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Missionary Harold Bratcher baptizing in a lake at Manacapuru, Amazonas, Brazil in the interior out from Manaus, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 23, 1969.



The nine persons that Missionary Harold Bratcher baptized at Manacapuru, on Sunday afternoon, November 23, 1969. Making Baptist in Brazil.



Those present at the Mission at Manacapuru, Amazonas, Brazil on Sunday morning Nov. 16, 1969.



Seven persons baptized by Missionary Harold Bratcher in the Rio Urubu at the place where the Manaus-Itacoatiara highway crosses the river the first time, October 4, 1969.



Missionary George Bean and three of the four persons that he baptized into the fellowship of New Hope Baptist Church, Sao Luis, Maranhao, Brazil, Nov. 9, 1969.

Extra Special Needs

Houses For Creiglow And Hatcher:

These two houses are in the process of being bought. The legal steps are being taken by Bobby Creiglow and John Hatcher to get the deeds to the properties. Both will live in these houses rent free, just as a pastor here lives in a parsonage rent free. These are being bought on faith, believing that the Lord will lead others to send in offerings to make up the balance needed. The cost of these two houses is about \$21,200.00 and as of now we need approximately \$5,000.00 to pay for both of them in full. Maybe others would like to give towards this and also maybe some reader would like to give the total balance needed. Mark your Special Offering for "Hatcher-Creiglow Houses".

Household Needs:

We need approximately \$300.00 to finish paying for the things bought for the Hatchers and Creiglows, which they are now using. We need approximately \$300.00 to finish paying for the things for the Mayfields that are yet to be bought. Mark your Special Offering "For Hatcher-Creiglow Household" and "For Mayfield Household".

Pucallpa Building:

We need approximately \$1850.00 to finish paying for these buildings, as of now, to be even. Then we need approximately \$4,000.00 more to enlarge the church auditorium to seat the people. This makes a total approximate need of \$5,850.00. Mark your special offering for "Pucallpa Building".

Printing Equipment:

John Hatcher has this equipment and is now using it. We need approximately \$900.00 to finish paying for it. Mark your special offering "For Printing Equipment".

Regular Funds:

We need churches to increase their "Regular Offerings" each month and new ones to give towards this, so that we can send out new missionaries. We asked our own church to give more and she did so. We hope others will do the same. Remember that all offerings are used 100% for mission work and that no one but the missionaries themselves get any pay out of mission offerings. All the rest of us serve as a labor of love. When a church quits the support of Baptist Faith Missions, they cut off that much towards the missionaries' pay, not ours. Pray and give as the Lord shall lead you.

Baptist Faith Missions . . . Going, Growing And Glowing

H. Boyce Taylor said before he died in 1932, that if it be God's will the mission work in the Amazon Valley would Go and Grow and Glow. He said this when he did not have one missionary in the Amazon Valley. By the will of God, today we have about 47 churches in Brazil and Peru, and a Seminary for training native preachers, two Grade Schools, a High School and the best group of Missionaries on earth. A sound, well established mission work that is loved dearly by many, vehemently hated by some, envied by others, and a few do all in their power to destroy it. Some lie about it. Some take offerings from it. But by the will of God it GOES and GROWS and GLOWS. Isa 54:17 is encouraging.

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This paper is sent free to over 200 churches and to hundreds of individuals. It is entirely in the interest of Baptist Faith Missions. Those who support it can read letters from the missionaries telling what they are doing, and see pictures of the actual work on the mission field. All offerings are used 100% for mission work. This is a faith work and that makes it sure. Romans 4:16.

Tenth Annual Spring Mission Conference, Lexington, Ky., March 30, 31 And April 1, 1970

Journey To Manacapuru . . . Eight Day Revival . . . Nine Baptized . . . 500 Preached To In Public Square . . . Preaches To Graduating Class Of The High School

By Harold Bratcher

Manaus, Amazonas
December 16, 1969

Dear Brethren,
The last Mission Sheet letter was written the day before I left to go to Manacapuru. I wrote that I was undecided whether I would go by jeep or by boat. I didn't go by either—I went by bus.

The Lord blessed during the 12 days that I spent there. Manacapuru is an interior town with a population of perhaps 8,000. It now has electric lights. In the past, the people were much against the preaching of the gospel. Missionary E. A. Nelson persecuted and had to flee for his life more than once trying to preach there. Conditions are much better now and the people are more open at least to hearing the gospel. I had to confront other problems but not that of persecutions on the part of the lost. Since January of 1967, the 14th church has maintained a work there. The first baptism was held in March of 1967. The church pays the salary of a single young man who graduated from the Seminary here in Manaus. He lives there and



Harold Bratcher

leads the mission in a full time work with regular services Sunday mornings and nights and Wednesday nights besides services in homes, etc.

During the 12 days that I spent there, I preached 15 times. The first Saturday night we held a service in the public square. We used a loud speaker. Perhaps 500 people heard the message that I preached that night.

The 8 day revival held in the rented house of the mission was well attended. The last night of the revival the house was filled to its seating capacity with 82 present. At the close of the meeting I baptized 9. There were two professions of faith during the meeting and two other decisions. One of the professions of faith was made in a home. It was made by a man who some few weeks before suffered severe burns on his legs and stomach. We visited him three times. The

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Wedding bells for five couples (Two couples not in picture) in Manacapuru, Nov. 22, 1969. The couple to the left got legally married so they could be baptized. They had eight children before getting legally married.



Missionary Harold Bratcher preaching in the public square of Manacapuru, Amazonas, Brazil, Saturday night, Nov. 15th, 1969. An estimated 500 people heard the message. This is how your mission money is spent.

An Earnest Plea For Increased Offerings . . . Thankful To All For Support And Blessings . . . Many Churches Visited

By Dempsey Henderson

Dear Brethren,
Mayfield, Ky.
December 26, 1969
I would like to express my appreciation and heartfelt thankfulness for all of the churches and individuals who contributed so liberally to the special Thanksgiving offering to make it the largest offering ever. May the Lord richly bless you all. Our work depends so much on these special offerings and your regular offerings.



We need so many more missionaries on the field, and of course, the more missionaries the more money is needed. Also, as the cost of living goes up, as it is steadily doing the world over, the cost of supporting missionaries on the field goes up. May I suggest a simple solution to a most pressing problem. Let us all propose to give at least a little more in our regular offerings. If every individual would propose to give a little more in his regular offerings to the church, and the churches would increase their regular offerings to the mission work, everybody would be greatly blessed and God's name would be greatly glorified. As you have responded so generously in the special Thanksgiving offering, I am confident that you will so respond to this need also.

We had a most wonderful time with the Paul Kirkmans and the Grace Baptist Church of Fairborn, Ohio. We express our thanks to them and to all other churches and individuals for their interest shown in our work, for their wonderful hospitality, and their most liberal offerings to us and the work.

From Fairborn we passed through Lexington to get Kent Clark, and from there leaving the same night, we drove to Mayfield, Ky., where we had breakfast with Dorothy's parents. Dorothy remained with them, while Kent and I drove on to the home of Bro. Wilbur Johnson, who went on with us to Lynn, Ark., where we were with Bro. Brooks Glen and his church in a five day Bible Institute. We had also Bro. Eugene Clark to be our minister. We certainly had a wonderful time there. I deeply cherish the new acquaintances and new friends in Christ that I made there. The hospitality of the people was wonderful.

Leaving Lynn, Ark. after the service on Friday night, I took Bro. Johnson back to his home, and then went back to Mayfield to get Dorothy. On Saturday we returned to Lexington, and on Sunday Dec. 7, we went to be with Bro. George Galloway and the Siloan Baptist Church, where we had a wonderful time with our friends in Christ there. We were with the church for both services on Sunday, leaving the next morning to return to Lexington. On the same night, Dec. 8, I began a meeting with Bro. Ruel Conner and the First Baptist Church of Island City, Ky. I was with them in this meeting through Sunday night, Dec. 14. We had a wonderful meeting and fellowship with the Conners and other friends in that area. We met many new friends in Christ, and we are thankful for them all. (They gave us a good offering).

After this meeting we returned to Mayfield to spend the holidays with our people there. On Wed. night, Dec. 17, I was with the Shady Grove Baptist Church, Bro. Marshall Conway, pastor. We had a wonderful time with the people there, and the church gave us a very liberal offering, for which we are most grateful. They also invited me back to preach for the next evening. I gladly accepted the invitation and returned the next evening for another wonderful time with the Lord's people. On Friday the 19th, I left for Eastern Ky. for a fellowship meeting of the missionaries and churches of that area. The meeting was with the Calvary Baptist Church, Cannel City, Ky., Bro. Wallace Chewing, pastor. We had a wonderful time in the Lord. We thank them for the good offering. I returned to Lexington that night and back to Mayfield on Saturday, Dec. 20. On Sunday morning, Dec. 21, we were with the New Salem Baptist Church, Weakly Co., Tenn., Bro. Bobby Copland, pastor. This church is one of my former pastorates, and Dorothy attended

here when she was a young girl. She was born and reared in that community. We had a wonderful service, and the church gave us a very liberal offering. That night we went to Almo Baptist Church near Sharon, Tenn., Bro. Erad Caldwell, pastor. Bro. Caldwell was the adult Sunday school teacher in the first church that I pastored—Old Bethel Baptist Church, Weakly Co., Tenn. This was my first time to visit the Almo Baptist Church, but when we left that night, we felt that we had known them for a long time, so graciously did they receive us, so wonderfully did they treat us, and so much interest did they show in our work, and with such liberality did they send us on our way. On Wed. night, Dec. 24, we were with the Beech Grove Baptist Church, near Bardwell, Ky., Bro. Bill Boles, pastor. It was wonderful to visit our brethren in Christ there again. We had a wonderful service, and the church gave us a most liberal love offering, and at the same time they voted to send another most liberal offering to Baptist Faith Missions, over and above their regular monthly offering. We are so thankful for these faithful people and their good pastor, and we certainly enjoyed being with them again.

We are now visiting Dorothy's parents, but will be leaving tomorrow for Lexington, Ky., where I will begin a meeting and New Years' conference with the Bryantsville Baptist Church, Bro. Kent Clark, pastor. We will write about this and other travels next month, the Lord willing.

In Him,
Dempsey Henderson

Young Preachers Make Long Trips Up Jurua River . . . Souls Saved . . . Souls Saved In Cruzeiro do Sul . . . Daughter Cut Leg Badly

By Bobby Creiglow

Dear Brethren,
Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre
December 18, 1969
In my last Mission Sheet letter I mentioned that there were some of the brethren of the church of Maita traveling up the Jurua going as far as Campo de Santana, but I was not able to report the result of that trip because they had not returned at that time. They spent a week on the trip preaching every night and they returned very happy with the way the people received them and many wanted them to stay longer. They were made the more happy because of the three souls that were saved. They have made the second trip there, also, this month and although I have not seen any of them, I was told that there were three more souls saved on this trip and they said that if there were ten preachers working full time on the upper Jurua they could not take care of all there is to do.

I made one trip to Colonia Sao Francisco this month along with Bro. Berindo and his family. His family went along with the intention of staying with his wife's sister while he was gone on a trip. Our services were not very well attended and there were no souls saved that we know of. We returned to Cruzeiro do Sul Sunday afternoon and Bro. Berindo along with Bro. Antonio Nery left that same day going up the Jurua, also, as far as Campo de Santana. These Brethren are both new in the ministry and this was their first long trip alone. They preached each morning and night and sometimes at noon and from house to house. They were very happy when they returned eight days later and although there were no souls saved they want to go again and again. Two weeks ago they went once again to Colonia Rodrigues Alves to have services Saturday night and Sunday morning and were made to rejoice over the salvation of one of the most wicked men in that place. This place is looking very promising with about one hundred lost in every night service. Last week-end I went there with Bro. Berindo and this time we had



Bobby Creiglow

another profession of faith, this time in a home just as we were getting ready to leave.

Since the pastor of the church here in Cruzeiro do Sul returned to Manaus I have been preaching almost every Sunday night here in the services and I have had three professions of faith this month. There was, also, another saved in an afternoon service held by one of the brethren here. With those up the Jurua and here in Cruzeiro do Sul we are happy to report at least twelve souls saved this month and we praise the Lord for his blessings.

About two weeks ago Arlene fell on the sharp edge of a gasoline can and cut a three and a half inch gash in her leg. I carried her about an eighth of a mile going to the drug store to get some stitches put in it when I met the doctor coming in his Jeep. When I stopped him there was a male nurse on the other side of the Jeep. The doctor told us all to get in and he took us to the hospital where he sewed up the cut. A week after the accident I took her back to the hospital where the doctor took out the stitches. The following day she fell off a chair opening the cut a little once again. Since that time Betty has kept a very close watch over her and it looks now as though both she and Betty will be fine. I think Betty has more gray hair that she had before.

It seems that when I wrote that we were living above a warehouse that I gave some the impression that living conditions were terrible and they are, but not nearly so bad as some seem to think. I would like to apologize for leaving this impression. We have two large rooms that were to be made into an apartment, but never got finished. We should get moved into the house that the Mission is buying for us around January 10th, the Lord willing.

I have spent this week making vacation Bible School material that I will be using next week in Sao Bras a preaching point of the church at Mourapiranga.

May the Lord bless each one of you and we thank Him for your part in our ministry and making it possible for us to continue our work here.

In Him,
B. D. Creiglow

By James Kissel

Dear Brethren,
December 8, 1969
Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. On the 27th of November, Thanksgiving day, we left Iquitos, where we enjoyed a wonderful visit with the Lauerms. Bro. Mulling boarded our plane when it landed in Pucallpa and came with us to Lima. He has been a great help to us and we thank the Lord for him. We spent several days trying to find a place to live that would be convenient to school, shopping, etc. We found the "pensions" (boarding houses) to be too expensive, so we have rented a furnished apartment.



Our desire was to enroll in school the beginning of this month but due to all the delays on our trip, we will have to wait until the beginning of January to begin formal classes. We have our textbooks and will begin lab classes tomorrow.

Bro. Mulling was with us for about five days, to help us get our papers in order and to find our way around. Lima has about 2 million people and is a big, beautiful city. We attend the church which Bro. Mulling organized here. We don't understand much but the people have been wonderful and very helpful to us. The church is across town but we can take a taxi for about a dime for both of us.

We had sad news. My wife's only sister passed away one week after we left the

States. We do not know any of the details at this time. We do know that the Lord does not make mistakes. We miss our many friends there but feel it a privilege to be here. We go shopping each day to try to get a better understanding of the language. We pray that we will soon get a message together so we can preach. We have been invited to preach in the church here as soon as we are able.

We are both enjoying good health and enjoy the nice weather we are having here. We had Bro. Lauerman send us some of our household things and they arrived by plane and we did not have to pay any custom charges as some said we would have to do.

Pray for us that we will have wisdom to learn the language that we might be Witnesses for him.

Yours in Christ,
James Kissel
Apartado 5936
Lima, Peru, S.A.

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first time he was suffering intense pain. His condition improved during the days I spent there and when we visited him the last day of the meeting and offered him salvation in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ he made a profession of faith—we trust from the heart.

The greatest need the mission at Manacapuru has now is to own a building and not have to continue renting. In the month of September the mission had to leave the building they had rented for over a year. They are now in a small and inadequate building. The pastor of the mission can't have a divided Sunday School for lack of space. Pray with me that the Lord will give them a building of their own.

The Lord gave us various opportunities to witness in the homes of the people also. I even had the opportunity to witness to the three priests and to some of the nuns of Manacapuru also. Also, I witnessed to the three Jewish families that live there.

I arrived home by bus at 10:20 Monday morning, November 24th. I rejoiced in the Lord to find the wife and boys all well.

After reaching an all time high in attendance in the Sunday School during November—average attendance was 170, we have been down during the month of December with 132 present the first Sunday and 152 last Sunday. Last Sunday night however we had a large number present and I baptized three and three were received on promise of a letter from one of our churches in the interior.

In last month's Mission Sheet letter I told about an old couple who were saved recently in their home. On Sunday afternoon, November 30th, the wife—Senhora Josefa Ferreira Costa—died. Her death was caused by cancer of the tongue. (She had smoked a pipe for years). Five of us from the church conducted the funeral Monday afternoon, December 1st. My jeep served as the hearse and I with three other of the men of the church served as the pallbearers. The church paid the funeral expenses. Since the funeral her husband who makes his living by begging on the streets (he is blind) has given two small offerings to the church to help on the funeral expenses.

Friday night, November 28th at Bro. Hatcher's invitation I preached at a special service held by the 1969 graduating class of the High School.

Tuesday night, December 2nd at the invitation of Pastor Joao Dias I brought the message at the 18th anniversary service of the Calvary Baptist Church.

We rejoice at the good news from the 1969 Thanksgiving Conference.

Thus, we pray the Lord's blessings to be upon you. As we come to the end of 1969 we pray that the Lord will guide us all during 1970.

Yours in His Service,
Harold Bratcher
Caixa Postal 227
Manaus, Amazonas
Brasil, South America



Missionary Harold Bratcher preaching beside the lake before the baptizing at Manacapuru, Amazonas, Brazil, Nov. 23, 1969.

Appendicitis Operation . . . Doctrinal Preaching At Sao Luis . . . Heart Moving Services At Olho Dauga . . . Work Suffered At Itapel

By George Bean

Caixa Postal 500
Sao Luis, Maranhao, Brasil, SA
December 15, 1969

Dear Brethren,
Greetings in the dear name of Jesus and may God's Grace gird up every trial and temptation. We have had a very good month but it has been a little different from some of the previous months. I stated last month that I was entering the hospital the 15 of Nov. I was operated on and had my appendix removed the 15 of Nov. Nov. 19 I came home from the hospital and have not had one bit of trouble from the operation. I am still bothered some with my gall bladder and will probably have to have it taken out. Now a report for the month.



George Bean

New Hope Baptist Church, Sao Luis
We have had some good services at church and I have been preaching some doctrinal messages on grace and the security of the believer. In Brasil as in all the world there is so much heresy that denies the saving and keeping power of God. We have had some good heart felt services.

Olho Dauga
I have been to Olho Dauga two times and the men from church went two times when I was not able to travel. The services there are always good and heart moving. The home where we have services is the home of an

old lady that is dying with old age and some kind of sickness that they do not know what it is, (some kind of stroke). Our church usually takes her some food and sometimes medicine. I first met her about 18 months ago and she did not know anything about the hope of eternal life and now she says the only bright spot in her life is when we come and play the records and sing and preach about Jesus. If you feel sorry for yourself, find the sickest person in your neighborhood and begin to visit that person and before you know it you will forget all about yourself. Jesus said, "it is better to minister to than be ministered to".

Itapel

I have been to Itapel one time this month. The work there has suffered, as some of the people have shown what their colors are. These places where everyone is related is a hard place to work and get anything started. If and when they have a "fuss" then it just about makes enemies out of everyone. Well our crowds have completely changed and we have a new group to preach to. Maybe these will be better if the Lord ever works a work of grace in their hearts. I wonder if those that we were working on were not my converts. I did not intend it that way but it sometimes happens. I have talked to some of them and they won't come back to the services. I guess they are my converts.

May the Lord bless every one and may you have a good, prosperous New Year.

Yours by His Grace,
George Bean

Graduation In Schools . . . Fourteen Days Trip In Launch Up The Rio Negro . . . Stay Clear Of The Anteater . . . Back Home Safe

By John Hatcher

Dear Brethren,
Manaus, Amazonas
December 19, 1969
It is a pleasure to greet you all once more in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. This month has been a pleasantly busy one and the Lord has blessed us with health and protection for which we praise Him.

Graduations
During the last days of November were realized the graduation exercises of the Grade School and the High School. The school year ended well even though our enrollment was down to last year's. Mrs. Hatcher worked hard with the graduating class for their final program, etc. Then after it was all over the class made enough from their program to make a trip to the city of Itacoatiara, which is about 200 miles, I think, from Manaus. This is the first city which was connected to Manaus by road. They went by boat and returned by bus. Out of the class of 14 some had never been outside of the city of Manaus.

Seminary
We finished this year what has been thought to be our lowest semester. Lack of time to contact the young people and get the Bible School before our churches certainly accounts for some of the drop. At the present we are so overworked and worn out that there is nothing left with which to push.

Trip up the Rio Negro (Black River)
On the 4th of December my family and I left on the launch along with Brother Raimundo Pereira and daughter and the pilot and helper. The Rio Negro is a river which gives one the impression that it is almost as large as the Amazon. The Black River is more dangerous than the Amazon because of the many rock formations. It is hard to imagine the greatness of these rivers. The Black River has a myriad of islands and the stream flows between each is larger than the average river. At times one can see seven or eight islands at once. Brother Henderson went to this place before coming home. This was the first time that anyone had been to this place to preach. While they were there (two days) seventeen persons made professions of faith and fourteen of those were baptized. The name of the wide place in the river is Canta Galo (Rooster Sing). We were gone fourteen days in all and spent nine days at Canta Galo. On Sunday we had three services and



John Hatcher

during the week we had a Bible school for children and adults. We took along the lessons which we had printed and they were really appreciated and the people seemed to learn much. Most of these people are by nature and practice involved in witchcraft and the preaching and teaching hit hard at these things.

Fishers

Mrs. Hatcher and David led the Bible class for the children and David also took his trumpet along and played several solos. In his vacant hours along with Kathy the main deal however, was fishing. They caught so many fish that we had fish to eat and to give away. David caught one weighing about 20 pounds.

Anteater

Next to the last day there Kathy Francisco and I were crossing the river in the canoe and outboard motor. Seeing something which we thought might be a big alligator I asked Francisco what it was. He replied that it was a log. Coming closer however its long nose showed it to be an anteater. I had a small rope and giving it to Francisco told him to try to get a loop on its head. He chickened. Turning back I took the rope and coming close, I chickened out. Its front feet came up and we could see the great iron like claws which are about three to four inches in length. When we got to the other side I was told that it is the most dangerous animal to tangle with. It can kill a tiger. On the other side of the river some boys got the animal at bay with their dogs and one of the dogs slipped and the anteater caught it up in one front leg (it fights standing on its back legs) and with one crush sunk the claws into the dog and flung him to the ground dead. Finally killing it with a shotgun they cut off its paws and tail which is very large with long flowing hairs.

Repairs and Storm

On the way up the generator went out and after arriving we discovered that the back bushing had worn out and the armature was dragging on the fields. The bushing which we made out of a brass fitting only lasted about two hours of the 17 hour trip. About two hours out of Manaus a storm arose which caused us to hunt an island where we could escape the force of the wind and waves. After a two hour wait we continued safely to home port. Pray for us that the message of Christ will be taken to many that they too will be able to reach the Home Port.

In Him,
John A. Hatcher & family



Missionary Harold Bratcher preaching in "Casa de Araçao" house of prayer of the mission in Manacapuru, Amazonas, Brazil, Nov. 16, 1969.

Great Fellowship At Thanksgiving Conference . . . Many Churches Visited . . . Getting Ready To Return To Peru In Two Months From Now

By Del Mayfield

108 B. Washington Manor
Alton, Illinois 62002
Dec. 24, 1969

Dear Brethren,
We would like to send seasons greetings to every one, and to thank each one for their cards and letters. This has been a month of blessing for us, and we're happy we can share just a little with you.

My last mission letter was written while in the home of Brother and Mrs. Lee Hammell. He is the new pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. We enjoyed our visit with them and their people. Sunday the 23rd we were with the Faith Baptist Church, Wauseon, Ohio. Brother William Oakley is their pastor. We preached Sunday morning and showed the slides of the work Sunday night. Monday the 24th was the start of Thanksgiving Conference at the 12-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. Brother Overbey is their pastor. Wed. morning, the 26th, the conference moved to the Grace Baptist Church where Bro. Eugene Clark is their pastor. We certainly enjoyed the conference, and I'm sure just a little more than the most. After four years on the field you get pretty hungry for some good fellowship, and I'm sure that is the one thing we miss more than anything. Don't get me wrong! We have fellowship with our Peruvian brethren, but that's not like having fellowship with your own people. Thursday after the Conference we went home with Brother Don Titus. He is the pastor of the Home Baptist Church at Mt. Morris, Mich. We had a good service and then went over to the bank building where we showed the slides. Then Fri. nite we had another good service. We enjoyed being with Brother Titus and his people. Sat. nite, the 29th, we went to the Liberty Baptist Church. Brother John Hooker is the pastor. We had a good service Sat. nite and then Sunday morning after service we went to a large Union Hall and had a big dinner and got to show the slides of the work. We've had some wonderful experiences with Bro. Hooker. When we were there five years ago (1964) after the Sunday nite service a lady called asking Bro. Hooker to come and tell her how to be saved. I'd just related to Brother Hooker that it sure would be something if the same thing would happen this time. Well it did! Sunday nite after



Del Mayfield

service we were enjoying some of Mrs. Hooker's good food and coffee when the phone rang, and a mother said that her boy had come home from church crying saying that he wanted to be saved. When we arrived at the home it only took a little while to tell the boy how he could be saved. What a joyful time we had not only telling the boy how to be saved but rejoicing that God in His great providence had made this possible twice with the same pastor. We'll be praying that it will happen again, Brother Hooker. I'd like to thank the church for the good offering sent us to buy things to take back with us to the field. Thanks to Brother Hooker and his people. Dec. 1st thru Sunday the 7th we were with the New Hope Baptist Church. Brother Harry Hille is the pastor. We enjoyed the fellowship in their home and with the people. Sunday they gave us a big feast, and then I showed the slides afterwards.

Dec. 13th I caught a plane in St. Louis and went on to Charleston, West Va. to be with the Randolph Street Baptist Church where Brother Robert McNiell is pastor. I preached there Sunday morning and showed the slides and told of the work Sunday nite. I enjoyed the wonderful hospitality showed me while there.

Monday morning the 15th of Dec. Brother Fisher, pastor of the Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, West Virginia came and picked me up and I was there with them Mon. Tue. and Wed. nite. This was the first trip that my wife was unable to travel with me, and I sure missed her. I enjoyed being with the church and their pastor. The Lord has wonderfully blessed that church. Sat. the 20th my wife and I flew to Detroit to be with the Grace Baptist Church, Bro. Eugene Clark is their pastor. Sat. after a big supper, I got to show the slides and tell of the work. Sunday morning I had the privilege of preaching on the radio. Bro. Clark has been on that same station for some 18 years. So it was good to get to preach to the radio listening audience. Then I preached at both services Sunday, and also got to speak to the young people at the 6:30 hour. We had a good time with the Clarks and his people.

We certainly thank each one for your prayers and support that make our ministry possible. Continue to pray for us as we plan to leave the last of Feb. to go back to the field and take up our work there. May the Lord bless each of you and make His face to shine upon you.

Yours by His grace,
Del. Mayfield

Souls Saved . . . One Pastor Resigns And One Dies . . . One Surrenders To Preach . . . Kissels Arrive

By Walter Lauerman

Dear Brethren,
Iquitos, Peru
Dec. 14, 1969

Many things seem to happen every month that are hard to really explain, both in the experience itself and the feeling that goes with it. Again we will try to share the best way possible both of these. We have had 3 saved this month in First church and sickness and rain kept us from baptizing 2 of the three last week. The rest of the work in the church is about the same. As I said last month, the pastor of the Second church resigned. Julio Arevalo (one called to preach from our church, songleader) has taken up the duties there as pastor and has gotten a fallen church to looking good in just this one month. They plan a revival starting tomorrow and I will tell about it in next months MSL. Daniel Garcia baptized his first person Friday night after our fellowship meeting and I forgot to take my camera. I am sorry about that. Daniel was like a kid with a new toy all evening before the baptism. May he have many more in his work for the Lord. One real sad note: Pastor Jorge Ayanbo at Hojeal died of liver cancer. I spoke of his sickness several times as you recall. His widow has 8 children, from the ages of 2 to 20. Pray for her and the children. A little better note: Brother Pedro Yahuarcan, first member at Hojeal made known a long delayed announcement that God had called him to preach some time ago and he kept putting it off. After making it known the churches at both Astoria and Hojeal called him to pastor them. So the Lord does give and take away in many ways, does He not? Praise Him for it. The fourth mission is at its standstill yet. About the



Walter Lauerman

only new thing to report there is someone broke in and stole one of our two kerosene lanterns. Attendance is about 30 on Sunday and about 25 or so on Thursdays. Also, all the churches had a pump organ in them but the Third. Brother Overbey tried to get us one and could not. So one day I was told they had small chord electric organs in a store here. I went to see about it without money and wanted it bad. I thought about the tape recorder that Home Church, Mt. Morris bought me. Since my daughters have returned to US we have not used it at all. I asked the man if he would trade me and he said yes, BUT about \$45.00 besides so we did it. It is not what we wanted but the Lord somehow always gets the job done for us. One more note: I am to start Friday classes. Most of this will be directed to preachers but it is for all. Pray for me in this, as there is such a need here in our work to train preachers. As I am at writing a little early I have no news from the churches on the rivers. It will be double next month.

The Kissels arrived, but 3 days later than planned. Guess what? After living at the airport and airline office over those 3 days the plane came in and no one even let me know until Mrs. Kissel and a cab driver that knew me and where I lived came to our door. I was so upset I spoke Spanish to her and English to the cab driver. Well anyhow we had a good time the 4 days they were here, even if the time was so short. I will let him tell you about what they are doing in Lima. They joined the First church while here and all are praying and waiting for them to return here next July. We feel they will make good missionaries. Glad to hear all the good news about the conference and the offerings also. May the Lord bless you all for His glory.

By His grace,
Walter F. Lauerman



Preparing to hold a service at the tomb of pioneer Missionary Eric A. Nelson in the cemetery, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. Annual affair by Harold Bratcher.



The James Kissels on their way to the plane in Iquitos, Peru to go to Lima, Peru.



This is the couple that got legally married in Manacapuru, Amazonas, Brazil and were baptized by Harold Bratcher. With them are four of their eight children.

Offerings for December 1969

Bentley Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	175.05
Bible Baptist Church, Madisonville, Ky.	25.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	24.33
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	50.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, Ky.	10.00
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	56.10
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	150.00
First Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio	92.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	65.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio (Pucallpa Building)	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio (Station Wgn.)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Georgetown, Ky.	22.38
Grace Baptist Church, Holly, Mich.	40.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio (Bratcher)	20.00
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va.	15.00
Morris Fork Baptist Church, Lawn, W. Va.	11.00
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	74.17
Randolph Street Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	150.00
Riverside Baptist Church, Richmond, W. Va.	50.00
Rollynsburg Baptist Church, Talcott, W. Va.	10.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, W. Va.	50.00
Rupert Baptist Church, Rupert, W. Va.	10.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.	147.36
Algonac Baptist Church, Algonac, Mich.	24.61
Baptist Temple, Ravenswood, W. Va.	15.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	50.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky. (Henderson)	17.79
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	77.90
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. (Ladies Fellowship Class)	80.00
Carr Baptist Church, York, Ky.	10.00
Dean Road Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.	25.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill. (Bond Interest)	15.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	35.00
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	21.60
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, Ohio	39.30
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Pucallpa Building)	257.30
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	868.42
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Prayer Bands-Teachers in Peru)	40.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Prayer Bands-Teachers in Peru)	20.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	429.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Land Transportation)	125.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Hatcher House)	500.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Creiglow House)	500.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Pratsville, Ind.	25.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	117.81
Lilly Valley Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va.	20.00
Little Sewell Baptist Church, Rainelle W. Va.	10.00
Logona Baptist Church, Logona, Ky.	38.00
The Missionary Baptist Church, Gallagher, W. Va.	88.00
Morgan Ave. Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	357.53
Morgan Ave. Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	39.58
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, Stouts Mills, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	17.02
New Hope Baptist Mission, Normal, Ill.	41.02
Northside Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	37.47
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gatha, Fla. (Creiglow)	10.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	13.90
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Pucallpa Building)	100.00
Poplar Creek Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	50.00
Poplar Creek Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	60.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Connelton, Ind.	17.47
Somerford Baptist Church, London, Ohio	30.00
Temple Baptist Church, Maumee, Ohio	28.00
Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	25.00
Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	25.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	234.71
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	41.70
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	25.00
Bible Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	28.00
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va.	25.00
Calvary Baptist Temple, Cynthiana, Ky.	14.00
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	50.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Hurricane, W. Va.	20.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	35.00
Faith Baptist Church, Madison Heights, Mich. (Hatcher House)	16.70
First Baptist Church, Crete, Ill.	72.39
Member of First Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	100.00
Member of First Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Chittanooga, N.T.	5.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	54.96
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	15.00

LaGrange Baptist Church, LaGrange, Fla.	23.81
Meadowthorpe Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	38.01
Mountain Dale Baptist Church, Boone, N.C.	162.86
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Stumptown, W. Va.	15.00
Myrtle Tree Baptist Church, Everman Creek, Ky.	144.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	154.90
New Pleasant Baptist Church, Spruce Pine, Ala.	55.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Ohio	40.00
Peoples Baptist Church, East Alton, Ill.	52.50
Richland Baptist Church, Livemore, Ky.	147.16
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky.	15.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	35.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, Miss.	26.78
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, Miss.	32.21
Faith Baptist Church, Covington, Ky.	49.00
Faith Baptist Church, Sacramento, Ky.	25.00
Faith Baptist Church, Wauseon, Ohio	20.00
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, Normantown, W. Va.	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
Hill Crest Baptist Church, Winston Salem, N.C.	10.00
Knotts Baptist Church, Oram, W. Va.	10.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	57.50
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	24.61
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	55.42
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Bldg. in Iquitos)	6.00
New LaGrange Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	25.00
New Salem Baptist Church, Dukedom, Tenn. (Missionaries Passage - Henderson)	27.75
New Testament Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio (Pucallpa Building)	25.00
Olmstead Baptist Church, Olmstead, Ky.	89.94
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Tenn.	18.00
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	29.33
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadieville, Ky.	62.12
Beauty Mountain Baptist Church, Edmond, W. Va.	29.96
Bible Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	50.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Nitro, W. Va.	20.00
Members of the First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla.	95.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	50.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Designated - Hatcher House)	100.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Designated - Creiglow House)	100.00
Timbered Ridge Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	67.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	247.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Household Needs - Creiglow & Hatcher)	45.00
Union Hill Baptist Church, Moulton, Ala. (Creiglow)	104.00
Winton Place Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.	5.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	20.37
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	199.80
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Boat & Motor)	199.80
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	130.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Land Transportation)	32.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	32.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Peru)	32.00
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	58.18
Burna Baptist Church, Burna, Ky.	35.01
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio.	51.37
Corning Baptist Church, Corning, Ohio	5.00
First Baptist Church, Siloam, Ky.	232.98
Gilberts Creek Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	67.20
New Testament Baptist Church, Leivasy, W. Va.	10.00
Southside Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	52.38
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	35.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Billings, Huntington, W. Va.	30.00
Mrs. Katie Buffin, Versailles, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	10.00
Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, W. Va.	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Huckabee, Leander, Texas	30.00
Mrs. Emily Parsley, Williamson, W. Va.	25.00
M. H. Castle, Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.	8.00
W. B. Lowe, Kingsport, Tenn.	50.00
Eld. & Mrs. G. B. Trent, Williamson, W. Va.	49.00
Eld. & Mrs. G. B. Trent, Williamson, W. Va.	49.00
Mrs. Nina M. Trent, Williamson, W. Va.	25.00
Received in Dec. for Boat & Motor	249.80
Received in Dec. for Building in Iquitos	6.00
Received in Dec. for Building in Pucallpa	407.30
Received in Dec. for Land Transportation	157.00
Received in Dec. for Teachers in Brazil	73.00
Received in Dec. for Teachers in Peru	92.00
Received in Dec. for Station Wagon Fund	10.00
Received in Dec. for Creiglow House	600.00
Received in Dec. for Hatcher House	600.00
Received in Dec. for Household Needs	616.70
Received in Dec. for Missionaries Passage	27.75
Received in Dec. for Regular Fund	8,841.97
Received in Dec. for all purposes	11,126.52

OFFERINGS FOR BOAT & MOTOR, DECEMBER, 1969

Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	\$ 50.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	199.80
Total received in December for this fund	249.80

OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN IQUITOS, DECEMBER, 1969

New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	\$ 6.00
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OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN PUCALLPA, DECEMBER, 1969

Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	\$ 25.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio	25.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	257.30
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	100.00
Total received for this fund in December	407.30

OFFERINGS FOR LAND TRANSPORTATION, DEC., 1969

Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	\$ 125.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	32.00
Total received in December for this fund	157.00

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN BRAZIL, DECEMBER, 1969

First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	\$ 16.00
Mrs. Katie Buffin, Versailles, Ky.	10.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	15.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	32.00
Total received in December for this fund	73.00

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN PERU, DECEMBER, 1969

Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Prayer Bands)	\$ 40.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Prayer Bands)	20.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	32.00
Total received in December for this fund	92.00

OFFERINGS FOR STATION WAGON, DECEMBER, 1969

Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	\$ 10.00
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OFFERINGS FOR CREIGLOW HOUSE, DECEMBER, 1969

Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	\$ 500.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	100.00
(designated)	16.70
Total received in December for this fund	600.00
Total received to date for this fund	4,770.50

OFFERINGS FOR HATCHER HOUSE, DECEMBER, 1969

Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	\$ 500.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	100.00
(designated)	16.70
Total received in December for this fund	616.70
Total received to date for this fund	11,582.67

OFFERINGS FOR HOUSEHOLD NEEDS, DECEMBER, 1969

Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Hatchers & Creiglows)	\$ 45.00
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OFFERINGS FOR MISSIONARIES PASSAGE, DEC., 1969

New Salem Baptist Church, Dukedom, Tenn. (Henderson)	\$ 27.75
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OFFERINGS FROM NEW CHURCHES & INDIVIDUALS, DEC. 69

Somerford Baptist Church, London, Ohio	\$ 30.00
Union Hill Baptist Church, Moulton, Ala. (Creiglow)	104.00
New Pleasant Baptist Church, Spruce Pine, Ala.	55.00