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No. 6



The new Jeep and the new house for the Bobby Creiglow with Mrs. Creiglow and the twins, Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil, S.A.



Seven of the eight students in Bobby Creiglow's Baptist Bible Institute, Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil, Brother Creiglow is teaching native preachers. One girl in the class.



Church building under construction at Costa de Sal Jose de Amatori, in the interior out from Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. This is one of the several mission points out of the 14th of December Baptist Church, by Harold Bratcher.



Map of Peru, S.A. showing the cities that now have airplane service to them. Note Iquitos on the map where Walter Lauerman has his work, and Pucallpa where Del Mayfield has his work and Tingo Maria where Homer Crain has chosen as the place of his work, and Lima where the Kissels are learning the language and where the Crains and Gibbs will go to learn the language. James Kissel and Art Gibbs have not as yet decided on their places to settle. Note the place Cruzeiro do Sul in Brazil. This is where Bobby Creiglow has his work and on a straight line is only about 140 miles from Del Mayfield at Pucallpa.

Another Church Organized In Peru

Another Church Organized In Peru . . . In Spite Of Many Missionaries Of Many Sects

By Walter Lauerman

Dear Brethren,
Iquitos, Peru
May 19, 1970
Brother Marcial Macahuachi brings the good news that he organized a church in Maipuco, Peru, on the Marañon River, that I spoke about in the last letter. They organized with 9 adults and three young people. He left a young man in charge there, as they also have 2 other places where they preach. Marcial had services day and night in order to teach them doctrine, as they are new in our faith. He had good attendance in all this and they seemed really happy. These people have had services several years here even though they had no training in the truth or no one to teach them. Pray that one now will go there and take this work and stay and be used of the Lord. The Name of the church, is Maipuco Baptist Church. Also, I forgot to say that last month in Tamshiyacu (Marcial pastors here) there were 5 saved and one this month. I thank God for Marcial and Tamshiyacu Church and the work that this church does. This is the second church organized from this church in five years.



Walter Lauerman

At the 4th Mission the past two months we have had a young man from 1st church that has been preaching there. They have 5 regular baptized members from our church going there now. The attendance is now in the 50s. They plan to have 4 days of services next month with the fellowship of the churches there also. This work just seems to start now. As I wrote last month, I preached three days for the 3rd

church celebrating her first anniversary. We had good crowds and many new folks from the neighborhood. I also preached two Sundays there while Pastor Daniel Garcia went to Astoria for 3 Sundays. Again, we had good times and new people coming. Pray for these folks at this church. We are today, and yesterday, having special services in the Second church. I preached last night and to an overflow crowd. It was wonderful to see so many people there again as also it was fellowship night. I sort of gave it to us hard about going together into all the world. It was the message for the hour I am sure, as all churches were represented with pastors. We had good attendance this month in 1st church, three saved, 5 baptized and good offerings. This the Lord gives us in spite of the 6 Mormon missionaries here, 7 so-called Baptists, 4 Jehovah Witnesses, 6 Pentecosts, and I do not know how many Adventists. We used our new baptistry for the first time this month. The preacher's classes are doing fine and the same number comes. The Friday night Bible class still is very well attended. The Lord is good to us, but to whom of His is He not?

Hojeal church has 4 to baptize. The new San Antonio church had one saved this month. The rest of the river churches are about the same, I guess, as I have not seen all of the pastors or workers yet. We are glad to hear that Bro. Gibbs plans to come through Iquitos before we leave here on furlough the Lord willing. The Crains plan to leave some time later I understand. We are sure there is plenty of room here for all. Thank God again for all of you and may the Lord richly bless you all. I might add the family is all well at this writing.

By His Grace,
Walter F. Lauerman

Missionary Conference Manaus, Brazil, January 1971

Please let us know if you plan to go.

Urgent Needs

1. Offerings to help send the Hendersons back to Brazil and to send the Homer Crains and Art Gibbs to Peru and to bring the Walter Lauermans home on furlough. Mark your offering "For missionary passage."
2. Another house is needed for Missionaries while on furlough. Give the house or give an offering to buy one. Mark offering "For Mission House."
3. To enlarge church building in Pucallpa, Peru. Mark offering for "Pucallpa, building."
4. To finish paying for Printing Equipment in Manaus, Brazil. Mark offering "For Printing Equipment."
5. Increase in your regular monthly offerings.
6. \$3,470.40 is still needed to pay for the Hatcher house in Manaus, Brazil.

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Clarksville Baptist College
And Bible Baptist Church,
Clarksville, Tenn., August
11, 12 and 13, 1970**

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Kenneth Lee Overbey, October 29, 1934 - May 16, 1970

Kenneth Lee Overbey, age 35, was killed May 16 near Dazkiri in the mountains of west Turkey. He flew from Detroit to Frankfurt, Germany and bought a car and drove through Austria, Yugoslavia and Greece, where he visited the Bible sites of Athens, Corinth, Thessalonica, Phillipi and the isles of Crete and Patmos. From Greece he was driving through Turkey, visiting the sites of the seven churches of Asia, mentioned in Revelation two and three, when he was killed. He was to travel on through Syria, Jordan and Lebanon and then to Jerusalem, Israel for a post graduate course in Archeology in Hebrew University. Kenneth was a graduate of the University of Maryland. He served ten years in the army as a Military Intelligence Specialist and served in the U. S., Korea, Japan, Philippines, Germany and Vietnam. He was decorated with the Bronze Star and five other medals. Kenneth surrendered to preach while in the army and had a mission in the Philippines, that is today a church. He left the army in January 1970. He had visited the Holy Land twice and had a great selection of color slides of the Bible sites of that land. The Turkish police found Kenneth's car about 7 a.m. May 16 headed down in a ditch near the town of Denizli. He had been shot one time in the back of the left shoulder, severing an artery. His body was flown to Detroit, Michigan and lay in state in the Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church of which he was a member. Funeral was 10 a.m. Friday May 29 with his father, Hafford H. Overbey, pastor of the church, and his brother Edward Hugh Overbey, Pastor of South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky conducting the service. The Lord gave both grace to preach. Then the body was taken to Murray, Kentucky and lay in state in the J. H. Churchill Funeral Home. Final funeral service was in Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Sunday 2:30 p.m. May 31 and the Lord gave his father and brother grace to preach again. His body was buried beside the place that his mother is to be buried, if the Lord tarries. Kenneth is survived by his parents, pastor and Mrs. Hafford H. Overbey, (his mother was the former Gracie Lou Morris). Four brothers and three sisters. Kenneth was a great giver. Once while in the army he sent one thousand dollars for a Thanksgiving offering to Baptist Faith Missions. His parents requested that in lieu of flowers, that the money be given as a memorial to Kenneth for Baptist Faith Missions, and seventy offerings were given totaling \$1,054.00 as shown on page four. Lots of flowers were given also. The nature of the memorial will be announced later. Offerings are still coming in and will be listed in this paper next month the Lord willing. Kenneth made a will, leaving what he had to his parents, if they were living, and if not, to Baptist Faith Missions. His parents have also made a will, leaving what they may have to Baptist Faith Missions, the Lord willing. We request that when we die that in lieu of flowers, that the money be given as a memorial to us, for Baptist Faith Missions. "Until Then" our hearts will go on singing, "Until Then" by grace we'll carry on, "Until the day" our eyes behold the city, "Until the day" God calls us home.

By grace divine, Kenneth's parents, Hafford and Grace Overbey.

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A street scene on the river bank of the mighty Amazon River, in Iquitos, Peru in the part of the city called Belém. This is the highest the water has risen since 1933.



This is across the river near Iquitos, Peru showing how the homes are flooded.

Revival At Arenal . . . Over 200 Children Taught The Bible Every Day . . . Invitation To Visit Pucallpa

By Del Mayfield

Dear Brethren,

We are in revival meeting at Arenal this week, and are praying that the Lord will save some and call out someone to preach there. I'm sure we have the same need as others and that is for more native workers. Pray that God will call some out. We're glad to report that the rains have passed, and it's now getting dry and dusty. That's much better than the rain and mud.

This month has been a good month for us here. The church is coming along real good. We baptized two young men, and then at our business meeting we excluded three. We had another family that came forward asking the Lord to forgive them; and also the church. The sad part is that God had to take two of their children before they would wake up. I spoke with the lady the other day, and told her that the chastisement of God was very hard, and with a tear in her eye she said it sure is truth. We thank God for His power that He has manifested among us. There was a young man saved last Sunday night, and another coming saying that he had robbed God and was going to start tithing.

Our school is doing real good. We appreciate those that have given to the teachers fund, and hold our school up with your prayers. We have a few over two hundred this year, and we teach them the word of God every day. Friday morning we put them all into our church building and have a service, sing, pray and preach. We sure have a house full when they all get in the building. We're hoping some day to have a larger building. We use two classrooms on Sunday morning to seat the people. I'd like to have it so I could preach to them all at one time. Pray with us about this. Our school had a program last Sat. night out in the playground with



Del Mayfield

over 500 in attendance. We had more people standing than we had sitting. Next meeting we plan to build enough benches for the people.

I also had to make a trip to Lima this month to get our things out of customs. At first we got a telegram from Bro. Kissel saying that our things were not on the ship when it arrived in Lima. But thank the Lord I found them in one of the warehouses, and got all the paperwork done. We've received everything, but one of the barrels, and it should be on the way over the mountains. We sure appreciate the things. None of the appliances that we brought down can be bought here at any price, so we're happy and would like to thank each one that helped make it possible for us to enjoy them. Ada stayed here while I went to Lima. We don't very often do this, but someone had to stay with the school. I enjoyed the fellowship with the Kissels, and we're looking forward to them coming by, on their way to Iquitos, to visit us. Also looking forward to the coming of the Gibbs family and the Crain family.

We still have nothing on our car. While in Lima I got the papers to moving, but as yet have not received word as to what they are going to do. Will you make this a matter of prayer, as we need the car (small bus). If we don't get liberation on it soon we must sell it, and we sure don't want to do that, so pray with us.

I'd like to thank each one for your continued prayers and support that make our ministry possible here. There is a great need everywhere, and I'm sure that this place is no exception. I'd also like to invite the brethren that go to Brazil for the conference to come to Pucallpa and visit us. We will feel very disappointed if you don't come, so we're going to expect you to come.

May the Lord bless and use each one for His glory.

Yours by His grace,
Del. Mayfield

P.S. Boy saved at Arenal last night.

Last Month In Lima Learning The Language . . . Will Move To Iquitos To Take Care Of Lauerman's Work During Furlough Time

By James Kissel

Dear Brethren,

May 20, 1970

Greetings to all in the name of our Lord and Saviour. The Lord has been good in watching over us and in supplying all of our needs, as He always does. We have about another month of studying here, then we will be moving to Iquitos, to work there while the Lauerman family comes home for a well deserved rest. We look forward to the time when we can be working there with the churches; but we also plan to continue studying during the year that we shall spend there. There is still much we need to learn but trust that the Lord will give us wisdom to carry on the work. We have enjoyed being here although at times it has been a great burden trying to learn a new language. The time has passed swiftly and we feel we haven't accomplished as much as we would have liked but the Lord knows of our efforts. We trust that in the days ahead we may be able to be better witnesses for Christ and do the work well, that He has called us to do.



James Kissel

We have had wonderful fellowship with many of the people in the church here. The pastor has been very helpful and visits our home once each week, to help us speak and also helps me with my messages. We thank the Lord for him and his faithfulness to God. I am to preach this week and am very thankful for the opportunity the pastor has given me, as it takes practice in the new language.

We were invited to a fellowship of the church on Mother's Day and they had special songs and poems, all dedicated to Mothers. Then we had a feast. Afterwards, my wife asked me what kind of meat we had. At that time I thought that it was squab, but later found out that it was a little animal similar to guinea pig. Anyway it didn't hurt us and we enjoyed the fellowship of all the people.

Winter is beginning here, although it is not real cold—about 60° now but we are having much fog. I understand that it is much colder in June through November. So this is another reason that we will be glad to leave Lima.

Again, we thank all for making it possible for us to be here. We ask each one to remember us in your prayers as we continue to study and especially when we begin to work in Iquitos, as it is very difficult to prepare new sermons in a new language. May the Lord bless each one.

Yours in Him,
James Kissel

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Explanation Of How To Do Good Mission Work . . . Young Man Surrenders To Preach . . . Reports On Churches And Missions

By George Bean

Caixa Postal 500
Sao Luis, Maranhao
Brasil, S.A.
May 16, 1970

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the name of the Lord. The April MS letter I made a plea for you to pray that the Lord would call men to preach in the preaching points that we have. I want to add that a missionary's job is to establish preaching points or missions and then get them

organized and get a building and then try to get a God called man to lead the work. Then he goes and starts all over somewhere else and does the same thing, at least I feel this is my calling. There are many problems, etc. that always have to be worked out, such as support for the man that goes to lead and work in a new place, this is the biggest problem.

Today I read in a Baptist paper we receive that many missionaries suffer because they have insufficient funds to operate on as far as support for native help is concerned, I agree with that and will also state that our personal needs are met and we thank the Lord for this, but we see so much that needs doing. We had one young man from our church to surrender to preach after writing the April MS letter. His name is Satu and he was saved on a Sunday night four years ago and I baptized him. He has been conducting services for some three years and now he has made a public statement that the Lord has called him to preach. Our church has licensed him to preach. He has been going to Itaqui and Olho Dauga and the people are well pleased with him. We have had a busy month and the Lord's blessings have been with us and we give Him all the praise and glory for making our ministry possible.

New Hope Baptist Church, Sao Luis, Maranhao
We have had one profession of faith at the

church this month. He is a single young man of 26 and lives near one of our members. He went with us to Combito Tuesday night and he seems to be happy in the Lord.

Olho Dauga

We had six days of meetings at Olho Dauga this month—May 4-9. On the last night of the meeting a drunk lady attended the services and at the close she made a profession of faith. I was dubious but she came back to the next service and seemed to be happy in the Lord. Bro. Satu has been there two Sunday afternoons with a good interest shown. Please pray for these people that God may open their hearts.

Arsagi, Combito, Itapel

We were at Combito Tuesday night, May 12, and thus far we have not had a profession of faith but it is a place that I like to go as the people are so congenial. Always after services they serve us hot coffee and bread before we start the trip back to SL. We have been to Arasagi and the crowds are increasing as there is another village near that some families have started attending the services.

Santa Rita

I made a trip there with pastor Jose from Anajativa and we had two services at Santa Rita and one at Carema. The Anajativa church has had one woman visitor from Carema saved and we had services in her home with good attendance. There is now an opened door at Carema and there is no Baptist work in this town. Our work is growing and I feel that it could grow more if we had some more full time workers that could spend their time and energies preaching and telling folks about Jesus. Thank you for praying for us each time you pray. I know some do as they have told me that we are on their prayer list. May God bless us together to win souls here in Brasil, as well as there. There is so much that needs doing and I feel that the time is short. May God bless each one is our prayer.

Yours in Him,
George Bean

Eight Months To Buy And Get The Jeep Here . . . Preacher's Classes Going Well . . . A Couple Come To Get Saved

By Bobby Creiglow

Dear Brethren,

Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre

When one comes to Brazil there is one thing that he should learn soon for his own benefit, and that is patience. I ordered the Jeep last August, Brother Bratcher after many trips to the dealer was able to buy it in December and he was able to get it on the boat the last of January and we got it here in Cruzeiro do Sul in April, eight months after I ordered it. It was on the boat almost three months in coming from Manaus to Cruzeiro do Sul and the carburetor was corroded and I have had a time getting it cleaned so it will run well. We want to thank those who gave to make the Jeep a reality. The boats for the Army have brought road building equipment. They plan to build a road from Peru to Rio Branco to connect to the east coast. I have been having classes for our preachers four nights a week and they are just starting to learn how to study. After my last class one night, the lights began to get dim, so I went out into the church building to light the Coleman mantle lantern and in walked a boy bringing a young couple with him. They told me that they wanted to be believers, so I asked what motive they had and the man told me that they lived way up the river and that he had been sick for sometime and they thought that if they became believers that he would be healed. I explained that this would not guarantee health, and that if he became a



Bobby Creiglow

believer it was possible that he would become worse, and that even the Apostle Paul who healed others, prayed to the Lord to be healed and the Lord told him, "My Grace Is Sufficient". After thirty minutes of preaching the need of Christ to them they both said they were saved, and the following Sunday made a public profession of faith. The lights never did get weak or go out that night until time for them to go out. I believe that the Lord sent them and caused the lights to get dim so that I would leave the classroom and preach to them. This year it has rained and rained and our mail has laid in the post office for four weeks because the plane could not land in the mud. The river is the highest that I have ever seen it. I did not realize that the Jeep would be such a blessing. I try to thank the Lord each day for it, and the house to live in.

In Him,
B. D. Creiglow

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Walter Lauerman ready to baptize a man, wife, two daughters and another girl, in the new baptistry of the First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru, May 1, 1970.

Churches Visited . . . Good Meetings . . . Appreciation To All . . . To Return To Brazil July First

By Dempsey Henderson

Dear Brethren,

Another month has passed, and the time is near for our return to Brasil. It has been a wonderful year, but how swiftly the time has gone by! It is with mixed emotions that we anticipate our return to Brasil. We are certainly anxious to get back to the work unto which the Lord has called us and to see our friends and brethren in Christ there again, but we are certainly not anxious to say goodbye to our friends, loved ones and brethren in Christ here, and to leave all of the good fellowship that we enjoy so much here. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you once again for the fellowship, prayers, words of encouragement, offerings, opportunities to visit your churches and homes, and most of all for just having the privilege of knowing such wonderful people as you.

When I finished my letter last month, we were on our way to the Big Bone Baptist Church, located just southwest of Covington, Ky., Bro. Robert Ginn, pastor. We had a blow-out on the way there, which delayed us until we were quite late getting there, but when we arrived the people were all still there—a full house—hearing a wonderful sermon by their good pastor, which I enjoyed very much. I was then given an opportunity to preach and tell about our work. We had a wonderful service, and after the service a wonderful time of fellowship with Bro. Ginn and his family in their home. We thank the Lord for this wonderful pastor and his family and this great church. May God bless them richly.

On Sunday, April 26, we had the good pleasure of being with the Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky., Bro. Howard Wilson Jr., pastor. The people of this church, as well as the pastor and family, are very dear friends of ours of long standing, and needless to say, it was a real pleasure to be with them once again. We had 3 services that day, with dinner on the ground, and it was certainly a wonderful day in every respect. We thank the Lord upon every remembrance of them.

On Wednesday night, April 29, we were with the Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky., Bro. Boyd Burgess, pastor. This was another wonderful experience and blessing for us, as these folks and pastor are also good friends of long standing, and it was a real pleasure to be with them once again.

On Sunday morning, May 3, we had the pleasure of being with the Olmstead Baptist Church, Olmstead, Ky., Bro. Harold Harvey, pastor. I have been acquainted with these good people almost since the church's beginning, and have known their good pastor for some time now, and so it was a real pleasure to be with these good friends again. We had a real good service that morning, and then a real good dinner prepared for us by Mrs. Harvey, and a good time of fellowship with Bro. Harvey and his family. That night we had the privilege of being with the Sand Hill Baptist Church, near Benton, Ky., Bro. Wallace Green, pastor. It had been years since we had been to this church, but we found many of our dear friends still there, and we made many new friends there. I also learned that the pastor was a man that I had known in the early part of my ministry. It was good to be with these folks, to preach to them, and to tell them about our work. We had a wonderful time there.

On May 4, I began a meeting with the Northside Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., Bro. Gerald Smith, pastor. We had a wonderful meeting. There were 6 professions of faith, 7 additions by baptism, and a large number of re-dedications. This church and pastor are doing a great work for the Lord, and we thank God for His blessings upon them. We count

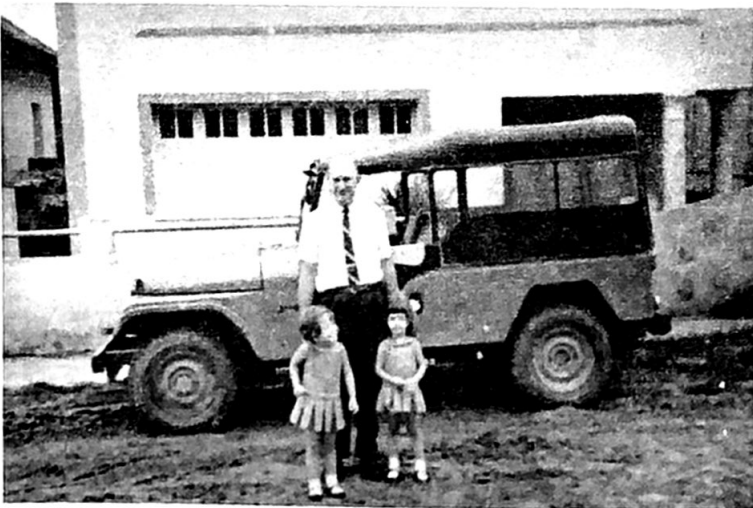


Bro. Smith and his family among our dearest friends, and many of his members are friends of ours of long standing. We had a wonderful time with them.

On Wednesday night, May 13, I had the privilege of being with the Newby Baptist Church, Newby, Ky., Bro. Marvin Summers, pastor. It was a real pleasure to get to visit this church and meet these wonderful people. Of course Bro. Summers and his family are long-time friends of ours, and it was a real pleasure to have fellowship with them. We had a good supper prepared by Mrs. Summers, and a season of fellowship before church. Then the Lord blessed us marvelously in the service. I had good freedom to preach, and when the invitation was given, a young girl came forward saying that she had trusted Christ as her Saviour while I was preaching, and that she wanted to be baptized and become a member of the church. They are having a conference all this week, and on Tuesday night Paul Hatcher and I went and heard Bro. Harry Hille preach a powerful and soul stirring message. There was also a young girl saved that night. Bro. Summers is doing a marvelous work there, and the Lord is blessing his ministry mightily. It was wonderful to be with this great church and pastor.

In closing I would like to thank each one of these churches and pastors of the opportunities to be with you, and also for the most liberal offerings, but most of all for your prayers, regular support of the work of Baptist Faith Missions, which is actually a work of the supporting churches, and for your encouragement in the work that the Lord has called us to do. Many times the missionary's wife and family are not mentioned in the mission letters, but that doesn't mean that they are not busy helping in the work. Tuesday night, while I was enjoying the message at Newby Baptist Church, Dorothy was showing the slides and souvenirs for the ladies group of the South Lexington Baptist Church, and telling them about our work in Brasil. She speaks to the ladies groups most everywhere we go. I thank the Lord for her. May God bless you all.

In Him,
Dempsey Henderson



Bobby Creiglow and the twin daughters beside the four-wheel drive jeep in front of his house in Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil.



Bobby Creiglow baptizing six into the Calvary Baptist Church at Colonia, Japim.

Slowly Recuperating . . . Thanks To All For Prayer, Letters And Get Well Cards . . . Mrs. Bratcher A Good Nurse

By Harold Bratcher

Manaus, Amazonas
May 14, 1970

Dear Brethren,

Since the writing of the April Mission Sheet letter, I have been at home every minute of every day except for three times—I went to the Doctor twice, the last time was Monday of this week and to Prayer Meeting (the first service I've attended at the church since April 8th) last night. The members of the church have been very kind to us during these days of my recuperation, faithfully praying for my recovery and visiting me as well. On Friday night, April 24th, the church held a service in our home.

The Doctor told me Monday that I was better but not yet completely recovered. As many of you know, since February, I have been suffering off and on from hepatitis. I must continue taking medicine much bed rest, a diet with much sugar and



Harold Bratcher

liquids, a daily sun bath, for at least another month. He told me I could work just a little at my desk, attend one service per week at the church and if necessary, go to town one time per week.

I want to thank each one of you who have prayed for my recovery and for the wife and boys during these days. I'm thankful to report the wife and boys are in good health. Marie has been a good nurse to me during these days. We thank each one of you who have written us. We appreciate your letters and get-well cards.

The work of the 14th of December Baptist Church is continuing at a normal pace. Bro. Eliziano Candido da Silva, assistant pastor, is taking care of all the services until I am able to preach again. On Sunday, April 26th the Sunday School attendance was 202-May 3 153 and May 10-135. The church continues to maintain the work in the interior.

We ask for your continued prayers. We pray the Lord's blessings to be upon each of you.

Yours In His Service,
Harold Bratcher

International Conference Planned Manaus, Brazil January 1971 . . . An Invitation Given To All To Come

By John Hatcher

Manaus, Amazonas
May 15, 1970

Dear Brethren,

We are happy to greet you by letter once more. During the past month nothing unusual has happened. Every day has been a busy one. The work has been experiencing one of those level spots and so we continue sowing and hoping for one of those great times of great gatherings if God sees fit to grant such.

Bible Conference

The plans are being made for the Bible Conference in the month of January of 1971, the Lord willing. Certainly it would be worth the time and money for as many of you as can, to make the trip and come to be with us. Would it not be nice if it could be made an international conference



John Hatcher

with not only the brethren from Brazil but also many visitors from the States and also our missionary brethren from Peru. The invitation is given to all of you and we want you to come. NOW ONE THING IS IMPORTANT, since the Tabernacle church and the other churches are going to try to plan to care for as many as possible we do need to know in advance how many are coming and how long you plan to stay. Please do not forget that here things are not done with as much ease as quickly as they can be done in the States so we do need to know right away who is coming or planning to come, the Lord willing. No doubt, the trip will be an unforgettable one and even though you will not be able to speak their language I am sure that you will rejoice in the spiritual investment you have made here. More about it next letter but write now if you are planning to come. Rather than write to us here send your letter to Brother H. H. Overbey and he will send us the information.

Anxiously Awaiting

Needless to say, the thought of our three children arriving here about the eleventh of June to visit us for a couple of months thrills us more each day. By the time you read this they will be here with us perhaps. Pray for their trip. They will be returning to the States in time to start the fall term of school.

Pray For The Work

Sometimes it seems as if our limit has been reached as far as energies are concerned and the work cannot grow as it ought. Pray that God will provide workers that the work might increase and remember He still works with human instrumentalities.

In Him,
John A. Hatcher



Close-up of seven of the eight students in Bobby Creiglow's Baptist Bible Institute, Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre.

Offerings for May 1970

Calvary Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	\$ 13.60
Calvary Baptist Temple, Cynthiana, Ky.	20.00
Corning Baptist Church, Corning, Ohio	5.00
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	27.96
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	80.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Hurricane, W. Va.	20.00
Faith Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	35.00
Grace Baptist Church, Georgetown, Ky.	25.71
New Salem Baptist Church, Dukedom, Tenn.	7.00
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	68.51
Stonewall Baptist Church, Sadieville, Ky.	44.61
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.	103.15
Algonac Baptist Church, Algonac, Mich.	21.21
Bentley Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	150.06
Bethel Baptist Church, Mokena, Ill.	10.00
Bible Baptist Church, Madisonville, Ky.	30.89
Bible Baptist Church, Rushville, N.Y.	30.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	71.41
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	32.43
Fellowship Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	150.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	100.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	16.00
Member of First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	100.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	65.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio (Pucallpa Bldg.)	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio (Sta. Wgn.)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	600.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Boat & Motor)	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Teachers in Brazil)	30.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Teachers in Peru)	8.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Teachers in Peru)	9.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (L.B.C.)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Travel Expense, Crane Family)	300.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Travel Expense, Gibbs Family)	300.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C.	50.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	15.00
Newby Baptist Church, Newby, Ky.	17.49
New LaGrange Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	25.00
Olmstead Baptist Church, Olmstead, Ky.	50.60
Poplar Creek Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	50.00
Randolph Street Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	200.00
Riverside Baptist Church, Richmond, W. Va.	50.00
Rollynsburg Baptist Church, Talcott, W. Va.	10.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	50.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Designated)	10.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Designated)	20.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Hatcher Printing Equipment)	20.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, Ohio	282.50
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Baptist Temple, Ravenswood, W. Va.	15.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Nitro, W. Va.	20.00
Dean Road Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.	25.00
Garfield Baptist Church, Traverse City, Mich.	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Normanton, W. Va.	10.00
Knotts Baptist Church, Oram, W. Va.	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	89.20
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	52.95
Missionary Baptist Church, Gallagher, W. Va.	125.00
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Stumptown, W. Va.	15.00
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Tenn.	25.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	50.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Beans Bldg. Fund)	50.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Bible for Mayfield-Youth Group)	250.00
Antioch Baptist Church, Hobart, Ind.	18.00
Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	25.00
Beauty Mountain Baptist Church, Ansted, W. Va.	36.50
Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	16.75
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	50.00
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va.	25.00
Barna Baptist Church, Burna, Ky.	39.07
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio	49.72
Faith Baptist Church, Wauseon, Ohio	20.00
Members of First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla.	95.00
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	26.40
Greenville Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Tenn.	50.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	470.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Land Transportation)	100.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio (Bratcher)	20.00
Lilly Valley Baptist Church, Roinelle, W. Va.	20.00
Little Sewell Baptist Church, Roinelle, W. Va.	10.00
Maple Grove Baptist Church, Mount Clemens, Mich.	10.00
Morgan Ave. Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	96.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Shock, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	20.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	23.55
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	121.02
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Bldg. in Iquitos)	12.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio	25.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Ohio	40.00
New Union Baptist Church, Symsonia, Ky.	10.00
Faith Baptist Church, Madison Heights, Mich. (Hatcher House)	10.51
Grace Baptist Church, Annville, Ky.	20.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.00
Mountain Dale Baptist Church, Boone, N.C.	143.02
Peoples Baptist Church, East Alton, Ill.	44.00
Pleasant Plains Bapt. Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	30.44
Rich Mountain Baptist Church, Boone, N.C.	112.68
Rupert Baptist Church, Rupert, W. Va.	10.00
Winchester Baptist Church, Winchester, Ohio	28.00
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	48.84
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	25.00
Bible Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. (Henderson's Household Needs)	66.10
Bible Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	25.00
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	50.00
Faith Baptist Church, Girdler, Ky.	10.00
Faith Baptist Church, Sacramento, Ky.	25.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	165.86
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (teachers in Peru-Prayer Bands)	20.00
Grace Baptist Church, Chittenango, N.Y.	5.00
Grace Baptist Church, Holly, Mich.	40.00
LaGrange Baptist Church, Mims, Fla.	24.56
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va.	15.00
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky.	15.00

Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	30.21
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	121.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Land Transportation)	30.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	30.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Peru)	30.00
Winton Place Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio (Bratcher)	5.00
Zadr Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	20.76
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	61.32
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	10.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	309.85
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Boat & Motor)	309.85
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, Ky.	10.00
Faith Baptist Church, Wauseon, Ohio	20.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	67.46
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	15.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	217.75
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	238.82
Victory Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo. (Mayfield Bldg.)	15.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	198.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Mayfield Household Needs)	63.00
MEMORIAL OFFERINGS IN LIEU OF FLOWERS FOR KENNETH LEE OVERBEY THROUGH TWELVE-RYAN BAPTIST CHURCH, WARREN, MICH.	
Grace Baptist Church, Georgetown, Ky.	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Hawkins, Star City, Ark.	10.00
Mrs. Oscar Porman, Warren, Mich.	10.00
Gary Wilkes, Taylor, Mich.	10.00
Mrs. Kay Flint, Warren, Mich.	10.00
Maple Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Clemens, Mich.	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Russel Darling, Mudelein, Ill.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Lawrence, Murray, Ky.	10.00
Pastor & Mrs. H. D. Lax, Murray, Ky.	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Clark & Z. E. Clark, Warren, Mich.	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Overbey, Westmont, Ill.	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wilkes, Taylor, Mich.	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Fredette, Sterling Heights, Mich.	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Charles, Detroit, Mich.	10.00
Pastor & Mrs. Edward Overbey, Lexington, Ky.	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hunter, Algonac, Mich.	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Allen, Detroit, Mich.	10.00
Carl, Irene, Gene Diana Picklo & Gil & Fran Rugh, Detroit, Mich.	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Rogers, Royal Oak, Mich.	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. T. H. Alberts, Detroit, Mich.	10.00
Rhoella Rogers, Royal Oak, Mich.	4.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hazen Franz, Detroit, Mich.	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Gibbs, Taylor, Mich.	50.00
Nellie & Ed. Rogers & Zandra Taylor, Sterling Heights, Mich.	10.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gernice Mayers, Warren, Mich.	10.00
Theopolis Graham Family, Farmington, Mich.	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Magarun, Farmington, Mich.	10.00
Anonymous	5.00
Pastor & Mrs. Louis Maple, Des Plaines, Ill.	25.00
Phyllis Mutz, Detroit, Mich.	10.00
The Donald Humphreys Family, Royal Oak, Mich.	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Webb, Ramulus, Mich.	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Art Gibbs, Taylor, Mich.	25.00
Mrs. Opal Sprouse, Detroit, Mich.	15.00
Mrs. Ola Mayse, Detroit, Mich.	5.00
Elder & Mrs. James Fenison, Salt Lick, Ky.	5.00
Manufacturers National Bank, Detroit, Mich.	52.00
Mr. & Mrs. James W. Cavanaugh, Troy, Mich.	10.00
Wendel Clark, Warren, Mich.	20.00
Baseball Team, Manufacturers National Bank, Detroit, Mich.	25.00
Mrs. Patsy Rotundo, Rochester, Mich.	10.00
A. George Buono, Detroit, Mich.	10.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Ward, Warren, Mich.	15.00
Donna Humphreys, Royal Oak, Mich.	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. D. M. Mcallum, Detroit, Mich.	5.00
Mary Palmer, Warren, Mich.	10.00
Pastor & Mrs. Carl Noel, Centerline, Mich.	8.00
Pastor & Mrs. Halford H. Overbey, Warren, Mich.	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Colley, Traverse City, Mich.	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. L. H. Brantley, Warren, Mich.	10.00
Mrs. Shirley Mayse, Detroit, Mich.	10.00
Cheryl Humphreys, Royal Oak, Mich.	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Gibbs Sr., Detroit, Mich.	15.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	20.00
Faith Baptist Church, Madison Heights, Mich.	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Young People)	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Jones, Clarksville, Tenn.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Seestrom, Minnetonka, Minn.	15.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry J. Kotkiewicz & Son	5.00
Mrs. Johnnie Harris, Mt. Morris, Mich.	15.00
Mrs. Illa Columbo, Detroit, Mich.	15.00
Mrs. Willie Medley, Detroit, Mich.	15.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wash Osbourne, Utica, Mich.	5.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Paul M. Jones, Madisonville, Ky.	25.00
Hoyt and Eva England, Warren, Mich.	20.00
Total memorial offering for Kenneth Overbey	1,054.00
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Coney, Skokie, Ill. (Hatcher House)	66.68
Mr. & Mrs. Donald S. Fortner, Winston Salem, N.C.	6.00
Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La.	35.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Huckabee, Leander, Tex.	200.00
Emily Parsley, Williamson, W. Va.	14.00
Hattie Jude, Williamson, W. Va.	11.00
Mrs. Zach Savage, Gainesville, Fla.	50.00
Eld. & Mrs. G. B. Trent, Williamson, W. Va.	49.00
Eld. & Mrs. G. B. Trent, Williamson, W. Va.	25.00
W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	5.00
Mrs. Lacie Skinner, Morgantown, W. Va.	5.00
M. H. Castle, Jr. Kingsport, Tenn.	10.00
Roscoe G. Sappenfield, Geneva, Ill.	50.00
Received for Boat & Motor Fund	359.85
Received for Building in Iquitos	12.00
Received for Building in Pucallpa	40.00
Received for Land Transportation	130.00
Received for Station Wagon Fund	10.00
Received for Teachers in Brazil	91.00
Received for Teachers in Peru	67.00
Received for Bean's Building Fund	50.00
Received for Household Needs	129.10
Received for Hatcher House	77.19
Received for Missionaries Passage	600.00
Received for Printing Equipment	20.00



The Bobby Creiglows and twin daughters in front of their new house in Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil.

Received for Bibles for Mayfield	250.00
Received for Regular fund	8,244.86
Received for all purposes	10,081.00

OFFERINGS FOR BOAT & MOTOR, MAY, 1970

Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	\$ 50.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	309.85
Total received for this fund in May	359.85

OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN IQUITOS, MAY, 1970

New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	\$ 12.00
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OFFERINGS FOR BUILDING IN PUCALLPA, MAY, 1970

Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	\$ 25.00
Victory Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.	15.00
Total received for this fund in May	40.00

OFFERINGS FOR LAND TRANSPORTATION, MAY, 1970

Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	\$ 100.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	30.00
Total received for this fund in May	130.00

OFFERINGS FOR STATION WAGON FUND, MAY, 1970

Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	\$ 10.00
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OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN BRAZIL, MAY, 1970

First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	\$ 16.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	30.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	15.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	30.00
Total received for this fund in May	91.00

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN PERU, MAY, 1970

Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	\$ 9.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	8.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Prayer Bands)	20.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	30.00
Total received for this fund in May	67.00

OFFERINGS FOR BEAN'S BUILDING FUND, MAY, 1970

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 50.00
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OFFERINGS FOR HATCHER HOUSE, MAY, 1970

Faith Baptist Church, Madison Heights, Mich.	\$ 10.51
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Coney, Skokie, Ill.	66.68
Total received for this fund in May	77.19

OFFERINGS FOR HOUSEHOLD NEEDS, MAY, 1970

Bible Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. (Henderson's)	66.10
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Mayfields)	63.00
Total received for this fund in May	129.10

OFFERINGS FOR MISSIONARIES PASSAGE, MAY, 1970

Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Crane Family).	\$ 300.00
Grace Bapt. Church, Warren, Mich. (Gibbs Family)	300.00
Total received for this fund in May	600.00

OFFERINGS FOR PRINTING EQUIPMENT, MAY, 1970

South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 20.00
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OFFERINGS FOR BIBLES FOR MAYFIELD, MAY, 1970

Pleasant Ridge Bapt. Church, Lexington, Ky. (Youth Group)	\$ 250.00
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MEMORIAL OFFERINGS FOR KENNETH LEE OVERBEY

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OFFERINGS FROM NEW CHURCHES & INDIVIDUALS, MAY, 70

Greenville Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Tenn.	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Coney, Skokie, Ill.	66.68