes A Presbyterian . . . "Jehovah Witness" Woman Saved . . . Vacation Bible School

By Harold Bratcher

Dear Brethren,

Manaus, Amazonas

March 17, 1969

Last night I concluded a series of messages that I have been preaching at the 14th of December Baptist Church from the Book of Deuteronomy. Let me share with you one or two of the many wonderful texts that I discovered or rediscovered in the 5th book of the Pentateuch written by Moses. Deuteronomy 33:3 "Truly thou (God) dost love the peoples; all thy saints are in thy hand; they put themselves at thy feet and learn thy words." (My translation from the Portuguese.)



Harold Bratcher

Deuteronomy 33:27 & 29 "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms; and He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and say, Destroy them. Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places." Next Sunday, the Lord willing, I'll begin a series of messages from the Book of Joshua.

In my last Mission Sheet Letter I told of my plans to leave in a few days for a trip to Colonia de Amatori. On the 6th of February I began the trip. I was accompanied on the trip by Joao Ricardo dos Santos - one of the lay pastors of our church - and by his son, the pilot of the "Eunice", the small boat of the Mission. The three of us left Manaus at about 12:30 p.m. The boat had to have some last minute repairs which made it impossible to get away earlier. It was 11:00 p.m. that night before we arrived at our first stop - Nova Remanso. We spent all day Friday at Nova Remanso. We found the little church there in a very weak condition. All the members except three have moved away. The building is in an unfinished condition and the roof badly in need of repairs. The pastor has not visited the church since last August. We visited several homes in the afternoon and held a service Friday night with 19 people present.

Saturday morning, the 8th, we journeyed on down the river to Sao Jose de Amatori. There are two small villages close to each other. The first one is Costa de Sao Jose de Amatori, the second one is Colonia de Sao Jose de Amatori. Saturday night we held our first service at Colonia with some 54 people present. We were able to rent the Football Club House of Colonia for our labors there during the 10 days we spent there. It is a large building but completely open on both sides and no doors to close. It served for us to hold our Vacation Bible School in, the service at night, and a place to sleep as well. Sunday morning we traveled back down the river about 40 minutes to Costa de Sao Jose de Amatori. We had a good service there with some 67 present in the Sunday School and Morning Worship. We have some 10 members living in the two villages. The Presbyterians had a mission there in the past but they discontinued their efforts. I wish I could say the same thing about the Jehovah Witnesses, but I can't. They have a fairly strong work there. Some who attended the two Sunday morning services when I preached attended the "Kingdom Hall" in the afternoon. Pray with me that we may be able to win the people to be true "Jehovah's Witnesses" (Acts 1:8) or witnesses for Jesus who was Jehovah manifested in the flesh.

Monday morning through Friday morning we held our Vacation Bible School in the Football Club House. We enrolled 70 during the school. We had an average attendance of 49 with three of our pupils making professions of faith. Night services were held in the Club house except for Wednesday night when we went back to the Costa and Saturday night when we held services at another Club house on down the river about two hours. At the Commencement night program of the school we had our largest attendance - 73.

Sunday morning, February 16th, after the Morning Service at the Costa, I baptized Manuel Concalves Vieira, age 44. This dear brother was saved some few years ago and had been one of the leaders in the mission the Presbyterians had maintained there some few years ago. It was a joy to me to be able to administer scriptural baptism to him. We left him responsible to continue the work there from Sunday to Sunday. I have already stated that at Colonia we were able to rent a building for our labors. We feel that the mission should be at the Costa rather than at Colonia. At the Costa we have a thatched roof over our heads when we preach but that's all. Pray with me that we'll be able to finish the building there. I want to go back for a revival there if not this year, then in the first few months of next year. I'm afraid that if we do not win the people there to the truth, the Jehovah's Witnesses will win them to their errors.

On Monday morning, February 17th after making some sick calls we left Colonia de Amatori and at 4:45 p.m. we arrived at Varre Vento. At this place lives a couple who are members of the 14th Church and a family who are members at the Nova Remanso Church. We had a good service in Bro. Gilberto's front room with some 54 people crowded in to attend the service. The Lord willing, I'll be going back there in August for a Vacation Bible School.

Tuesday morning we left Varre Vento and traveled down the river until we reached the "Rio Preto" (Black River). We reached the house of Raimundo Gomes de Nascimento. This family is the only one we have left on the Black River. The other few members we had there have moved away. We held services in Bro. Raimundo's house on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Thursday night the Lord gave us a good service with three professions of faith. One of the three was a woman who had been a Jehovah's Witness for almost 10 years. She wanted us to hold a service in her home the following night but we had to tell her that we were leaving after services that night for Manaus. I trust to hold the service in her home at a later date.

At the hour of 3 in the afternoon on Friday the 21st during a strong thunder shower I arrived at Rua Amora Lima No. 2 where we live. We found the wife and boys fairly well.

The Sunday School attendance during these Sundays have varied between 115 and 149. Yesterday we visited the little Baptist Church in the leper colony at Aleixo some 10 miles (most of it rough, muddy road) from Manaus. There was 1 profession of faith.

When we came home from church on Sunday night, March 2nd we saw the evidence where someone during our absence had tried unsuccessfully to break in the house through the back door. Pray for him or for them!

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9.

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

Yours In His Service,
Harold Bratcher
Caixa Postal 227
Manaus, Amazonas
Brazil, South America



Dempsey Henderson baptizing a woman at Canto Galeo in the interior while on a trip in the launch. The woman is a widow with a large family.



Pastor Francisco de Souza of the Beautiful Garden Baptist Church near Manaus, Brazil baptizing in a stream near the church. Brother Souza is a Seminary graduate and bookkeeper of the schools in Manaus.

Offerings for March 1969

Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	\$ 14.56
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	5.00
Bentley Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	99.47
Bible Baptist Church, Madisonville, Ky.	12.01
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	38.75
Cheney Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.	25.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	15.86
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	17.39
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	25.47
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	150.00
First Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio	148.86
Members of First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla.	90.00
Member of First Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	100.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio (Station Wagon)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	40.00
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
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Brazilian Preachers Trip)	300.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.00
Hilltop Baptist Church, Cairo, Ga.	15.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	45.56
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va.	15.00
Morgan Ave. Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	33.48
Newby Baptist Church, Newby, Ky.	18.20
New LaGrange Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	25.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Creve Coeur, Ill.	16.00
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gatha, Fla.	10.00
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	21.29
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Pucallpa Building)	100.00
Poplar Creek Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	25.00
Poplar Creek Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	50.00
Randolph Street Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	150.00
Riverside Baptist Church, Richmond, W. Va.	40.00
Riverside Baptist Church, Richmond, W. Va. (Brazilian Preachers Trip)	100.00
Rollinsburg Baptist Church, Talcott, W. Va.	10.00
Rupert Baptist Church, Rupert, W. Va.	10.00
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadiville, Ky.	44.15
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Irantown, Ohio	247.20
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Baptist Temple, Ravenswood, W. Va.	5.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. (Brazilian Preachers Trip)	200.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, Miss.	23.40
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, Miss.	21.44
Faith Baptist Mission, Sacramento, Ky.	25.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	35.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	16.00
Garfield Baptist Church, Traverse City, Mich.	15.00
Grace Baptist Church, Holly, Mich.	10.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, Ohio	60.56
Knotts Baptist Church, Oram, W. Va.	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	90.39
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (Brazilian Preachers Trip)	100.00
Little Sewell Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va.	10.00
Northside Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	36.67
Olmstead Baptist Church, Olmstead, Ky.	40.04
Belthel Baptist Church, Makeno, Ill.	14.04
Calvary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.	5.94
Calvary Baptist Temple, Cynthiaona, Ky.	10.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	70.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	380.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Land Transportation)	128.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Creiglow's Trailer Payment)	35.00
Logana Baptist Church, Logana, Ky.	25.85
Rosedale Baptist Church, Shack, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	20.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	20.00
Crooked Fork Baptist Church, Perkins, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	26.05
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	49.91
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Brazilian Preachers Trip)	200.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Building in Iquitos)	13.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio (Mayfield Church Building)	25.00
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Tenn.	14.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	14.45
Algonac Baptist Church, Algonac, Mich.	22.34
Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	25.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	37.10
Bible Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	50.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio	85.67
Calvary Baptist Church, Nitro, W. Va.	20.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	35.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich. (Ladies Prayer Band - Bean's Refrigerator & Washer)	11.30
First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Mich.	10.00
First Baptist Church, Independence, Ky.	100.00
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	47.65
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, Ohio	34.80
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. (Brazilian Preachers Trip)	50.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	68.20
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	15.00



Mrs. George Bean with her Sunday School Class at New Hope Baptist Church, Sao Luis, Maranhao, Brazil.

LaGrange Baptist Church, LaGrange, Fla.	16.05
Lilly Valley Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va.	20.00
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Stumptown, W. Va.	15.00
Mountain Dale Baptist Church, Boone, N.C.	125.77
New Salem Baptist Church, Dukedom, Tenn. (Missionaries Passage - Hendersons)	20.35
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Ohio	40.00
Peoples Baptist Church, East Alton, Ill.	48.00
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky.	15.00
Temple Baptist Church, Maumee, Ohio	10.00
Timbered Ridge Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	109.74
Winchester Baptist Church, Winchester, Ohio	28.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	13.34
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	54.53
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	25.00
Corinth Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	80.00
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	50.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Mayfield's Church Building)	151.94
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Prayer Bands - Teachers in Peru)	20.00
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, Ky.	20.00
Myrtle Tree Baptist Church, Everman Creek, Ky.	93.25
Winton Place Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio	5.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	127.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Brazilian Preachers Trip)	100.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Land Transportation)	31.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	31.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Peru)	31.00
Spring Bible Conference Offering, Lexington, Ky. (Refrigerator & Washer for Creiglow's and Washer for Hatcher's)	473.63
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	64.67
Bible Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	25.75
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	230.15
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Boat & Motor)	230.15
First Baptist Church, Siloom, Ky.	190.63
Gilbert Creek Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	54.84
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio	10.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio (Teachers in Brazil)	26.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	221.25
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Brazilian Preachers Trip)	200.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	196.59
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	50.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (designated)	20.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	205.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Pucallpa Building)	50.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Brazilian Preachers Trip)	250.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.	162.88
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va. (Brazilian Preachers Trip)	75.00
Salem Baptist Church, Willow Hill, Ill.	164.96
Mrs. Katie Buffin, Versailles, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	10.00
Eld. & Mrs. G. B. Trent, Williamson, W. Va.	46.00
Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La.	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Huckabee, Leander, Texas	25.00
Mrs. Karen Iturraon, Belleville, Ill.	5.00
Mrs. Clifton Lewis, Uniontown, Ky. (Bratchers Refrigerator)	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond May, Grundy, Va.	40.00
W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00

Received in March for Boat & Motor	280.15
Received in March for Creiglow's Refrig. - Washer & Hatcher's Washer	473.63
Received in March for Building in Iquitos, Peru	13.00
Received in March for Building in Pucallpa	326.94
Received in March for Land Transportation	159.00
Received in March for Teachers in Brazil	98.00
Received in March for Teachers in Peru	51.00
Received in March for Station Wagon	10.00
Received in March for Bean's Refrigerator & Washer	16.30
Received in March for Creiglow's Trailer Payment	35.00
Received in March for Missionaries Passage	20.35
Received in March for Brazilian Preachers Trip	1,625.00
Received in March for Regular Fund	6,532.15
Received in March for all purposes	9,640.52

OFFERINGS FOR BOAT & MOTOR, MARCH, 1969

Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	\$ 50.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	230.15
Total received for this fund in March	280.15

OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN IQUITOS, MARCH, 1969

New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	\$ 13.00
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Senhora Ines Marques Caldei and grandchildren. This dear sister is one of the Baptized believers of Colonia in the interior of Brazil. Picture by Missionary Harold Bratcher.

OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN PUCALLPA, MARCH, 1969

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 100.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio (Church Building)	25.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	151.94
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
Total received for this fund in March	326.94

OFFERINGS FOR LAND TRANSPORTATION, MARCH, 1969

Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	\$ 128.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	31.00
Total received for this fund in March	159.00

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN BRAZIL, MARCH, 1969

First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	\$ 16.00
Katie Buffin, Versailles, Ky.	10.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	31.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	15.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio	26.00
Total received for this fund in March	98.00

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN PERU, MARCH, 1969

Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 31.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Prayer Bands)	20.00
Total received for this fund in March	51.00

OFFERINGS FOR STATION WAGON, MARCH, 1969

Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	\$ 10.00
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OFFERINGS FOR BEAN'S REFRIGERATOR & WASHER, MAR. 69

Mrs. Clifton Lewis, Uniontown, Ky.	\$ 5.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich. (Ladies Prayer Band)	11.30
Total received for this fund in March	16.30

OFFERINGS FOR CREIGLOW'S TRAILER PAYMENT, MARCH 69

Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	\$ 35.00
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OFFERINGS FOR MISSIONARIES PASSAGE, MARCH, 1969

New Salem Baptist Church, Dukedom, Tenn. (Hendersons)	\$ 20.35
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OFFERINGS FOR CREIGLOW'S REFRIGERATOR & WASHER - HATCHER'S WASHER, MARCH 1969

Spring Bible Conference, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 473.63
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OFFERINGS FOR BRAZILIAN PREACHERS TRIP, MARCH, 1969

Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	\$ 200.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	300.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	50.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	100.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	200.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	200.00
Poplar Creek Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	50.00
Riverside Baptist Church, Richmond, W. Va.	100.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	100.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	250.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.	75.00
Total received for this fund in March	1,625.00

Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Received in February)	100.00
Total received for this fund	1,725.00

OFFERINGS FROM NEW CHURCHES & INDIVIDUALS, MARCH '69

New Testament Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio	\$ 25.00
Mrs. Karen Iturraon, Belleville, Ill.	5.00
Mrs. Clifton Lewis, Uniontown, Ky.	5.00