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(Spanish Language)

## Two New Missionary Families For Peru



**THE ART GIBBS.** Rear left to right, Cathy, Cindy, Art. Front left to right, Mary, Ray, Ann. They are from Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan and are being sent out under the authority of this church through Baptist Faith Missions to Peru, the Lord willing. Brother Gibbs has a BA degree from California Baptist College, Riverside California. He pastored Trinity Baptist Church, Covina, California one year and Inter-Lakes Baptist Church, Walled Lake, Michigan three years. He is an instructor in Greek and Bible Survey in Taylor Baptist Institute, in Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Michigan. They plan to leave for Lima, Peru in August, where they will enter Language School to learn Spanish, the Lord willing. Pray for them and give to help send them out and to support them monthly.



**THE HOMER CRAINS.** Rear left to right, David, Elizabeth, Homer. Front left to right, Wanda, Michael, Nora. They are from Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Michigan and are being sent out under the authority of this church through Baptist Faith Missions to Peru, the Lord willing. Brother Crain organized, and has pastored Gethsemane Baptist Church for seventeen years. Before that he pastored in Flint, Michigan and Irvine, Kentucky. Brother Crain has BA and ThB degrees from Landmark Baptist College, Fair Oaks, California and an honorary Doctorate from Bible Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida. They plan to leave for Lima, Peru, in August where they will enter Language School to learn Spanish, the Lord willing. Pray for them and give to help send them out and to support them monthly.

## New Missionaries Going Out On Faith

The Art Gibbs and the Homer Crains, make ten missionary families of Baptist Faith Missions, five in Brazil and five in Peru, and all are out on faith. Will you give to help send them out and support them monthly? Gethsemane Baptist Church is having a Special Offering to help send out the Crains. Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church is having a Special Offering to help send out the Gibbs. It will take several thousand dollars. How to have a Special Offering: First, the Pastor must get missions on his heart and take the lead. The pastor of Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church announced to the church that he will give his salary for one week, the Lord willing, and asked the other members to do the same. Other pastors do this from time to time, and it works. Pastor Joe Hendricks told in his sermon at the Conference in Lexington, Kentucky, that his church in South Irvine, Kentucky needed \$1,000.00 as a down payment on a house for a mission, and he told his church that he would give his salary for one week and asked the other members to do the same. The total offering was \$1,500.00. It works. Try it. No offering is too small. "It is by faith that it might be sure" Rom. 4:16. Pray and give. Mark your Special Offering "For Crain Passage" or "For Gibbs Passage".

## Report On Houses For Hatcher And Creiglow

Hatcher and Creiglow have closed the deals and have the deeds to both of these houses. The money to pay for the Creiglow house has been raised, and \$245.81 left over which has been applied to the Hatcher house fund. The balance needed to pay for the Hatcher house is \$3,620.42. May the Lord lay it on the hearts of some to pay off this need. Mark your special offering "For Hatcher House".

## Lauermans Coming Home On Furlough

The Walter Lauermans are finishing up four years of labor on the mission field in Peru and are due to come home on furlough in July, just three months from now. If you would like to help pay their passage home, mark your offerings "For Lauerman passage".

## Printing Equipment

If you would like to have a part in paying for the Printing Equipment in Manaus, Brazil, mark your offering "For Printing Equipment".

## We Need Another House For Missionaries On Furlough

Baptist Faith Missions has a nice three bedroom brick house at 1012 Balsam, Lexington, Kentucky for a missionary family to live in, rent free while on furlough. We are in need of another house. Does someone have a house that you will give to Baptist Faith Missions? Does someone feel led to give to buy one? What an opportunity to get a blessing.

## J. F. Brandon Is Dead

Joseph Franklin Brandon went to Brazil as a missionary in 1923. About 1948 he came home with leprosy and was in the Leprosarium, Carville, La., for a time, and then returned to Brazil again for several years. He organized about a dozen churches. He died recently in Central City, Kentucky. May great grace be upon the bereaved.

## Back Home In Pucallpa, Peru . . . Everything In Good Order . . . Thanks To The Mullings

By Del Mayfield

Apartado 166  
Pucallpa, Peru, S.A.

March 16, 1970

Dear Brethren,  
I'm sure that all missionaries will agree that the hardest thing in the life of a missionary is leaving loved ones and friends. There were many friends who came to Cincinnati Airport to see us off. Some drove many miles, for which we'd like to thank every one. It's wonderful to know that you have friends that care, and that pray for us daily. Words can't express our appreciation. I'd name everyone that came, but just as sure as I did I'd miss someone's name, so I'll just say thanks to every one of you.



Del Mayfield

We had a wonderful trip back to Pucallpa. We left Cincinnati about 11:30 p.m. Monday, March 2, 1970 and arrived in Miami about 1:30 a.m. only to find every hotel and motel full. We were standing there wondering just what we should do when a fellow stepped up and said he just checked out of the Airliner Motel, so I had a fellow to call and they had his room vacant and in a few minutes we were all settled for the few hours left, as we had to get up early to check on our reservations, and get things ready to leave the next night. We called COPISA Airlines

several times and they kept putting us off, and we waited on them until afternoon. The Equatorial Airlines wouldn't take our over weight, and we went to APSA and they took not only our excess baggage, but let us fly for the same money as the other line, and no tax—\$130.00 each way. We left Miami at 3:05 a.m. Wed. March 4, 1970 and had two stops, and still got into Lima at 10:30 a.m. So we got to ride Jet first class for the first time to Peru. We sure praise the Lord for a safe trip back and a good trip. We stayed in the home of the Kissels in Lima. We sure enjoyed the fellowship with them. They are doing wonderful in the language. Bro. Kissel preached in Spanish the Sunday before our arrival. I got to hear some of his message on tape and he sounded very good. We had planned to come on to Pucallpa but were held up some on getting our things out of customs, and we stayed until last Monday, March 9, 1970 before coming to Pucallpa. We attended the Iglesia Bautista Bibica in Lima—Bible Baptist Church and I preached Sunday night for the first time in Spanish after almost 9 months at home. We sure did enjoy being in the church. I'd like to say that Brother Fortunato Barrento is doing a real good work for the Lord there. They have good attendance, and are planning on buying a piece of ground for a church building. We were met at the Airport here in Pucallpa by

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## Trip In The Launch Into The Interior . . . Souls Saved And Baptized . . . Sick With Hepatitis Or Yellow Jaundice

By Harold Bratcher

Dear Brethren,

I wrote in last month's Mission Sheet letter that I was feeling bad and undecided about making a trip to the interior. I went to the doctor in the afternoon of the 17th of last month, after finishing the Mission Sheet letter that morning. The doctor prescribed medicine for the flu. That night my stomach began bothering me. I went back to the doctor the next day and he gave me some pills for my stomach. I decided to put off our trip at least a day, hoping I'd be feeling better. Friday morning I felt a little better so that afternoon we (four of us)



Harold Bratcher

left Manaus to begin our 12 day trip on the Mission launch. We didn't get away until almost three. We traveled until 5:00 p.m. when we stopped at Careiro. We used to have a mission there but it has been closed for almost four years now. There is only one member left there and he is very weak. We visited him in his home. We decided to spend the night there. At 5:30 a.m. the next morning we were on our way. We traveled on down the river until we arrived at Nova Remanso at 12:00 noon. We stayed until Monday morning. We held 4 services—Saturday night, Sunday morning, baptizing Sunday afternoon and the final service, Sunday night. The attendance was small—around 20—at each service except at the baptizing when some 47 people were present when I preach-

ed and baptized two men. The Lord gave us besides the two baptized, three professions of faith—a mother and her two small sons. These live in Manaus and were visiting her mother-in-law (one of the members) during the days we were there. The Nova Remanso church will be five years old next month. The church was organized with almost 20 members but since then all the members except two moved to Manaus or other places. Of the two who remained, only one remained faithful. With the two baptized, the church now has four resident members. They meet in a small building that is not yet finished. The Church is without a pastor.

Monday we went to Rio Preto where a family of the church lives. I got to feeling worse on Monday—no appetite and nauseated all the time—no energy and always feeling weak and sleepy. Monday night I had to let the three brethren traveling with me, hold the service. (I continued sick during all the rest of the trip but that was the only service I wasn't able to attend and bring the message.)

We stayed on Rio Preto until Wednesday morning. We thought of returning to Manaus but I decided that we should continue our trip.

Wednesday and Thursday nights found us at the home of Senhor Gilberto Soares at Varre Vento. Here we have a mission of 23 members that meet in Bro. Gilberto's house. We had 41 present Wednesday night and 1 profession of faith. Thursday night 52 present and 1 profession of faith. We have a

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**Missionary Conference,  
Tabernacle Baptist Church,  
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Brazil, January, 1971**





Missionary Bobby Creiglow baptizing twelve into the fellowship of the Maita Baptist Church, in the Mao River, interior out from Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil. More Baptists in Brazil.



Bobby Creiglow in the water with some of those to be baptized and some of the people on the bank that watched the baptizing at Matai.

## Gall Bladder Trouble Instead Of An Ulcer . . . News From The Mission Points . . . Ants Eating All In Sight

By George Bean

Caixa Postal 500  
Sao Luis, Maranhao  
March 14, 1970

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the name of our Lord. It seems that I am always reporting about some illness in the family. Last month's MS letter I reported that the doctor was treating me for an ulcer. I had X-Rays made and I do not have an ulcer. The family Dr. was surprised when I showed him the X-Rays. I then returned to the specialist that had made the test and he said, "you have a deformed gall bladder". I am still on a restricted diet but not as bad as the ulcer diet as I can now eat more things. I can also attend all the services of our church, which is just about every night some place telling folks about Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. How our hearts are made to rejoice when we see some poor sinner trust Jesus and then make Him Lord of their hearts and lives. That is real conversion when they do that, not all do it but sometimes there is one that the Lord opens their heart and you begin to see a work of Grace in their hearts. Now a brief report for the month.



George Bean

### New Hope Baptist Church, Sao Luis

We have several brethren that can barely read and they are handicapped as to the study of the Bible in their homes. I have been bothered about this for some time and now we have started a Monday night reading classes for these brethren. Two of our young men-one is in first year Jr. College and the other is in third year high-are teaching two classes, a beginners class and an advanced class. I am picking up some things that I yet need to know about the Portuguese language and the classes have proved a blessing to me as well as some of the others. We observed the Lord's Supper the first Sunday in March and it is a pleasure for me and my family to take the Lord's Supper in the church where we are members.

### Olho D'ougo

This is a preaching point of the New Hope Church and we go each Thursday night to have services. There was one young lady that made a profession of faith this month there. Last night March 13 we went back for a special service in the home of a new convert, where her husband is persecuting her real bad, but she is on firm ground as he cannot shake her faith in Jesus. The Pentecostals have moved in

and are causing a lot of confusion in the homes of some of our new converts. They only work with new converts and have not enough grace about them to work with the non believers as we are doing. They have visited every new convert and have propositioned them to join up with them, some have told them right off that they have no time for them. May God give us grace and patience to work in these places for His honor and glory. Pray with me that the Lord will raise up men dedicated unto His cause to work in these places, that need full time workers.

### Arasagi

We have been two times to this place (two Tuesday nights) and the people receive us and the preaching of the Bible with open hearts. These people are poor and live on another man's land and they scratch their living out of the ground with a hoe and a long knife. I was raised on a farm and know a little about farming. If you were to bring a farmer from the States and put him here with the same tools that they have to work with, he and his family would die of starvation in less than a year. They need plows and good seeds and a general knowledge about farming etc. One other thing that hinders them is a large ant that cuts every green thing in sight and takes it into their hill to rot and make a fermentation to feed the ants, etc. They (the ants) have just about eaten all of June's roses in the yard and they really travel a long way as she followed them and put out some poison in their ant hills but as soon as she stops one, another group comes and start cutting away at the roses. I have seen them strip an orange tree of all its leaves in one night, they cut mani-oka, a root that grows here that they make a meal like food from and is one of the main food supply in the interior. We have been to Comico the other two Tuesdays with no visible results. At this farming village there are no believers living and until now the Lord has not been pleased to open any of their hearts but there are some that are listening and contemplating faith in the Lord Jesus.

### Report from Brethren Agostinho and Jose

Brother Agostinho reports two professions of faith at Villa Maranhao and they are awaiting baptism. Bro. Jose and Bro. Antonio Carlos, (the preacher from Taboca) made a trip to Carema and Santa Rita and Bro. Jose reports one profession of faith at Santa Rita. May the God of all grace gird up each one in the truth and knowledge of our Lord is our prayer.

Yours in Him,  
George Bean

## Twenty Four Baptized . . . Eight In "Preacher's School" . . . Have Bought The House And Living In It

By Bobby Creiglow

Caixa Postal 24  
Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre  
Brazil, S.A.  
March 29, 1970

Dear Brethren,

We have bought the house and have the deed and are in it and enjoying it very much. Thanks to all who had a part in giving money to buy it. We have eight students in our "Preacher's School" here in Cruzeiro do Sul, and five of them are preachers. The boat with our Jeep that Bratcher shipped from Manaus, arrived, BUT the jeep was on a barge that they had to leave downriver about halfway to Manaus. It should be here in three or four more weeks, the Lord willing. The SPIRIT DUPLICATOR that Bryan Station Baptist Church bought for us works good and is a real blessing. Many thanks to them for it. Last week I went to Colonia in Japiim and baptized seven. There



Bobby Creiglow

are several more to be baptized but some from the preaching point could not get there and some have to be legally married first. I cannot get pictures developed good here so I have sent to Manaus for the developing equipment and will see if I can do better.

Some of the brethren went to Colonia on the Jurua. It was during the Catholic festivities and they did not have many in the services, but they had three professions of faith. The new converts there need someone to teach them and I am planning on going there on Wednesday nights to do so. The army bought the house next door to the one we bought and filled it with single sergeants. So far they have not been making the noise that the others did in the warehouse that we lived in, except one who came in drunk and caused confusion and the next morning he landed in the brig and is still there. I am sending some pictures of twelve that I baptized at Matai and of five I baptized at Barra do Jardim in the Parana dos Mouras River.

In Christ,  
B. D. Creiglow

## Schools Going . . . Tabernacle Church Building Two Mission Buildings . . . Pastor's Son Killed

By John Hatcher

Manaus, Amazonas  
March 25, 1970

Dear Brethren,

This has been a busy month, in fact, so busy that the day for writing slipped by without even a thought on my part. Due to the fact that the government opened another new high school in our section of town our enrollment has dropped considerably from last year. The new high school is unusual in that it is financed by the state, but the school is held in the building of the Catholic church means high rent paid to the church and when the last word is said, run by the Catholic church. When our High School was founded there was only one other in our section of town and that a night school. This year the founding of the high school just mentioned makes a total of six. After completing almost one month of classes it looks like we are going to have a good school year and we want you to pray that God in His divine plan will be pleased to save many.



John Hatcher

### Tabernacle Church Building

We are happy to tell you that the Tabernacle Baptist Church voted some time ago to spend all the money they had on hand to start a brick building at the Av. Martins Mission. Actually their action and good will in voting to attempt something that seemed impossible came as a pleasant surprise to me. At this writing the walls are about four feet high on the first part of the building and God has supplied the means to put up the walls of a part of the building that will house about 40 or 50 persons. We are trusting the Lord will help us put on the concrete ceiling of this part so the mission can move into it for services soon. At present they are paying, or rather the church is paying rent on a building about two doors from the new building.

### Second Mission Building

Besides this building the Tabernacle  
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the Mullings and many of our members and friends. It was a joy to see them again. We have found everything in good condition, and the church is fine. We'll always be grateful to Bro. Mulling and family for their help in the work, and they have done a good job. The people here are also pleased, and so we just thank the Lord for them. I'd like to ask you to pray for them. They leave tomorrow for Lima where Mrs. Mulling is to have an operation. She should have had this done some time ago, but has waited for us to get back. We appreciate the work that Mrs. Mulling has done also. She has taught many of our young people to play the accordion, and they have worked with our Choir and they can really sing. Just wish you could have heard them sing last night. I'd like to say also that they took good care of our house, and had rented a house for themselves so that we could move right in. We just can't express our appreciation in words, so we'll just say thanks to the Mullings.

We had a good day yesterday. A man came last night for baptism. I have to get him married legally, but that is nothing new here. About 50% have to get married first. Now I'll report on the churches we were with before leaving the States. I know that this will be a little backward, but maybe you'll understand this one time. After the goodbyes in Alton we went to Alexandria, Ky. and were with the First Baptist Church, Bro. Carl Morton is the pastor. I might have told about this last month. From there we went to spend some time with our son Ed and his wife Joyce at Lexington, Ky. We sure did enjoy those days with them. While we were there we had a meeting at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Bro. Earl Thomas is their pastor. We had a good time there. Sunday night we were at the Fellowship Baptist Church. Bro. Hundley is pastor.

church bought the frame of a house some weeks ago in a new section of town called Compensa. This name comes from the plywood factory which is located in this section of town. The name for plywood here is compensa. The church has bought wood and aluminum sheeting for the roof. This week the church voted to buy the necessary wood to close in the rest of the building. This past month about 20 of the members publicly stated they would give one day's salary to help on the building at the Martin Ave. Mission.

### Rainy Season

This is the time of the rainy season and it certainly has been true to its name. The wet season is nice in that when it rains so much the temperature goes down some.

### Pastor's Child Killed

One happening saddened our hearts this month. It was the first disaster to happen among our school children since the schools were started. There have been two boys killed in traffic accidents who studied in our schools but not while coming or going from school as always, running and happy. At the first intersection four little boys were going hand in hand across the street not looking to see if there were cars. A truck coming at a fast speed hit two of them, both being the sons of Brother Altacir Rodrigues, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church. The little one, six years old, was killed instantly. His brother, in the third grade suffered a slight concussion but is home now and almost fully recovered. The funeral of little Hebron was held in the Zion Baptist Church building. The father asked me to preach the sermon and I preached on the subject, "Why Did Hebron Die?"

If God lays this family on your heart pray for them. Brother Altacir with many problems and difficulties and with poor health has been and to our knowledge is being a faithful servant.

May the Lord bless each of you, our brethren, as you labour with us in this work.

In Him,

John Hatcher

Monday Feb. 23 & 24 we were with the Bryan Station Baptist Church. Bro. Gormley is pastor. It's always a joy to be with him and his people. Wed. night, the 25th we were with the Beach Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky. Bro. George Lock is the pastor. Ed and Joyce took us down there in their car as we didn't know the way. We had a good time. Sunday morning, the 26th, we were with the South Lexington Baptist Church, Brother Ed Overbey is the pastor. They have done a good work there. I've been invited back to preach for them in their new building they are building, and the Lord willing I plan to do just that. Sunday night we were with the Thompson Road Baptist Church and I got to preach the last sermon at the YOUTH Conference. That was my last sermon in English for awhile. We enjoyed being with Bro. Hamilton and his people.

I'd like to close by saying thanks to everyone that had us in their church. I'd also like to say that I'm sorry that we could not visit everyone that invited us to come. It's not that we would not have liked to. So please excuse us. I'd also like to have stayed for the Spring Conference, but our work here is more important to us. We do pray that it will be the greatest conference ever and that our Saviour will be glorified in every message, and will bless every speaker.

Pray for us here. We're registering our school now and plan to get it started the first of April. I'll try to visit the other churches and write about them next month. May the Lord bless you all.

Yours by His grace,  
Ada and Del. Mayfield

P.S. We'd like for you to pray as there are many things we still don't have in the country, and may never get them in. But we still have hopes. Bro. Mulling will be checking on our things tomorrow. So pray that we'll get everything in.





Bobby Creiglow baptizing five in the Parana dos Mouras River for the Church at Barra do Jardim. This is in another section from those baptized in the Moa River. More and more Baptist in Brazil.

## Sick With The Flu . . . In Several Revival Meetings . . . People Saved And Baptized

By Dempsey Henderson

Dear Brethren,  
Mayfield, Ky.  
March 26, 1970  
The last letter that I wrote was from my "sick-bed". I was in bed for about a week with the "flu". I am still suffering from the effects of it, in the form of a "hacking" cough and an inability to gain my full strength and momentum, but I am feeling much better now, as my cough seems to be going away, and my strength seems to be slowly returning.

Most of this past month was spent in Lexington, Ky. in revival meetings. Although I was unable to finish the meeting with Bro. Earl Thomas and the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church because of the "flu", we had a wonderful time, and the Lord blessed us with a real good meeting. I was also unable to fill a weekend appointment with Bro. Jim Orrick and the Storms Creek Baptist Church on Feb. 28-March 1 because I was still in bed with the "flu". On March 2-8 I was with Bro. W. D. Hundley and the Fellowship Baptist Church. In spite of the fact that I was still so sick that I had to spend most of the day in bed in order to be able to preach at night, we had a wonderful meeting. It was well attended, and we had good services every night. There was one addition for baptism and one rededication. The addition for baptism was the pastor, Bro. W. D. Hundley. Bro. Hundley had been disturbed about the scripturalness of his baptism for some 3 years. His problem was that he had united with a Baptist church and was immersed, when he was young, then in 1940 he was saved while in a hospital in Louisville, Ky. He hadn't attended the church where he was immersed for some time before he was saved. When he was able, he united with another Baptist church, and they received him by letter from the other church. He was led to believe that his baptism was valid, and so went on for years without giving it further thought. One day, about 3 years ago, Bro. Eugene Clark asked Bro. Hundley, in the course of conversation, if he was baptized, I am sure in a joking manner, but it set Bro. Hundley to thinking, and made him finally realize that he didn't have scriptural baptism. Though everyone was shocked beyond measure in the beginning, when we were over the shock of it, everyone rejoiced in the grace that God had given him to do what he did. Fellowship Baptist Church received him for baptism on the first night of the meeting, called him back as their pastor in a special called meeting, immediately following the Sunday morning service, on the last day of the meeting. It was a unanimous call, and Bro. Hundley accepted the call. The Church called for his ordination, setting it for the following Sunday afternoon. I had the privilege of preaching the sermon, giving the charge to both church and pastor. This was Bro. Hundley's request. I have taken this much space and gone into this much detail in order to try to answer some questions, keep down confusion, and right any wrong ideas about what really happened. What I have said was taken from Bro. Hundley's own testimony. May the Lord grant unto all understanding in the matter.

March 9-15 I was with the Meadowthorp Baptist Church, Bro. Wayne Hart, pastor. This was my first revival meeting with this church, and the Lord saw fit to bless us in a marvelous way. During the week there were 8 additions by letter, 10 saved and joined for baptism, 3 came for baptism who realized that they had been saved since they were baptized, and there were 20 rededications; 41 moves in all, praise the Lord! We thank the Lord for Bro. Hart and his wonderful people, and the great work that the Lord is doing through them.

March 16-22 I was with Bro. Al Gormley and the Bryan Station Baptist Church. It was wonderful to be with this great pastor and

church again, and to behold what great things the Lord has and is doing for and through them. We had a wonderful meeting. Bro. Gormley has done a wonderful job of teaching and leading his people. There were 8 professions of faith in the services and in the homes that we visited. Six of them came forward for baptism-one elderly lady was too sick to come to the services, though she has assurance of her salvation and wants to be baptized. Please pray for her. There were also a number of rededications. It was a wonderful meeting in every way.

We wish to thank all of these churches and pastors for the many kindnesses shown to us and for the wonderful offerings given to us by them, and the same we send to all of the other churches that we have had the privilege of visiting this year. Those churches and pastors that have invited us, and we have been unable to visit you, we wish to thank you for the invitations, but it will be impossible to visit everyone. Please forgive us, and we know that you will understand. I am now with Bro. Huie Burgess and the Dublin Baptist Church, near Mayfield, Ky., in a meeting. We are having a wonderful time with this great church and pastor. I will write of the results of this meeting next month. May the Lord bless you all.

In Him,  
Dempsey Henderson

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strong mission at Varea Vento but they need their own "Casa de Oracao"-house of prayer or church building.

Friday and Saturday night we spent at "Ilha de Beija-Flor"-Humming Bird Island. Bro. Joao Ricardo dos Santos has preached on this island several times during the last six months and has had several professions of faith. We had around 50 the first night and 1 profession of faith and one rededication. We hope and pray that we'll soon be able to baptize some there and establish a mission point there.

Sunday, March 1st was spent with the Costa de Sao Jose de Amatori mission. The mission with a loan from Baptist Faith Missions bought a large lot and has the frame and the roof of a building built. It rained from early morning until almost dinner so our attendance was only 17 Sunday morning. Sunday night we had 50 present. Costa de Amatori is a small village, but the Jehovah Witnesses are there and recently the Presbyterians sent a pastor with his family to live there. I'm hoping and praying that before long the building will be completed.

Monday morning, March 2nd we journeyed upriver in direction of Manaus, to Parana da Eva. Here, Monday night we preached in a home to some 29. After services the lady of the house, who was converted about a year ago, indicated to us that she and perhaps others of her family want to be baptized on our next visit.

We were able, by traveling from 9:00 p.m. to midnight and then starting again at 5:30 a.m. to arrive in Manaus at 10:40 a.m. I got home in time to eat birthday dinner (it was Joel's 5th birthday) with the family and the Hatchers who were our guests on the occasion. That afternoon I went back to the doctor. He pronounced my sickness hepatitis or yellow jaundice and told me to stay in bed for five days at least. I obeyed him, at least in part. Saturday morning I worked at my desk and Sunday preached at both services. I am almost back to normal now.

The attendance at the 14th of December Baptist Church has been down this month. We are now in the rainy season and when it rains or looks like rain it hurts the attendance. We've run from 115 to 160.

We pray the Lord's blessings to be upon you. We share with you the admonition of the Apostle Peter in 2 Peter 1:10-11 "Wherefore then rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall



Missionary Harold Bratcher preaching in the public square in Manacapuru, Brazil on a Saturday night. He has a good mission point here. This is on the Amazon River in the interior upriver from the city of Manaus, Brazil.

## Fellowship Meeting . . . News From All The Churches . . . To Start Preacher's School

By Walter Lauerma

Dear Brethren,  
Iquitos, Peru  
March 18, 1970

The last two nights we had services in Mapa Cocha. Monday night was Fellowship night. These Fellowships have been blessings to the churches. It gives members of the churches a chance to know both the villages, other members and their churches, etc. We had 70 adults present Monday. Next month it will be in Astoria. I preached Monday and Daniel Garcia preached Tuesday. First Church rented a car Monday night and of course it broke down but close (20 minutes) to Mapa. It is 15 miles to Mapa from Iquitos by road. The new church in San Antonio has opened up a new place to preach on the Amazon River down farther from them. The other churches had good months also. In Tamshiyacu there was 1 saved, and in their two preaching places there is good attention and interest and hope for the near future. The work in Orellano on the Napo River with Purificacion is slow and we do not really know the reason. It could be lack of interest from the preacher. Hojeal and Astoria are going along. I went to Astoria last month for a few days and exposed an ex-preacher we once had (Alfonzo Varsalles) that was preaching there on days when the pastor from Hojeal was not there as he is their pastor and of course living and pastoring in Hojeal could not be there to see all and the people in Astoria did not know the truth of him (living in adultery) but since my visit he has not troubled them anymore up to this writing. Pray for them that he will not return nor that they believe everyone that comes their way. Two weeks ago we had a young man from our (First) church surrender to preach and made known his desire to go to Astoria and help there if



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they wanted him. He is going tomorrow to visit them. He also is to preach his first sermon here tonight. Pray for these churches just as you would your own and others there. They all are the Lord's. The First Church had a regular month but we had many visitors that seem to be very interested and have come several times. The Second Church has come on again and has up to fifty at times on Sunday morning. We thank God for Julio Arevalo that has gone there and worked to get all but 2 members back to serving and the 2 are excluded. The Third Church has some problems, it seems, and all because of the other group that is around the corner from them only trying to disturb, not serve.

I have always been tired it seems, but the last two years and even the last month the worst of my life. It is just a problem to breathe, it seems. I have worked though this past month hard. We have put in the baptistry as I mentioned doing last month and it is completed, all but painting. Also, we have two classrooms (we only had one in all our churches before) that I have made of wood, etc. and just need painting. These will serve also for dressing and undressing for baptisms as well as SS rooms and starting the 23 of March or next Monday for preachers classes. This is the big need for us now, preachers being prepared. I will have these classes daily until furlough time. We need TWO right now, Astoria and the new Fourth Mission. If we are to continue growing and having more churches we surely need trained preachers, ones that will go, preach without fear or favor and stand there until the Lord comes, if necessary. Pray for us in this as I have stated several times before, this will be my main and perhaps only work next term to speak of. May the Lord bless all of you. We are all fine at this writing and send our greetings. May the Lord bless you all for His glory.

By His Grace,  
Walter F. Lauerma

## Preaches First Sermon In Spanish . . . Mayfields Visit Us . . . Mullings Visit Us

By James Kissel

Dear Brethren,  
March 19, 1970  
Once again it is time to write our mission letter, but without too much to report. We are both busy with school each day and spend most of our time studying.

The Lord is good to us to supply all our needs, each thing that we stand in need of.

On the first of March, I preached my first message in Spanish. I really enjoyed preaching once again. I am sure that I made many mistakes but the people of the congregation, said that they understood very well. We are both able to read and understand well, but it is more of a problem to speak. But as one person wrote us, that we would learn to speak in God's time and that would be soon enough. I am sure this is right.

Week before last, the Mayfields returned to Peru and came by to spend a few days with us, while they checked on their things that were shipped here. They couldn't get a plane to Pucallpa right away and we were glad for this, as it gave us an opportunity to fellowship. We were glad to be able to sit down and talk with someone who understood us and we could understand also.



James Kissel

We enjoy the fellowship of many of the people of the church here. The Pastor is a fine young man who preaches the truth of God's word and has been very helpful to us. We thank the Lord for him. The Lord willing, I will preach again next week. I have plenty of opportunity to preach, but as yet it takes a long time to prepare a sermon, especially to check the tenses of the verbs, etc.

Thanks again to the many who have written us so faithfully. It has been a real encouragement to know that so many remember us and pray for us. We hope they will forgive us as we are really behind with our answering, but we are sure that most understand why. With our lessons we do not have too much time for letters. Perhaps when we are through school, we will have more time for writing.

We are most thankful to those who make it possible for us to be here, to work among these people. They are wonderful people but the vast majority know nothing of a church of any type, so truly the need is great.

Remember us when you pray.

Yours in Him,  
James Kissel

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Yours In His Service,  
Harold Bratcher



