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The beginning of the wall around the church building site, Cuiaba, Brazil that Richard Turner is building. This site is bordered by three streets. Mark your special offering for "TURNER BUILDING" so he can build a church building.



Another view of the building site, Cuiaba, Brazil. Note shed for tools and cement and man near shed laying the wall. The long building in the background is a new school building.



The house that the Richard Turners live in, Cuiaba, Brazil, near the building site for the new church building. Note wall around the house.

Urgent Needs . . . Approved Projects:

BRATCHER BUILDING, MANAUS, BRAZIL

The need to build this building is very urgent. Brother Bratcher has been a missionary to Brazil for 15 years. He has a large building site paid for. He now has the architect's plans drawn and will start to build as soon as the city grants the permit. Sostenes de Melo will supervise the building. This will be a large building to accommodate up to 500 persons. It perhaps will cost at least \$35,000.00 to build. As of this date about \$6,500.00 has been received. Please get this project on your heart and give til it makes you happy. Mark your special offerings for "BRATCHER BUILDING". While John Hatcher was on a trip to South Brazil he took a picture of a beautiful Baptist Church building that two Baptist Laymen in the U.S. gave the entire funds to build. Surely there are several who read this who could pay for this project (through your church) in full as well as the other projects.

TURNER BUILDING, CUAIBA, BRAZIL

This also is an urgent need. Richard Turner has a large beautiful building site paid for and funds to build the walls around the site. Perhaps the first building can be built for about \$10,000.00. Please get this project on your heart. Mark your special offerings for "CUAIBA BUILDING" or "TURNER BUILDING". Brother Turner is holding services in a room of his home and it is too small. PLEASE GIVE.

GIBBS BUILDING, HUANUCO, PERU

Read Art Gibbs' letter in this issue to see the urgent need. We have as of this date about \$4,650.00 towards this project, but this is not enough to buy a building site. May the Lord be pleased to lay it on every pastor's heart to lead his church to give to some of these projects. Mark your special offerings for "HUANUCO BUILDING" or for "GIBBS BUILDING".

LAUERMAN BUILDING, TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

This is for the second church building. The first one is paid for. Brother Lauerman has the building site paid for, but needs the money to build the building. Read his letter in this issue about the needs. It perhaps will take about \$10,000.00 to build. A great opportunity for blessings and rewards. Mark your special offering for "HONDURAS BUILDING" or for "LAUERMAN BUILDING".

CRAIN'S BUILDING NEEDS

Read Brother Crain's letter in this issue for the need to build walls around the building sites in both Aucayaco and Tingo Maria, Peru and to finish paying for the building in Tingo Maria. Also a house is being bought in Tingo Maria for the Crains to live in rent free. This house and lot is being bought for about \$3,000.00 and it will take about \$3,000.00 more to complete. This will save the mission \$100.00 a month in house rent. Mark your special offerings for "TINGO MARIA BUILDING" or for "WALLS FOR CRAIN'S BUILDINGS" or for "HOUSE FOR CRAIN".

OTHER NEEDS

Balance on "Mrs. Crain's hospital Bill". Balance on "Bean's Building". Balance on "Mayfield's Buildings". Mark your special offerings accordingly.

AIRPLANE PASSAGE

The John Hatchers and Bobby Creiglows will be leaving for Brazil in July after furlough time. The Richard Turners will be coming from Brazil and the Louie Carvers will be coming from Korea on furlough. Several thousand dollars needed. Mark your special offerings for "AIRPLANE PASSAGE". No offering for any of these projects is too small. If every reader of this paper would pray and give as the Lord leads the needs of all the projects would be met. Get these on your INTENSIVE PRAYER LIST.

CARVER BUILDING, SEOUL, KOREA

Read Brother Carver's letter in this issue and pray and give that this lot and building may be paid for. Mark your special offerings for "KOREA BUILDING" or for "CARVER BUILDING".

14th Annual Spring Missionary Conference Lexington, Kentucky, April 1, 2 and 3, 1974

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Annual Conference Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., April 22, 23 and 24, 1974



Mrs. Homer Crain (Elizabeth) and her three daughters after getting out of the hospital in Lima, Peru.

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The young woman was excluded from Bro. Bean's church in 1969. She got married, repented and came back to church and the Lord saved her husband and he got baptized. Making Baptists in Brazil.



James Kissel ready to baptize two girls in First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru. They are granddaughters of Simon Gaimo. The faithful Witoto Indian preacher. Making Baptists in Peru.



Walter Lauerman ready to baptize Julia Lopez. She smoked, drank and had men. After four months of evidence of salvation she was baptized. Another Baptist in Honduras.

Humbled By Many Churches That Support The Work . . . Week Of Prayer Followed By Week Of Meetings . . . In 36 Services In One Month

By George Bean

Caixa Postal 500
Sao Luis, Maranhao
Brasil, S.A. 65,000
February 15, 1974

Dear Brethren,

As I write this letter and begin to think of the many churches that support us and makes our ministry possible here in Brazil it humbles us. To God be all the glory.

We have had a busy month with many victories won in the Lord's work. Jan. 21-27 New Hope Baptist Church had a week of prayer services each evening and the following week Jan. 28-Feb. 3 we had a series of meetings with Brother Ricardo, the pastor from The Peritoro Baptist Church who did the preaching for us. The Lord blessed us in many ways in having this great man of God in our home and church. Feb. 3, I baptized



George Bean

two into the fellowship of NHBC. I have been to Recusco, a preaching point from our church, two times this month with one profession of faith. I have been to Carema three Fridays, our crowds are smaller there as we are in the rainy season and sometimes this keeps people at home. Bro. Jose, the preacher from NHBC, who lives near Carema, goes there each Sunday afternoon now as they have started having S.S. The attendance is down at the Villa Maranhao Baptist Church as they have not called a pastor as yet and we are there each Sunday afternoon helping them. We are somewhere just about every night. Since the last Mission Sheet letter of Jan. 15, 1974 I have been in 36 services, with six professions of faith.

May the Lord lay the burden of the great multitudes upon our hearts, and then let us give and work to bring them to Jesus as He leads us. Goodbye until next time and may the Lord bless each one is our prayer.

Yours to the Multitudes,
George Bean

With Churches In Michigan . . . Encouragement For Mission Work . . . Getting Supplies For Return To Brazil . . . List Of Dates For Future Engagements

By John Hatcher

Dear Brethren,

February 23, 1974

At the present writing, I am in the Detroit area where several churches have been visited. The Lord willing, my visits in this area will continue until the 4th of March. The interest which the churches have in an encouragement in the mission work.

As the time to return to Brazil rapidly approaches, we have been looking at some equipment which we would like to take with us, especially for the printed ministry. Not much news from Brazil this month due to fact that John Mark is traveling and we should have some news by next letter time.



John Hatcher

Since last letter, I have visited the Byram Station Baptist Church-Al Gormley, pastor; Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Michigan-Rager Jones, pastor; Faith Baptist Church, Madison Heights, Michigan-Roy Humble, pastor; Point Place Baptist Church, Bobby Lakes, pastor; Faith Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Brother Vamer, pastor; Grace Baptist

Church, Warren, Michigan-Eugene Clark, pastor; Immanuel Baptist Church, River View, Michigan-Brother Messer, pastor; First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Michigan-Cliff Pressley, pastor; Faith Baptist Mission, Missionary Paul Calley, Mesick, Michigan, Algonac Baptist Church, Artis France, pastor; New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, Michigan-Marvin Summers, pastor; Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Michigan-George Lock, pastor; Grace Baptist Church, Holly Michigan-Brother Hopkins, pastor.

The Lord willing in the future, I will be speaking at the following churches: March 8-10, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston Salem, N.C., March 11-17, Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, Florida. March 24, Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, Ill. March 25-31, Teays Valley Baptist College and Church, Hurricane, W.Va. April 7, Myrtle Tree Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky. April 8-14 Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, Ohio. April 15-21, Devondale Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. April 24-28 Greentown, Ohio, Greentown Baptist Church.

In Him,
John Hatcher

Professions And Baptisms . . . Sub-Zero Weather . . . Need Funds To Pay For New Building Lot . . . Prices Of Things Very High

By Louie Carver

251-14 Yunhi Dong
Sudamoon Ku
Seoul 120 Korea
Feb. 16, 1974

Dear Brethren,

God has given us another good month despite the cold weather and soaring prices. Three have been saved at the church and two baptized; four saved at the mission & submitted for baptism but due to sub-zero tempt. we've been unable to baptize them. Attendance at the church & mission has been fairly steady, down some due to extremely cold weather; snow & ice.

We've purchased a 147 pyong lot for the mission in the country one pyong is approx. 6' x 6'. I feel sure that some church or individual would like to invest the price of the lot in souls here in Korea. The lot including measuring, etc. only costs approx. \$160.00. I'm sure God would richly bless someone if they would pay for the lot. If God would



Louie Carver

give us approx. \$2,000.00 I feel that we could also put the skeleton of a building on the lot; if not, our church here in Seoul has voted, one way or other to purchase a tent and put on the lot to use temporarily; since I only have about four months left to take care of all this before returning for furlough.

I've heard recently of the soaring prices in the States. Well, Brethren take courage; let me give you a few examples of our recent price rises: high test gas now: \$1.90; per gallon, heating oil \$31.00 per drum, Kerosene Oil \$.76 per gallon, sugar up 40%, flour up 60%, a gallon of cooking oil \$6.96, lb. of coffee \$2.10, a can of Spam lunch meat \$1.89, car prices up about 50%, with car tax up as much as 100%; these are only a few examples. Yet, God is still on His Throne and will take care of the needs of all His Children: Philip. 4:19.

Thank God for you Precious Souls who make our ministry here in the "White Field" of Korea possible.

In His Service,
The Louie Carvers

Attendance Down . . . One Profession, One Baptized, One Excluded . . . High Of 66 In Sunday School . . . Good Spiritual Services . . . Unable To Get Water To Build

By Walter Lauerman

Apartado 1218
Tegucigalpa, Honduras
February 16, 1974

Dear Brethren,

This month has continued to be one down in attendance, but we had one saved, one baptised, one excluded. 66 S.S. average. 40 or so at nights. We have a good spirit in our church though. We may have to exclude one or two more yet before we can really serve

the Lord. We need a revival badly but there is no one here I would really trust for that job of preaching. We had hoped Bro. Kissel from Peru would have come but as you know he got sick and could not come. So we are waiting for the Lord to lead us in this.

At our mission point in Ayestas, we had an average S.S. of 40 for the month but only about 10 to 20 on Thursday. The Pentecost people are wild up there. Four groups, all



Walter Lauerman

small, all believe alike and yet all fighting.

Three of these groups have gone up there since we bought the lot out there. I have talked to one of the pastors and he is so wrapped up in what he is doing he forgets that it is the word of God that should lead us. He took one young lady that came to our services and when I met him at her house and exposed his false doctrine, he had to leave all of a sudden. It is really pitiful how they go on and not a part of it from the word of God. We have not been able to start building there yet as there is no water there and we are trying to find some way to get water to build with. We do not have money anyhow to build with yet. We pray that you would pray about this and give as the Lord would lead. I am sure if I had all the money to build, the Lord would give me the water to build with.

The family all send greetings and thank you for all your prayers and support now and in the past.

By His Grace,
Walter F. Lauerman

Back In Work At Iquitos . . . Gasoline Shortage . . . Driving Restricted To Four Days A Week . . . Many Members Away Working In Oil Fields . . . No Flights To Pucallpa Conference

By James Kissel

Apartado 183
Iquitos, Peru
February 14, 1974

Dear Brethren,

Since getting back to Iquitos, we find many things that we need to do, but some things cannot be done due to shortages. There is so much building here that we are unable to buy blocks, etc. Also here, like there, we have an acute shortage of gasoline. We can only drive four days per week. I cannot buy gas for my boat, so I am unable to visit on the rivers. The way things are throughout the world, I am sure we are living in the last days.

I haven't many reports from the brethren on the rivers. I am writing early this month, as it seems that the mail is slower and my let-



James Kissel

ters are not being received. The work in the First Church has picked up some, with new visitors coming. Many of the brethren, members of the First Church, also the other churches, are away for two to three months at a time, working in the oil fields. We had one profession of faith and also one baptized into the First Church.

We had planned to be in Pucallpa last week for our yearly conference with the other missionaries, but all flights were cancelled to Pucallpa, due to the shortage of gas. We had eight of our young people go by boat and as yet have not returned. It takes about eight days by launch.

Pray for us here, that things might get back to normal again, where we can buy gas and work the rivers, where there is such a great need. We thank the Lord for all who make our work possible, thru prayers and gifts to the work.

Yours in Him,
James Kissel

Restrictions On Use Of Car . . . Lot And Building Most Urgent Need . . . Offerings Needed Now . . . In Conference With Mayfield In Pucallpa

By Art Gibbs

Apartado 7
Huanuco, Peru
February 15, 1974

Dear Brethren,

We still have no further word on our petition for land in Paucarbambilla and are beginning to wonder if it will ever be a reality. There is much opposition to the establishment of Baptist Churches.

We no longer have to cope with long gas lines for the present, but now we are forbidden to drive our car on Tues. or Thurs. This is a real handicap to the work. Pray that this restriction might soon be lifted.

Our most urgent need continues to be a lot and building for our church here in Huanuco. This is NOT a FUTURE need, BUT a very REAL and PRESENT need. Tomorrow may be eternally too late. Don't miss out on the opportunity and the reward of helping our poorer brethren to have a place to meet. The old building that we are renting is a severe handicap to the work of the



Art Gibbs

Lord. If fourteen churches would by God's grace give \$1,000.00 each, we could buy a suitable piece of property. I know the price is high, but so are the rewards. Please pray about this most urgent need. Stop reading this letter and bow your head now, before you forget, and ask God to help us that we might soon have a lot and building here in Huanuco. It will be ever so much appreciated.

This past month I spent one week, as did also Bro. Crain, helping Bro. Mayfield in a conference. The Mayfields were most gracious hosts and we had a good time of fellowship with all the brethren. The Lord blessed with several making professions of faith.

Despite our building problems the Lord continues to bless here in Huanuco. The attendance has held up good despite the rains and I was privileged to baptize five of the six who made professions of faith last month. The sixth is to be baptized this Sunday. We also have several others who are to be baptized later.

May the Lord bless you all.
Yours in HIM,
Art Gibbs



Sign over street beside First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru, advertising Brother Kissel's Conference in the church.

Eighth Annual Anniversary Conference A Good One . . . Eleven Professions Of Faith . . . The Crains And Gibbs Come . . . Kissels Could Not Come, No Gas For Plane . . . Brother Died In U.S.

By Del Mayfield

Apartado 166
Pucallpa, Peru, S.A.
Feb. 15, 1974

Dear Brethren,
We just finished our 8th Anniversary, Annual Mission Conference. This is a time we always look forward to and work hard to make it better every year. There were 11 professions of faith, 3 for baptism, and one by letter from Tingo Maria. Brother Crain and family, Brother Art Gibbs, part of the choir from Iquitos, 7 girls & 1 boy, were with us. Brother Kissel and others from Iquitos had tickets to come, but the plane canceled out their flight because of the gas problem. There were others, from Tingo, and Bro. Gibbs helper from the Ambo Mission who couldn't get here also. We also had problems getting the group back to Iquitos, and finally had to send them by boat. Bro. Saurino and his family, wife and 5 children, the baby 6 months old, and most of his members came every night. There were a few nights they got soaked by the rains. It took them about 2 hours to come up,



Del Mayfield

1-1/2 hours to go back, plus walking from the port to our church, which means in all about 4 hours to come to church, in an open boat. There are some people who still love the Lord, and I'm sure they are some of them. We thank God for them.
The gas ration is on here, and we can not use our car Mon. and Wed. That makes things just a little harder. Of course when it rains like it is now, we can't get out anyway.
The rains and high water has cut us off from the Mission in San Fernando. We hope that when the water goes down they will build a bridge, like they say they will do. Pray that the Lord will give us a family to live close to the Mission, so the work can go on.
We received a telegram the 2nd of Feb. telling of our older brothers death the 27th of Jan. Our hearts were grieved, not only at the death of Amos, but the time it took to get word to us (six days). The communication system here is something else. Pray for the family that God will give grace.

May the Lord bless each one of you.
Yours in His Grace,
Del Mayfield

Son Richie Makes Profession Of Faith . . . Building Shed Built . . . Walls Around Lot Being Built . . . In Rainy Season . . . Lots Of Paper Work For Hired Help

By Richard Turner

Caixa Postal 720
78000-Cuiaba, Mato Grosso
Brazil, S.A.
Feb. 13, 1974

Dear Brethren,
This month we have been given many reasons to rejoice. One reason, our son, Richie, came to know the Lord as his Saviour. He had been disturbed for sometime but not wanting to pressure him or have him do something he was not sure of I would only answer his questions.
The 16th of Jan. he refused to go to bed until he got it straightened out. That night he trusted the Lord. He is our first convert here in Cuiaba.
Since last month work has progressed on the building of the wall. The shed is finished and over half of the basic part of the wall. For about a week and half I helped to mix mortar and pour the foundation. Now that part is finished so there is not quite as much for me to help with. We have used all the bricks



Richard Turner

and yesterday the bricklayer and I rode bicycles many miles trying to find more to buy. It is the rainy season here now so they are hard to find. Finally we found some and now are waiting for them to be delivered.
This brick is just a common brick and is not made at factories but by hand.
Also, much time has had to be spent on paper work and documentation to be able to hire help and pay their social security, etc. This is a must here in Brazil. Hope to finish up with this soon.
Our services have been about the same this month. We have had as many as 16 and as few as 9. Did not get to invite as many this month because of the work on the wall. This young man that is the bricklayer's helper I invited and witnessed to him. He had never heard the Gospel. I'm hoping that he will attend our services. He seems interested in the Gospel.
We are thankful to those that have been burdened with the need here and are giving that we might soon have a building in which to hold services.
Yours in His Service,
Richard A. Turner

Preached In Many Churches . . . Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee . . . Attend Funeral Of Uncle . . . Getting Things Ready To Return To Brazil

By Bobby Creiglow

Lexington, Kentucky
February 22, 1974

Dear Brethren,
Since writing my letter last month, the pace has slowed down some, as I have had only weekend engagements. The distance traveled is still about the same, but at least with weekend meetings I can take my family with me most of the time.
On my return from Michigan last month, I stopped off to visit my mother and uncle who was ill; yesterday I attended his funeral.
The first Sunday after returning from Michigan I had the good pleasure of being with the Valleyview Baptist Church just outside of Lexington. Bro. Bill Brown is pastor of this church, we enjoyed being with them.
The following Sunday we had the joy of being with a church that we had visited several times during our last furlough; the Gethsemane Baptist Church of Morengo, Ohio.



Bobby Creiglow

We rejoiced to see the progress of this church under the leadership of their pastor Bro. Charles Margraff. We had a good time of fellowship and returned to Lexington in a snowstorm.
Last Friday afternoon I and my family traveled to Clarksville, Tenn. where I served as evangelist in a three day revival meeting in the Bible Baptist Church where Brother Elton Wilson has served as pastor for many years. My family and I were blessed in many ways and we believe the people of the church were also.
We hope the name of the Lord has been exalted and glorified in each service and each day this past month.
We are trying to buy a few things, as the Lord provides, to take back to Brazil. We are doing this trying to avoid the last minute rush in packing in hope that we can spend the last two or three weeks with our relatives. Every furlough we say we are going to do this but as yet have not been able to do it.
In Him,
B. D. Creiglow



Nine Navave Peruvian Pastors at the Conference in First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru.

Bought A Barrel Of Gasoline . . . With Mayfield In Pucallpa In A Conference . . . Mrs. Crain Plays Piano At Conference . . . Preaches Five Times . . . Need Offerings For Wall Around Property

By Homer Crain

Apartado 70
Tingo Maria Peru S.A.
February 14, 1974

Dear Brethren,
Here in the jungle we are in the rainy season and it has rained about every day in the last two months. It is raining now and has been for the last seven hours.
In my last month's Mission Letter I was telling you about the gasoline shortage, well, I was able to buy a barrel of gasoline and that has solved that problem for a while.
Last week we were in Pucallpa with Bro. and Sister Mayfield and I had the privilege of preaching five times during the week. Elizabeth played piano each night and played for the choir.
We enjoyed being with the brethren for the time of fellowship and preaching of God's Word.
With all the rain, God is still blessing here in Tingo Maria and Aucayacu. The crowds have been outstanding, especially in the night services. Last Sunday night we had 106 present and it had rained all evening and night. We had 57 women and 49 men. Here the women sit on one side and the men sit on the other. We are thankful



Homer Crain

that we do not have the trouble that some would have back in the U.S.A. not being able to tell who are men and who are women.
Yesterday, due to the shortage of vegetables, etc. we went to Huanuco and we were able to buy enough groceries to last for a month. We have been cut off from the outside world without any transportation in or out, by highway or air. Yesterday, the plane landed with the mail and we really received mail, some of the mail had been sent air mail but took 45 days to get here. So, if you have written and wonder what happened because you did not get an answer, now you know.
We request that each and every one would pray about the need of paying off the balance on the building in Tingo Maria. With what we owe and to have enough to build a wall across the front we need about \$2,000.00 Would you help us? Send your offering to Baptist Faith Missions for building in Tingo Maria. We thank you for the way you have held us up before the Lord. We need NOW about \$1,500.00 to build the wall around the property in Aucayacu. Remember, what one can not do by himself all of us together can do for the glory of God.
In Jesus' Name,
Homer R. Crain

Many Blessings . . . Trips To Rodrigues Alves . . . Building Almost Finished There . . . Water Drops In River A Lot But Country Works Visited . . . Preaching And Teaching

By Mike Creiglow

Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre
January 15, 1974

Dear Brethren,
We have come to the close of one year and have begun a new year. All has been accompanied by many great blessings and good times in the Lord. Our prayer is that it has been the same for all of you as well.
I have been to Rodrigues Alves three times this past month. Even though we haven't seen any souls saved this month the work is still encouraging and certainly challenging. The building is almost finished. The folks have worked very hard and have given courageously. I will be going this week to do the trim work, locks and painting. All services are attended by fifty



Mike Creiglow

persons or more. We think there could be more, so we plan to be more thorough and systematic in our visits.
The river went down over twenty feet one week. As a result I stayed and visited my home Church. I was privileged to be asked to preach and teach. It was all very timely (the Lord always knows just when and how to time things) since the Sunday School lesson and message I brought was on a doctrine that the pastor and several members and requested me to clarify.
God has been very good to me in that I have been able to travel, visit the country works, and still be of some service in Faith Baptist Church of Cruzeiro do Sul. Of course this is only one of His numerous blessings in our lives here.
May God bless all of you just as much and more.
In Christ,
Mike Creiglow

Members Give \$450.00 Towards Building . . . Building Permit Received . . . Ready To Start Footings . . . Leaving On Trip Into Interior For One Week

By Harold Bratcher

Manaus, Amazonas
February 18, 1974

Dear Brethren,
Sunday, February 10th was "Member's Day" at the Fourteenth of December Baptist Church. The church roll was called at both services. I share with you the report: Number of members - July 1, 1973 - 363. Baptized since - 26. Received by letter - 13. Reconciliation - 4. Losses: by letter - 3, by exclusion - 26, by death - 3. Number of members - Feb. 10, 1974 - 374. Approximately 250 are resident members. Most of the others are active in one of the several missions of the church. We had 234 in Sunday Bible School that day with a special offering for the building fund of around \$450.00.
We would not have you to be ignorant brethren, concerning the progress of our building program. Also, we would not be ungrateful to you who have helped us or are planning to help us in any way to build a new meeting house for the 14th Church. We



Harold Bratcher

thank you in the name of the Lord for all that you have done for us thus far. We ask you to continue to help us with your prayers and offerings as the Lord leads you to do so.
On the 26th of January, Pastor Sostenes Nunes de Melo arrived in Manaus from Sao Luis, Maranhao. Bro. Sostenes is now in charge of the construction. On the 7th of February we received our building permit from the city. The lot now has a wooden fence around it and a shed to hold the materials, etc. This morning we bought 100 (one hundred) sacks of cement so this afternoon they should begin the digging of the footings.
I planned to hold a Vacation Bible School and a week's revival at Ressaco de Pesqueira near Manacapuru this last week but was unable to go because the launch motor wouldn't start. The pilot has worked on it all last week. The Lord willing, I'll be in the interior from the 20th to the 27th of this month.
Brethren, pray for us.
We pray the Lord's blessings to be upon you.
Yours In His Service,
The Harold Bratcher

Offerings for February 1974

Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	63.40
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	11.38
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	58.59
Bethesda Baptist Church, Russellville, Ala.	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, Ill.	46.41
Burns Baptist Church, Burns, Ky.	17.43
Calvary Baptist Temple, Cynthiana, Ky.	33.22
Dean Road Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.	15.00
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	16.50
Emmous Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	20.75
Faith Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich. (Tingo Maria Building)	55.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	134.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	16.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (Crains Hospital Expenses - Young Peoples Group)	48.13
First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Mich. (Hatcher's Organ)	25.00
First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Mich.	26.57
First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Mich. (Lauerman Transportation Fund)	45.54
Grace Baptist Church, Danville, Ky.	49.73
Grace Baptist Church, Wyandotte, Mich.	44.00
Grace Baptist Church, Wyandotte, Mich. (Crain's Hospital Expenses)	110.00
Grace Baptist Church, Wyandotte, Mich. (Kissel's Hospital Expenses)	100.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio (Crain)	25.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio (Carver)	25.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio (Bratcher)	25.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio (Crain - Prayer Band)	10.00
Maple Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Clemens, Mich.	32.00
Meadow Bridge Baptist Church, Meadow Bridge, W. Va.	10.00
Newby Baptist Church, Newby, Ky.	22.81
New LaGrange Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	25.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Leighton, W. Va.	35.00
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	36.11
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ill.	34.38
Riverside Baptist Church, Richmond, W. Va.	50.00
Riverside Baptist Church, Richmond, W. Va. (Crain's Hospital Expenses)	30.00
Rollysburg Baptist Church, Talcott, W. Va.	10.00
Rupert Baptist Church, Rupert, W. Va.	15.00
Tidalwave Baptist Church, Corbin, Ky.	6.84
Abounding Grace Baptist Church, Salt Lick, Ky. (Carver)	19.49
Algonac Missionary Baptist Church, Algonac, Mich.	20.72
Annnville Baptist Church, Annnville, Ky.	40.00
Antioch Baptist Church, Hobart, Ind.	26.89
Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	39.00
Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Crain)	15.00
Bentley Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	104.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Williams, Ind.	43.25
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	122.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	18.21
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio	183.96
Calvary Baptist Church, Nitro, W. Va.	100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	49.93
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. (Bratcher's Building)	25.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	70.72
East Maine Baptist Church, Glenview, Ill. (Hatcher's New Mission Fields)	170.00
Faith Baptist Church, Girdler, Ky.	10.00
Faith Baptist Church, Sacramento, Ky.	15.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	25.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky. (Adult S.S.C)	8.18
First Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio (Crain's Hospital Expenses)	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Annnville, Ky.	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Normantown, W. Va.	20.00
Grace Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, Ky. (Bean's Bldg.)	15.00
Grace Baptist Church, Holly, Mich.	100.00
Greenville Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Tenn.	50.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, Ohio	38.61
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, Ohio (Crain's Building Fund)	38.61
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	234.00
Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Land Transportation)	100.00
Independence Baptist Church, Foristell, Mo.	10.00
Millisite Baptist Church, Ravenswood, W. Va.	15.00
Morgan Ave. Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	123.00
Morgan Ave. Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind. (Hatcher's Organ)	5.00
Morgan Ave. Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind. (Teachers in Brazil)	41.00
Mt. Home Baptist Church No. 2, Russellville, Ala.	15.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	219.68
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich. (Kissel's Medical Expenses)	256.95
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Ohio	40.00
New Union Baptist Church, Symsonia, Ky.	26.38
New Union Baptist Church, Symsonia, Ky. (Cuiaba Building)	25.00
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, Fla.	25.00
Peoples Baptist Church, East Alton, Ill.	26.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	26.50
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	28.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	23.75
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	22.30
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	32.88
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	21.12
Pleasant View Baptist Church, Alcoa, Tenn.	15.00
Poplar Creek Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	100.00
Randolph Street Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	220.00
Salem Baptist Church, Willow Hill, Ill. (Cuiaba Bldg.)	100.00
Salem Baptist Church, Willow Hill, Ill.	48.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, Ohio	383.20
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.	131.79
Winchester Baptist Church, Winchester, Ohio (Bean)	14.00
Winchester Bapt. Church, Winchester, Ohio (Bratcher)	14.00
Winchester Bapt. Church, Winchester, Ohio (Hatcher)	14.00
Warship Point Baptist Church, Lenoir, N.C.	30.00
Beauty Mountain Baptist Church, Edmond, W. Va.	49.67
Bible Baptist Church, Madisonville, Ky.	15.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Hurricane, W. Va.	20.00
Faith Baptist Church, Madison Heights, Mi. (Crain, Hatcher, Lauerman, Kissel, Carver, Bratcher)	42.00
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	70.00
Forest Grove Baptist Church, Vilas, N.C.	110.30
Immanuel Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich. (Turner's Building)	56.86
Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, Ky.	20.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	121.14
Lexington Baptist Temple, Lexington, Ky. (Hatcher)	5.00
Lexington Baptist Temple, Lexington, Ky. (Bean)	5.00
Lexington Baptist Temple, Lexington, Ky. (Bratcher)	5.00
Lilly Valley Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va.	25.00
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va. (Hatcher)	15.00
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va. (Bratcher)	15.00

Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va. (Bean)	15.00
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va. (Kissel)	15.00
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va. (Lauerman)	15.00
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va. (Carver)	15.00
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va. (Crain)	15.00
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va. (Gibbs)	15.00
Lookout Baptist Church, Lookout, W. Va. (Mayfield)	15.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Shock, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	30.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	20.00
Hepzibah Baptist Church, Stout Mills, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	13.00
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	30.90
Bethel Baptist Church, Arbury Hills, Ill.	36.03
Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich. (Turner's Bldg)	28.86
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	25.00
Member of First Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	50.00
Member of First Baptist Church, Port Norris, N.J.	50.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Morengo, Ohio	28.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich.	197.88
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Prayer Bands - Teachers in Peru)	20.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio	115.00
Grace Baptist Church, Georgetown, Ky.	100.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, Mich.	20.00
Little Sewell Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va.	10.00
Mountain Dale Baptist Church, Boone, N.C.	138.01
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Stumpdown, W. Va.	15.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Normal, Ill.	81.16
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Tenn.	25.00
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky.	25.00
Truth Tabernacle Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.	100.00
West End Baptist Mission, Lexington, Ky.	10.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	27.58
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	25.00
Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, W. Va.	25.00
Elizabeth Jorrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Danville, Ky.	41.86
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, Mich.	211.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	228.58
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	185.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Huanuco Building)	52.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Bratcher's Building)	113.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	316.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Boat & Motor)	316.00
First Baptist Church, Naples, Fla. (Land Transportation)	10.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Rison, Ark.	30.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	800.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Boat & Motor)	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (L.B.C.)	10.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C.	85.00
Kemp Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio	40.00
Mareburg Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Ky.	10.00
Mt. Home Baptist Church No. 2, Russellville, Ala.	15.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	120.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	77.50
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Korea Building)	77.50
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Land Transportation)	19.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Peru)	19.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Teachers in Brazil)	19.00
W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00
Wiladene Hardy, Tupelo, Miss. (Bratcher's Building)	20.00
Robert Kissel, Aurora, Ill. (Kissel's Hospital Expenses)	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Sergeant, Sandusky, Ohio (Kissel's Hospital Expenses)	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Sergeant, Sandusky, Ohio	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. F. Hall, Pennington Gap, Va.	5.00
Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La.	35.00
Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La. (Kissel's Medical Expenses)	10.00
William Ross, Millington, Mich. (Kissel's Medical Expenses)	10.00
James & Elizabeth Sims, Norman, Okla.	50.00
Eld. & Mrs. G. B. Trent, Chattahoochee, W. Va.	35.00
Mrs. K. B. (Mission Manous)	10.00
James Foster, South Shore, Ky. (Hatcher's New Mission Fields)	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Huckabee, Leander, Tex.	45.00
A Friend	100.00
Ray W. Prescott, Abilene, Tex.	7.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. H. McDowell, Springfield, Ill. (Pucallpa Building)	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert C. Spicer, Normal, Ill. (Crain's Hospital Expenses)	10.00
John G. Turner, Addison, Ala. (Cuiaba Building)	5.00
John G. Turner, Addison, Ala.	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Leon Barwick, Chicago, Ill.	40.00
Paul C. Owen, Calvert City, Ky. (Teachers in Peru)	26.00
Received for Bean's Building	15.00
Received for Boat & Motor	366.00
Received for Bratcher's Building	158.00
Received for Cuiaba Building	215.72
Received for Huanuco Building	52.00
Received for Korea Building	77.50
Received for Pucallpa Building	10.00
Received for Tingo Maria Building	93.61
Received for Land Transportation	129.00
Received for Teachers in Brazil	76.00
Received for Teachers in Peru	65.00
Received for Hospital Expenses for Crains	248.13
Received for Hospital Expenses for Kissel	426.95
Received for Lauerman's Car	45.54
Received for Hatcher's New Mission Fields	195.00
Received for Hatcher's Organ	30.00
Received for Regular Fund	8,378.29
Received for All Purposes in February	10,581.74

OFFERINGS FOR BEAN'S BUILDING, FEBRUARY 1974

Grace Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, Ky.	\$ 15.00
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OFFERINGS FOR BOAT & MOTOR, FEBRUARY, 1974

Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 316.00
Grace Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	50.00
Total received for this fund	366.00

OFFERINGS FOR BRATCHER'S BUILDING, FEBRUARY, 1974

Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	\$ 25.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	113.00
Wiladene Hardy, Tupelo, Miss.	20.00
Total received for this fund	158.00

OFFERINGS FOR CUIABA BUILDING, FEBRUARY, 1974

New Union Baptist Church, Symsonia, Ky.	\$ 25.00
Salem Baptist Church, Willow Hill, Ill.	100.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	56.86
Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.	28.86
John G. Turner, Addison, Ala.	5.00
Total received for this fund	215.72

OFFERINGS FOR HUANUCO BUILDING, FEBRUARY, 1974

Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	\$ 52.00
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OFFERINGS FOR KOREA BUILDING, FEBRUARY, 1974

Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 77.50
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OFFERINGS FOR PUCALLPA BUILDING, FEBRUARY, 1974

Mr. & Mrs. G. H. McDowell, Springfield, Ill.	\$ 10.00
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OFFERINGS FOR TINGO MARIA BUILDING, FEBRUARY, 1974

Faith Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	\$ 55.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, Ohio	38.61
Total received for this fund	93.61

OFFERINGS FOR LAND TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY, 1974

Home Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	\$ 100.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	19.00
First Baptist Church, Naples, Fla.	10.00
Total received for this fund	129.00

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN BRAZIL, FEBRUARY, 1974

First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	\$ 16.00
Morgan Ave. Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	41.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	19.00
Total received for this fund	76.00

OFFERINGS FOR TEACHERS IN PERU, FEBRUARY, 1974

Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, Mich. (Prayer Bds.)	\$ 20.00
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	19.00
Paul C. Owen, Calvert City, Ky.	26.00
Total received for this fund	65.00

OFFERINGS FOR HOSPITAL EXPENSES FOR CRAINS, FEB. 74

First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (Young Peoples Group)	\$ 48.13
Grace Baptist Church, Wyandotte, Mich.	110.00
Riverside Baptist Church, Richmond, W. Va.	30.00
First Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert C. Spicer, Normal, Ill.	10.00
Total received for this fund	248.13

OFFERINGS FOR KISSEL'S HOSPITAL EXPENSES, FEBRUARY, 74

Grace Baptist Church, Wyandotte, Mich.	\$ 100.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Morris, Mich.	256.95
William Ross, Millington, Mich.	10.00
Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La.	25.00
Robert Kissel, Aurora, Ill.	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Sergeant, Sandusky, Ohio	25.00
Total received for this fund	426.95

OFFERINGS FOR LAUERMAN'S CAR, FEBRUARY, 1974

First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Mich.	\$ 45.54
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OFFERINGS FOR HATCHER'S NEW MISSION FIELDS, FEB. 1974

East Maine Baptist Church, Glenview, Ill.	\$ 170.00
James Foster, South Shore, Ky.	25.00
Total received for this fund	195.00

OFFERINGS FOR HATCHER'S ORGAN, FEBRUARY, 1974

Morgan Ave. Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	\$ 5.00
First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Mich.	25.00
Total received for this fund	30.00

OFFERINGS FROM NEW CHURCHES & INDIVIDUALS, FEB. 1974

Lexington Baptist Temple, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 15.00
William Ross, Millington, Mich.	10.00
John Turner, Addison, Ala.	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Sergeant, Sandusky, Ohio	30.00



Pastor Ricardo of the Peritoro Baptist Church, several hours bus ride from Sao Luis, Brazil. He is truly a great man of God. Well educated, and a good preacher. He helped Bro. George Bean in a meeting and Bro. Bean's church helps to support him.