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A SPECIAL REQUEST

Would each church
take a Thanksgiving Offering
for our missionaries?

Whether big or small,
all would be greatly appreciated.

Perhaps you have said
we are going to do it sometime.

Why not begin this year??

We have never had
100% participation
of our supporters,
but
we would like to have it this year.

The offerings are greatly needed.

Please pray that God would enable
and then Give!

Information on Thanksgiving Conference

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Thanksgiving Conference will be co-hosted by Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan and New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, Michigan. The first service will be at New Hope Baptist Church, Monday night, November 23, 1992 at 7:00 p.m.; Supper at New Hope Baptist Church at 5:00 p.m.; Services on Tuesday, November 24 at New Hope Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

All services Wednesday and Thursday, November 25 and 26 will be a Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church. The conference will close with Noon Thanksgiving dinner. Morning services at 9:30 a.m. and evening services at 7:00 p.m.

Twelve Ryan Baptist Church is located on Twelve Mile Road between Dequindre and Ryan Roads about two miles east of the Twelve Mile Road exit off 1-75. New Hope Baptist Church is located one half block west of Telegraph Road between Ford and Warren Roads, Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

Phones: Pastor Bob Lamb (313) 573-0990. Pastor Marvin Summers (313) 562-5579. Cut this out and put in your wallet.

Free Beds and Free Meals

Motels are available for those who desire them. Write for cost. Free beds and free breakfast in the homes of member. Free dinner and supper in the church Annex buildings. If you want a place to stay, write and tell us how many men or women. If a family, give name of husband and wife and the names and ages of all children and tell which are boys and which are girls, so we will know how to plan for beds.

Write to:

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Warren, MI 48092
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THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The regular readers of the Mission Sheets know our monthly offerings do not cover our missionaries' salaries and expenses. WE NEED THE SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN OUR MONTHLY MISSIONARY MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES. And, of course, if we hope to expand and increase our missionary activity, we need yet more regular monthly offerings and larger Thanksgiving offerings.

THE 1993 WINTER MISSION CONFERENCE

in behalf of Baptist Faith Missions
Orlando, Florida, at Park Ridge Baptist Church
Sunday - Wednesday, January 17-20

Each supporting church of B.F.M. is encouraged to send their pastor and his wife to the Winter Mission Conference. This year's conference theme is on Prophecy. There will be sixteen speakers preaching Prophecy messages. There will be a Ladies Seminar conducted by Lois Whaley from Winston Salem, North Carolina, and a Financial Seminar conducted by James Miller from Knoxville, Tennessee.

Your pastor and his wife would thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to take a few days off to thaw out and refresh themselves in the Sunshine State of Florida. Your pastor and his wife can get a motel room for less than \$30 per night. Their meals will be provided: Monday, January 18, supper; Tuesday and Wednesday, January 19-20, - breakfast, lunch and supper. Give your pastor an extra \$200 so he can take his wife to one of the Orlando attractions. Let them feel like kids again. They will come back to you refreshed.

To help Park Ridge Baptist Church have some idea of the number of people to provide food for, please let them know who many are coming from your church to the Winter Conference.

Write to them at: Park Ridge Baptist Church
P.O. Box 12
Gotha, FL 34734

Or call them at: (407) 295-6295

Heart Surgery on October 8 . . .
Doing Well . . .
Hope to Preach Soon . . .
Hip Surgery in February . . .

by Homer Crain



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November 5, 1992

Dear Brethren:

I'm sorry that we did not get a news letter in last month. October 14th I was scheduled to have a total hip reconstruction but, due to heart conditions that developed, I was taken to Harper Hospital for by-pass surgery. They did four by-passes on the 8th of October and I came home on Wednesday, October 14th. The operation went well and I'm now recuperating at the home of my daughter and son-in-law, Russ & Nora Austin, in Redford, MI. I had to cancel some preaching engagements during the month of October. I'm now scheduled for the hip reconstruction February 14, 1993.

On November 15 I'm to preach the first time since heart surgery. I'll be preaching at the Twelve Ryan Baptist Church dedication of their new fellowship hall. I'm also scheduled to preach Tuesday night at the Thanksgiving Conference at New Hope Baptist Church in Dearborn, MI.

If we are able, we'll be going to the organization of the work in Manchester, KY, Brother Roy Humble, pastor. Then December 13 we will be back in Michigan. Continue to pray that my strength will return soon and I will have a complete recovery from the heart surgery. Thank you for the cards, telephone calls, visits and especially your prayers during this time.

News from Peru: three new missions have been started since our return to the States.

Please remember the Work Horse Fund.

In His Name,
Homer R. Crain

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**Very Busy Month Traveling and
Telling of Mission Work ...
Visit in States of West Virginia,
Tennessee and Kentucky ...
Please Pray for Work in Brazil ...**

by Harold Bratcher

2028 Dorset Drive
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October 23, 1992



Dear Brethren:

I wrote last month's Mission Sheet letter on September 21 in Lexington, KY. This letter I am writing in the pastor's study of the New Haven, (W. Va) Baptist Church. I'll now give you a report concerning the churches where I've preached and some of the churches where I showed the slides.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, I preached and showed slides at the Valley Drive Baptist Church, Bristol, TN where Brother Freeman is the pastor. Then from the 24th through the next Sunday morning, I was the evangelist in a revival at the Liberty Baptist Church, James H. Miller, pastor, Kingsport, TN. Sunday night I preached and showed my slides at the Grace Baptist Church, Surgoinsville, TN where Donald L. Anderson is the pastor.

From Monday, the 28th of September through Sunday the 4th of October, I was the evangelist in a revival at the Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY, Wayne Howard, pastor. Then from the 8th through the 11th, revival at the Faith Decision Baptist Church, Paint Lick, KY where Brother Jack Abel is the pastor. Wednesday night, the 14th, I preached at the Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY, Bobby Lakes, pastor.

Saturday night the 17th and Sunday morning the 18th, I preached at the Riverview Baptist Church, Pt. Pleasant, W. Va. where John Hart is the pastor. That Sunday night I preached and showed my slides at the New Haven Baptist Church, Brother Jack Grimes, pastor. Night before last I preached at the Elizabeth Baptist Church, Brother Jeff Arthur, pastor.

Permit me to say "Thank you and God Bless You" to each of the above churches and pastors who were all so good, kind and considerate of us when we were with them in your churches.

Besides these pastors and churches that I'll declare deserve to be on our honor roll, Marie and I put the following brothers and sisters on our honorable mention list for having kept us in their homes: Mrs. Flossie Moore - Richmond, KY; Mr. & Mrs. Merle A. Wood - Apple Grove, W. Va.; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Lanier, Gallopolis, OH.

Pray for the work of the 14th of December Baptist Church, Asa Mark Bratcher, Pastor, Manaus, Amazonas, Brasil, S.A. Pray for the new leader of Brazil, Senhor Itamar Franco. Pray for us.

Accept our thanks to all the churches and individuals who have contributed to the regular and/or Harold Bratcher's fund. May the Lord bless you is our prayer.

Yours In His Service,
Harold & Marie Bratcher



*New Building for New Work at Altos do Coxipó, Brazil.
Harold Drapers Work. Help Us to Pay it Off!*

**Working on School ...
Working on Foundation of Rio Branco Building ...
Pray for Language Study ...**

by Paul Creiglow

Caixa Postal 2469980
Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil
October 15, 1992



Dear Brethren:

We resumed construction on the school last month and it's been very educational. The method of construction and types of materials used here are completely different than what we use in the States. We hope to have the walls completed and the sub-floor in before the rainy season starts. Our goal is to have the building finished for the new school year, which begins in February.

The first week of this month we flew to Rio Branco to begin construction on the new church building and it was both frustrating and encouraging at the same time. The people in the church there know nothing about construction so they were unable to make any preparations for materials or labor before we arrived. And even though we were not able to get as much work done as we had hoped, we did manage to get the building site laid out and most of the digging for the foundation completed. They have now hired a brick layer and he will begin putting in the foundation next week. We plan to go back again next month to help them with the subfloor. While we were there, we had a great time of fellowship with the people. They

had a good turnout for both morning and evening service on Sunday and the people seemed very excited about starting construction on the church building. Brenda was able to go with me this time and she had a good time shopping with Pastor Sullivan's wife. They have a new supermarket there and she was able to pick up some things that we can't get here in Cruzeiro do Sul.

When I wrote to you last, I told you of our plans for a couples retreat. We had about 10 couples interested in going, but we had to cancel the camp because of a lack of water. Mike had the pond dredged in August and they drained it in the process and, with the lack of rain, the spring that feeds it hadn't replaced the lost water. So, we had no place to bathe or wash dishes or even enough water for drinking water. We will have to wait now until after the rainy season to hold camp. Perhaps by then we'll have even more couples interested in going.

Please continue to pray for our language study. It gets very discouraging at times. I want to be able to do more, but without the language it is very difficult.

In Christ,
Paul D. Creiglow

**Worst Recession in History of Brazil ...
4 Saved at Chacara ...
Begin Services in New Building ...**

by Harold Draper

Caixa Postal 3039
78.090 Cuiaba, Mt.
Brazil, S.A.
October 19, 1992



Dear Fellow-saints:

We have had a good month here in Cuiaba. The weather is extremely hot, with temperatures in the 100's almost every day. Our rain has started early this year which gives short periods of relief. Ursula sure has a hard time when it gets this hot. Pray for her that she will be able to hold up during this hottest part of the year. We have plans to move up to the "Chapada" in a couple more years. We will be about 50 minutes from the center of Cuiaba but almost a half-mile higher in elevation with a much more refreshing climate. Those are our plans if the Lord permits. We have learned not to make too many definite plans for the future. Brazil is in the worst recession it has been in in its history. Many people are going hungry and many are unemployed. It's not as bad here in Cuiaba as in the industry-dependent regions, but it is bad here too. We hope the Lord will bless the leaders of this great nation and give them the capacity to lead. Most of all Brazil needs the power of the gospel to work in her midst. Sin is so open here and few seem to be interested in the things of the Lord.

We had 4 saved at the Chacara work. Also we had two ask for baptism. Two were reinstated who had been disciplined. Our Brazilian worker at the Chacara is continuing to do a good job. We hope he will be able to be on his own before too long. We had our first service in our newly purchased building last week. We will send some pictures of this service in our next mission letter. We are blessed with a good building in a great location. At today's prices, it is impossible to think about building, but property already constructed is cheap due to the economic situation.

We have repaired the roof at the parsonage at the Chacara work. We didn't completely redo it due to our plan to build another bedroom onto it after the first of the year. At that time we will give it a complete going over. I am including this in order to inform those who gave toward this. We appreciate your faithful support. Pray for us as we try to serve the Lord here.

In Him,
Harold, Ursula & Michelle Draper



*Sister Marie Bratcher With 3 Sisters in Christ at the Baptist Mission
on the Buzzard River in Brazil.*

**New Sense of Hope in People ...
Costs Are Very High ...
Some Missionaries Have to
Leave Because of Costs ...
Pray and Give to Thanksgiving Offering ...**

by Sheridan Stanton

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October 30, 1992



Dear Friends:

There is a new sense of "hope" in the people of Peru. It is like a fresh breeze blowing across the country. Peru has had a decade of unbridled terrorism, with 25,000 murders and incalculable damage. The leader of the terrorists has been captured and given life imprisonment - with no chance, ever, for parole. Not only has he been captured, but also the majority of those who served under him. Every day here in Peru they are capturing more and more of the terrorist "cells". These subversives have plagued this country for more than eleven years.

Last year the President of Peru, Albert Fujimori, abolished the entire congressional system here in this country. He had the popular support of the people and the military to back him up. He began a process of "moralization" and "house cleaning". Corruption is still here, at all levels, but its ugly head is not as visible as before.

Now, nearly a year later, President Fujimori has given the "green light" for electing a new Congress. Democracy should be restored by the end of November. Those running for office are "new faces" in the realm of Peruvian politics. Peruvians take their politics seriously; they always have. Now that the system has been completely renovated, the excitement and anticipation is greater than ever.

Peru still has another, seemingly unsurmountable problem to overcome; the economy. It's worse than we've ever seen it. Commodities here cost us about twice as much as you pay there in the States. Many missionary families have left because of in-

sufficient support. We've considered leaving Peru for the same reason, but have decided to wait and see if the offerings go up this year. There is no quick cure for the economy. If it does get better, it will be a long slow process. However, things seem to be stabilizing some, and this is a good sign.

Why has God allowed Peru to have this "refreshing breeze of hope"? I believe it's because of the prayers of the saints. I know that many of you have been praying for your Peruvian brothers and sisters in Christ. The saints here in Peru have been praying fervently as well. Let's not stop now. Keep praying, please, for the Saints of God, here in Peru. Some very obvious changes have taken place, but there is so much more that needs to change.

Are you praying for the Thanksgiving Conference? Are you praying that the offering will be the biggest ever? Are you praying about your church increasing its regular monthly giving to Baptist Faith Missions? Will you personally be giving more this year to missions through your church? I trust that you are praying and planning for these things. I know there is a recession in the States. I know that everyone is preoccupied with the Presidential elections. But let us not take our eyes off of the Lord. The work of the Lord must always go forward. We must not let it grow stagnant.

God provides for the missionaries of Baptist Faith Mission through your giving. So, again, please give more this year to the General Fund of Baptist Faith Mission. We desperately need it! Please give to the Stanton New Work Fund, so that we can buy the property for the mission here in Lima and put a roof over it. Let us not grow weary in "well doing"!

Serving Jesus by Serving You,
Sheridan & Anita Stanton

Attendance Down in Rainy Season ... Begin New Building in Rio Branco ... Preparing Classroom for School ...

by Bobby Creglow

Caixa Postal 24
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October 12, 1992

Dear Brethren:

The work here in Cruzeiro do Sul is going along about as usual but, as it always is when the pastor leaves for a long period of time, the attendance falls off some. It is a little hard to tell whether that is the case or if it is because the rains have started making it hard for some of the people to get to church. Last Sunday night it rained right up until time for services to start and there were only about one hundred in attendance. That was a drop of about four or five hundred from a normal crowd, but we did have good services anyway. I am scheduled to do most of the preaching the rest of this month.

We received a phone call from the church in Rio Branco that they were ready to start their building. It was planned for Mike to go there to help them get started, but since they did not get ready before he left for the States, he asked Paul and I to go there to take care of it. We arrived there on a Friday morning and got started right away, but I have never tried to work with anyone in a building project that knew less about building than they, so needless to say, we got almost nothing done in the

week we were there. We did manage to get two trees and a large stump removed, the building laid out and most of the trenches dug for the foundation. We left them with instructions of how to carry it on from there and promised to return at a later date to help them with another phase of it. Paul's wife, Brenda, and mine arrived on Tuesday to spend a couple of days shopping for some things that we cannot get here in Cruzeiro do Sul. They had a great time shopping with the pastor's wife and are already looking forward to the next time. Although I had some things I wanted to do as soon as I got back on Friday morning, I was so tired that I slept most of the rest of the day. By the next morning I was back into the swing of things again.

Paul and I are now trying to get one classroom ready for school when it opens again next February. We still have a long way to go, but we are working on it. Perhaps when Mike gets back we will have more time. We are all looking forward to his return. Pray for us that we might always be found doing His will.

In His Name,
Bobby D. Creglow



1,500 Visits During the Past Month ... Put Out Book ... Prepare for Teaching in Manaus and Garca ... Pray for More Workers ...

by John Hatcher

Caixa Postal 112
Urai, Parana, Brazil 86280-000
October, 1992

Dear Friends:

It is a beautiful afternoon here in Urai. Alta and I are working hard and it seems as if the trauma of moving to and beginning work in a new place has been overcome. This month we visited from house to house every Thursday morning in Cornelio Procopio. There are seven other persons who also are visiting from house to house on Thursdays and Sundays. This past month 1,500 visits were made. This month we are printing 2,000 papers for distribution. These are not passed out on the street, but to adults in their homes. There have been other activities also.

Alta wrote and I composed and printed her book on "Depression: Its Causes and Its Cure", in the Portuguese language, naturally. We are preparing lectures for seven sessions at the adult camp conference in Manaus, October 31 to November 2. I have corrected several papers of a Seminary extension correspon-

dence course. On Monday, October 21, we will go to Garca for a special class in the Seminary and for meetings with students of the correspondence course.

Regular services continue in the city of Urai and the city of Cornelio, making a total of six services each week. The attendance varies from six persons to twenty-five, with the most regular attendance in Cornelio. God continues to open doors for personal witnessing everywhere we go. Surely, he has "much people" in these cities. But, what of the dozens of other cities around us where there is no Baptist work. Where are the labourers? Who will go? Who will give that labourers can go? God, send us qualified and experienced men who will give their lives in a country with doors open wide to reach 150 million people, is my daily prayer. Will you pray with me?

In Him,
John and Alta Hatcher



Sunday Service at the 14th of December Baptist Church in Manaus, Brazil.
Brother Asa Bratcher is the Pastor Here.



The Dedication Service at the New Remanso Baptist Mission in the Interior of Brazil.
Brother Harold Bratcher's Work.



Adult Sunday School Class Taught by Harold Draper
at Chacara dos Pinheiros Baptist Church, Brazil.



Brother Asa Bratcher Sits by Waiting to Preach
At 14th of December Baptist Church, Manaus, Brazil.



Brother Harold Bratcher
Prepares to Baptize Some New
Converts in Brazil. Then
Baptizes a Young Lady in
Manaus Before Furlough.



Spiritual Retreat at Tabernacle Baptist Church ... Pray for Laborers ... Doors are Open ...

by Paul Hatcher

Av. J Carlos Antony, 172
Manaus, Amazonas
69.000 Brazil
October 30, 1992

Dear Friends:

The celebration of Memorial Day in Brazil is November 2nd. The celebration is centered around burning candles to light the way for the dead. The holiday is also the date of the adult spiritual retreat here at Tabernacle Baptist Church. The guest speakers are Dr. and Mrs. John A. Hatcher, who are serving in South Brazil in the state of Parana. We are enjoying my parents visit, and are sure to be blessed by the teaching during camp.

The people, as in the world, have no hope without Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Pray with us that our heavenly Father will raise up

laborers for the fields that are ripe to harvest. Pray also that God give us wisdom on how to effectively reach out to the people of Brazil.

The nation continues at a shaky pace in their politics, economy and, most of all, their spiritual direction. The doors are open to the gospel, so let us invest in making friends with the earthly possessions God has given to each.

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support.

God bless you,
Paul, Wanda, Leigh
Judson & Michelle Hatcher



Brother Julio Called to Anajatuba ... Report on Fran ... Need Special Prayer ...

by George Bean

Route One, Box 252 BB
Hollywood, AL 35752
October 21, 1992

Dear Brethren:

I have heard from Brasil and all is well there. The church at Anajatuba called Brother Julio as pastor and he has probably already moved.

Fran is probably in his last days. He is confused, cannot talk where we can understand him, cannot even turn over in bed by himself. Last Thursday we thought he was going to die. He called me at least twenty

times to have prayer with him. He is wanting to die. Fran made a profession of faith at a very young age. He did backslide, but during this he has gotten right with the Lord and tells us he is ready to go. This is extremely hard on June. We give him 24 hour supervision. May God bless all. Pray for us.

Yours To Tell the Old Story,
George Bean



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