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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20.

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Catholicism Is Contrary To The Scriptures

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Catholicism is usually considered a form of Christianity, but the truth is it has no right to be called "Christianity," for it bears little resemblance to the religion established by Jesus. Even a casual reading of the New Testament will make this clear.

Let us note some of the things about Catholicism that are completely contrary to the teachings of the Scriptures:

1. Their withholding of the Bible from the people.

The Knights of Columbus advertise the Bible is a Catholic Book, and they claim that the Catholic church is the preserver of the Bible. The truth is the Ca-

tholic church is the "embalmer" of the Bible. They embalmed it in the dead Latin tongue of Jerome, making the Latin Vulgate the official Bible. They violently opposed the translation of the Bible in the language of the people, and they don't like for people to own and read a Bible today. In Catholic countries most people have never even seen a Bible. In this country if a Catholic wants a Bible, they insist that he procure the Catholic Douay Version, and that it be read in the light of "explanatory" notes printed along with the text. The

church assumes that the individual is incapable of properly understanding the Bible. Opposed to this view are such passages as John 5:30 and Acts 17:11. In Brazil priests have often had public Bible burnings on the streets.

2. The Infallibility of the Pope.

The Catholic church holds that the pope speaking officially, is clothed with infallibility. Two things are wrong here. First, there is no such Scriptural office as that of "pope." The term pope is not Christian, but wholly pagan. Second, no fallible man (and all men are fallible) is clothed with infallibility. Even concerning the (Continued on page four)

1. Have Baptists ever received into church fellowship anyone, who has two living companions under any circumstances or conditions?

Yes. Many churches receive divorced people, who were divorced on scriptural grounds, on the grounds that the Bible does not forbid it. Many churches do not.

2. Is it customary in the South when a group of people meet to organize themselves into a Baptist church to invite other churches to meet with them?

I don't know what is customary. Many of them invite the preachers they want, but say nothing to the churches. Some, however, invite other churches to send representatives.

3. Do we have the proper right to invite before we organize?

If invited to assist in the organization it will have to be done before organization.

4. Do you know of any Northern Baptist Church that was organized where other Baptists did not take part?

My experience is very limited about the customs of Northern Baptists in things like that. So

far as I recall I never knew a Northern Baptist church to be invited to assist in the organization of a new Baptist church. What they lay a great deal of emphasis on in some quarters and invite other Baptist churches to have a part in, is a recognition service for a previously organized church. Personally I do not like the red tape connected with either. So far as I read in the New Testament the organization of a Baptist church was a very simple thing. There is no intimation of anybody being invited by Paul and his co-workers in their organization of churches. The church was organized by Paul and the missionaries with him. Then they indoctrinated them and ordained pastors for them. Acts 14: 23.

5. What do you think of this statement, taken from "Adult Bible Class Quarterly": "Deborah appears to have been the first woman preacher?"

I think it is false in toto. Deborah was a judge and a prophetess. She was not a preacher in any sense of the word. The Scriptures make it plain that the only place where Deborah either judged or prophesied was under (Continued on page four)

AN OPEN LETTER SHOWING THE FALLACY OF EVOLUTION

The following letter appeared in the Port Huron "Times Herald." It was addressed to a professor in the Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, by Bro. Levi Bird, Ph.D., of Port Huron, Mich.

My Dear Sir: "I have read with amazement an article in the 'Detroit News,' attributing to you certain statements as to the proof of Darwinian evolution as applied to man and his descent or ascent from the Simian tribes. If you hold such views and are teaching them in a Methodist college, you ought to resign and no longer disgrace old Wesleyan with such pernicious nonsense.

"I have examined thousands of fossil specimens and other forms of ancient life in the museums of Washington, Philadelphia, Chicago and other places, and have never found the first trace of any such monstrous absurdity. Besides for forty years I have examined beetles, bugs, animals, fowls, birds, fish and humans by the thousands and have found that whatever may have been the law of evolution in past eons, at present in the animal and vegetable kingdom the law is absolutely in reverse of that. It is degeneration and not evolution.

"On page 38 of Darwin's Origin of Species he says, 'The key is man's power of accumulative selection.' That statement is true, and pray tell me what nature is doing when man fails to use the key? All of our fine bred pigs, horses, sheep, chickens, dogs, cattle, and our cultivated plums as well as pears, apples, peaches, oranges, strawberries, and grapes

degenerate when man does not hold the key. All that the wizard, Burbank, has brought forth goes to the wilds when man ceases to cultivate them. That is the inexorable law of God and nature.

Submitting To The Younger Generation

"I challenge you to find that any species has ever produced any other or different species, and been able to perpetuate the new breed or genius. If such a thing were possible, you would not have to go more than ten miles into the jungles of Africa, nor five centuries into past history, to find not only the missing link, but also the everywhere connecting link. For human nature is such that prodigies would be found everywhere.

"Evolution dishonors God, degrades man, discredits the Scriptures, and dethrones Jesus Christ.

"We are told that for the sake of our present youth we must make our interpretation of the Bible correspond with that taught in our colleges. The callous youth has wrecked Russia. In Rehoboam's time the youth divided his kingdom and finally caused the disruption of the whole Jewish nation, while now our youth are to be given free rein to destroy the church, repudiate the Bible, and make the world a moral and spiritual bankrupt.

Science And Bible Compared

Eight Impossibilities As To Catholicism

It is impossible—

1. To find in the books of the New Testament the word "mass."

2. To find any passage in the New Testament which shows any of the apostles before an altar, who offers incense to any image.

3. To find any passage of the New Testament which speaks of an eucharist procession in the ancient churches.

4. To find one verse in the Bible which recommends or commands the use of the rosary.

5. To find in the Bible one commandment which prohibits the pastors or ministers of God from marriage.

6. To find one verse of the New Testament which commands one to pray to or worship the saints and angels.

7. To prove with the Holy Scriptures that there is any mediator between God and man but Christ Jesus.

8. To prove finally that Roman Catholicism is true Christianity. — Translated from El Atolaya Bautista.

that is pronounced a legendary lie. When science says that the world is round, that is called an incontrovertible fact. When Isaiah writes that God sits upon the circle of the earth (40:32) then we must discard Isaiah (11:12) when he speaks as though the world were flat and many believed it. When the Bible says that God made man in His own image, that is declared to be a Mosiac myth; but when the pseudo-scientist says that man originated from a monkey that is considered a great advance in human knowledge. Some people are more anxious for a long pedigree even if they have to tie themselves up to a monkey than for an unimpeachable character which links man to Eden and to God.

If I believed this evolutionary business I would myself become an ecclesiastical Bolshevik and pull God out of the Heavens and Jesus Christ off the cross and help root up this thing called religion out of the earth. I would also put a chimpanzee in the manger of Bethlehem and a gorilla in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, and a monkey on Mt. Olivet to Bray out the folly of mankind for any longer following the Christ, and rolling this world back to savage brutes and beastly man.

"I am a child of God and it doth not yet appear what I shall be in Christ Jesus.

"If evolution is true, then man

never fell, the atonement is wasted blood and ends in a religious and divine farce. In that case God sits in the Heavens, while cosmic atoms dance the jig of endless transmutation and He looks on helpless to control or guide the purpose and destiny of the forces and creatures that His wisdom and powers have let loose in the universe.

Dealing With The False Teachers

"The time has come when bishops who believe that tommyrot and allow it to spread under their jurisdiction, ought to be compelled to resign their office. Missionaries who teach it ought to be recalled. Preachers who preach it ought to be made to vacate their pulpits. Professors who teach it in our Christian schools and colleges ought to be driven from the institutions. While editors who proclaim it through their papers ought to be silenced and their pens dried up.

"It is either evolution or the Bible; either Darwin or Christ. Let the church give her answer and make it quickly. There will never be another genuine revival of religion in this world until the Christian church repudiates the most subtle and monstrous lie that the Devil has ever thrown into the face of the Son of God, and until it drives the whole diabolical spawn of evolution into the nethermost depths of hell where it belongs."

The First Baptist Pulpit

"An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

(Read Ezekiel Twenty-five)

As you know, for the past several weeks, I have been preaching to you from the Book of Ezekiel, and we have received quite a number of letters relative to it. I imagine that there hasn't been one single day in the last few weeks but what I have gotten three or more letters from different individuals expressing their appreciation for the sermons. In the morning mail, for example, we received this little short note from a lady in Glenwood, Ga.:

"I have just finished reading the eighteenth chapter of the book of Ezekiel and your message concerning it. I want to tell you I enjoyed it very much. It

has been a blessing to me. I understand it better now. I do not see how I could get along without your paper, for it does help me so much to understand the Bible."

I appreciate that note, and I appreciate all the letters we get every week from people who say that these messages on the Book of Ezekiel have been making the book become a new book to them, as I have preached the messages here.

Thus far, in the Book of Ezekiel, all the prophet's statements have been directed toward Israel and the Jewish people. All the messages in chapters one through twenty-four have been directed by Ezekiel toward the Jewish

people themselves, but beginning with the twenty-fifth chapter, we have a new series of prophecies, and these prophecies all have to do with other nations. I might say that in the next few chapters the messages are directed against seven nations, other than the Jews. In our message of today, he directs this prophecy against four of these nations—namely, Ammonites, Moabites, Edomites, and the Philistines.

You may wonder what the people in the twentieth century can learn from the people who lived in the sixth century before Christ, and you may be wondering what the people in the First Baptist Church of Russell can learn from the manner whereby God dealt (Continued on page two)

BAPTIST BAPTISM

The one Baptism—Baptist baptism—no alien baptism includes four things: one action; one subject, one design, one authority. One action—immersion in water of a saved man on a profession of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the authority of a Baptist church.

One subject—a born-from-above person, who has received the Holy Spirit. Acts 10:47. If the Spirit was not received before baptism, then another baptism after the Holy Spirit has been received. Acts 19:1-7.

One design—to picture or declare the subject's death to his old life of sin and his resurrection to newness of life by faith and at faith. Rom. 3:25-26; Gal. 2:20; Gal. 3:26; I John 5:9-13; John 1:12-13. (Continued on page four)

EDITOR'S RECORDERS ARE FOR SALE

Due to the fact that we have discontinued the use of our recorders, we now have two for sale—one wire and one tape.

The wire recorder is in excellent condition, although it has had considerable service. We will sell it and six spools of wire for \$50.00.

The tape recorder is practically new. We bought it wholesale at \$422.00, and have used it only a very small number of times. We guarantee it to be as good as any new one that might be purchased. We have about 15 spools of tape. We will sell the entire outfit for \$300.00.

We have no use for either of these recorders and therefore they are offered for sale at these low prices to move them immediately. Either of them is a bargain, and we guarantee satisfaction.

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"An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

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with heathen folk, five and six hundred years before the birth of His Son. Well, I believe that if you will listen very carefully this morning, that you can carry with you from this house something that will bless your very soul, and will make you to be a better child of God in the week that is out before you.

I

PROPHECY AGAINST THE AMMONITES.

It might be interesting to notice the origin of the Ammonites. They had an origin that wasn't anything to brag about, and surely, beloved, none of them would ever have boasted of the lowly origin from which they came. God's Word tells us concerning their origin. It is the story of the incestuous sin on the part of Lot with his daughters. Listen:

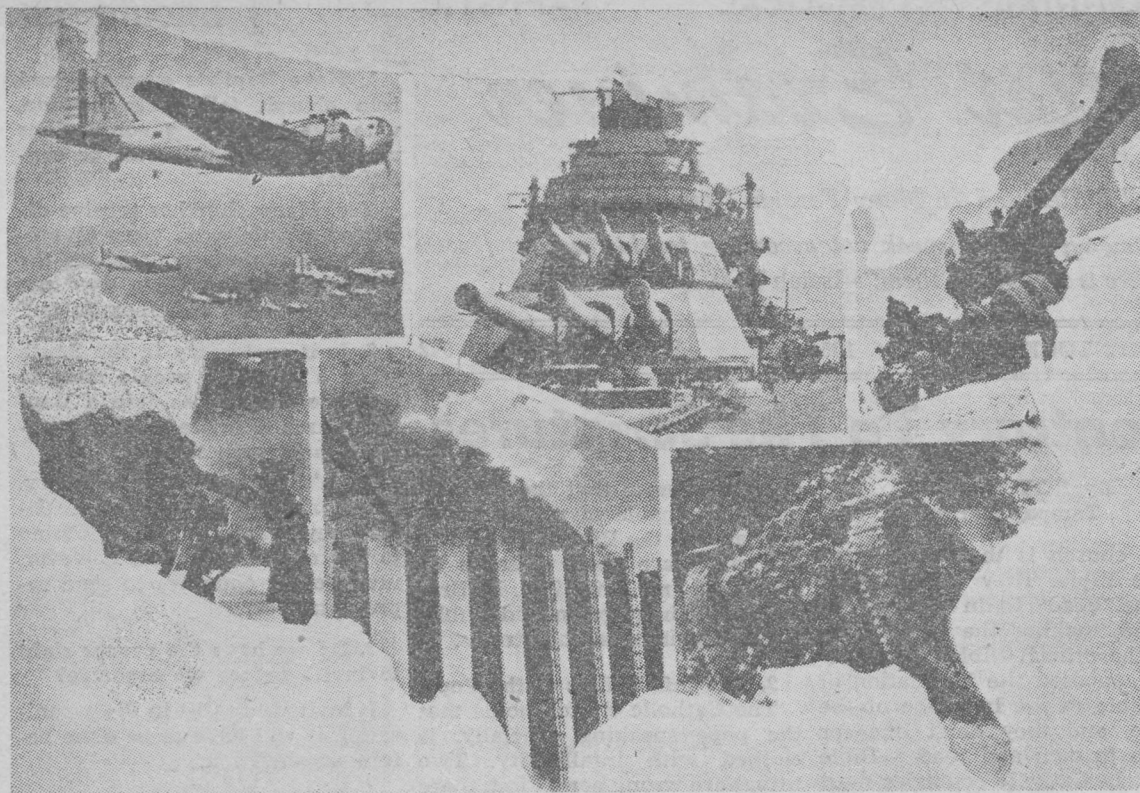
"And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve the seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. These were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day. And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day."—Gen. 19:33-38.

From this you can see the lowly birth of the people against whom Ezekiel delivers this prophecy. You can see, beloved, that in a sense the Ammonites were related to the Jews. They were the descendants of Lot, and Lot was the descendant of Abraham, who was the father of the Jewish race. In a sense, the Ammonites were relatives of the Jews, and thus Ezekiel turns his message from the Jewish people unto their relatives.

It is rather interesting not only to notice their origin, but to notice the sin with which they were guilty. The third verse tells us of that sin:

"And say unto the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord God: Thus saith the Lord God; Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity."

Here is the sin of which these Ammonites were guilty. When God's temple was profaned, they clapped their hands, they stomped their feet, they shook their heads in derision, and they shouted in happiness. They were glad when the Jewish people had the misfortune to have their house



"And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."—Isa. 2:4.

"And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."—Micah 4:3.

profaned, the temple of God made desolate, and the people of God, themselves, carried into captivity. I say, beloved, that was the sin of the Ammonites, in that they rejoiced over the destruction of the Jewish race, and over God Almighty's vengeance having fallen upon the city of Jerusalem.

Now, beloved, I would like for you to pause with me this morning and notice one thing. God is to take care of our enemies, and it is not for God's people to rejoice over the downfall of an enemy. A few weeks ago, a woman came to me and rejoiced that her ex-husband was seriously ill with a disease that in all probability will take him out of this world. She said, "Brother Gilpin, am I doing right, or am I wrong in feeling a relief in view of the circumstances?" I said, "There is one thing certain. Knowing the circumstances, you would hardly be expected from the human point of view to feel otherwise." Then, after she left, I began to consider what she had said to me, and what I had said to her. I remembered saying from this pulpit many times that I rather rejoiced walking in the cemetery and counting the tombstones of some whom the Lord had laid low in my behalf, and then I began to turn over in my mind what I had said publicly to you and what I had said in my conversation to her. Then I turned to God's Word to see what God had to say. You know, beloved, I learned something, and I hope that you can learn something from it, too, this morning. Listen:

"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."—Rom. 12:18-21.

Every day, I used to read the twelfth chapter of Romans for my own benefit. For years, I used to read the twelfth chapter of Romans in its entirety. I have read it multiplied times more than any chapter in the Word of God, and never one time did that message grip my soul as it did of recent date when I read it, to realize that God's people are not to rejoice over the downfall of an enemy. My business this morning is to preach God Almighty's Word, and to the best of my ability, I expect to preach it as long as God gives me the ability to do so. It is God's business to take care of all of my enemies and all of your enemies, and God is able

to do it, and it is not my business to rejoice over the downfall of any enemy. It is my business, beloved, to faithfully serve my God, and God will take care of His portion of my ministry.

I want you to see this morning that the sin of the Ammonites was when they rejoiced over the misfortune which came to the Jews. Punishment was to fall on these Ammonites. In the fifth verse, God said:

"And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels."

Suppose I would say that at some future date the city of Louisville, Kentucky, would become a stable for camels. I imagine, beloved, that you would laugh me to scorn, but if in God's plan for the ages, He would see to it that the city of Louisville did become a stable for camels, it would be no greater miracle, humanly speaking, than the fact that God turned the city of Rabbah into a stable for camels. God did that very thing. If I would take the time this morning, I could tell you about a man that I know by correspondence, who, some few years ago, made a trip to the Holy Land, and went to the exact site of the city of Rabbah to corroborate this portion of God's Word. He said that there was not a single inhabitant left in that city, though the city still stands in its ruins. The capitol itself still stands, and great theaters still stand. Many of the great buildings still stand, but they stand, beloved, as a stable for camels. He said that throughout the city of Rabbah that there was the smell of decaying, rotting camel's flesh. He said that as he passed the stream that led through the City, that the carcass of a dead camel was floating in the water. He said that for miles around that city, that a person couldn't step without tramping upon camel's dung. He said that he stayed one night in that city and that the neighing of the mares, the bleating of the sheep and goats and the barking of the dogs made it absolutely impossible for him to get one moment's sleep.

I wonder, brethren, if that just happened to take place in that manner. Nay, beloved, an omniscient God who knows the end from the beginning — an omniscient God who sees all things and knows all things before they come to pass, said six hundred years before the Son of God was born that the city of Rabbah would become a stable for camels. God, my beloved, has fulfilled it to the very letter.

In the seventh verse, God says that He will cause the people to perish, for we read:

"I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to

perish out of the countries."

Now, beloved, other countries that are older than the Ammonites, haven't perished. China, with her ancient civilization, still exists. Egypt, with her civilization older than the Ammonites, still stands. My brother, you will search in vain today through an atlas or a geography to find any reference to the country of the Ammonites. Why? Because God said that that country was going to perish from among the countries, and, beloved, it has happened, because God saw to it that it happened. Let me tell you, when God makes a promise, you can know that it is going to be fulfilled just exactly like God said.

II

LET'S NOTICE THE MOABITES.

In the eighth through the eleventh verses, we find what Ezekiel said about the Moabites. They had the same origin as the Ammonites. The Moabites came as part of the incestuous sin on the part of Lot with one of his daughters, while the Ammonites came from the same sin with another of his daughters.

In the eighth verse, we find the story of their sin:

"Thus saith the Lord God; Because that Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah is like unto all the heathen."

Here was the sin for which God was going to destroy the Moabites — the sin of denying that the Jews were God's chosen people. They said that the Jews were like unto

all the heathen.

Beloved, there have been lots of folk down through the ages that have sinned just like the Moabites. I remember back in the early twenties that Henry Ford in his DEARBORN INDEPENDENT denounced the Jew for everything that he could lay his pen to. Every accusation that could be brought against the Jew was brought by Henry Ford. He said that they had no right to lay claim to the fact that they were God's chosen people. But you know, there was a shrewd Jew out on the West Coast, who took those articles that Henry Ford had written and carried them to the Supreme Court, with the result that Henry Ford had to pay an indemnity of two million dollars to the Jews, and had to retract publicly every word that he had said concerning them. He learned the hard way that the Jews were God's chosen people, but Henry Ford is not the only man that has made that statement. There are many people today who say that the Jews are not God's chosen people. That is what Moab did. Moab said that they are just like any of the rest of the heathen. God says otherwise. Listen:

"And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed. And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed."—Gen. 28:13,14.

This was what God said to Jacob on the night that he camped at Bethel and saw the angels ascending and descending on the ladder between earth and Heaven. God told him that in him all the families of the earth would be blessed.

Listen again:

"And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods? For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel TO BE A PEOPLE UNTO THEE FOR EVER: and thou, Lord, art become their God."—II Sam. 7:23,24.

"Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar: The Lord of hosts is his name. If those ordinances depart from before me, for ever. Thus saith the Lord; if heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord."—Jer. 31:35-37.

Let us analyze this Scripture.
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Is This The Year?

By WILMA W. BURTON

Is this the year the prophets foretold
That the King in His glory and love
Might come to gather His saints,
And bear them safely above?

Is this the year the harvest will end?
And grace for men will cease?
Is this the year men's works will fail?
And the nations know no peace?

Will there be the gnashing of teeth
With failing hearts from fear?
Will there be tears of deep remorse?
I wonder, is this the year?

I know not, Lord, as no man can,
In what year Thy coming shall be—
But if this is the year, may I be found
Ever faithful in working for Thee.

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Don Ricardo And Family To Return To Peru Soon



Brother and Sister R. P. Hallum and their daughter, Marguerite, have made plane reservations for August 3, when they plan to return to Peru where they have labored since 1935. Remember to pray for them.

Missionary Royal Calley And Family Are Rejoicing Over Visit Of Elder H. H. Overbey To Mission Fields

Manaus, Brazil
June 14, 1954

Dear Friends:

We have been enjoying the visit of Bro. Overbey for the past two weeks. I am sure that he is enjoying his stay. I only wish that there could be more that could come to visit us. I have been looking forward to Bro. Overbey's visit for a long time. I had hoped that he would visit us last year, but now I am glad that he didn't for he certainly would not be here now, if he had.

This has been a good month for us, not only because of our visitor, but also because there have been five professions of faith. One in Manaus, and four in Faro where John Bentes has been preaching along with Bro. Sebastian. Bro. Sebastian is a recent convert of John Bentes, and he has felt led to preach also. We licensed him to preach about a month ago, and now he has led one of the four in

Faro to Christ. Altogether there have been 8 conversions in Faro. Seven of them are waiting baptism. We hope that sometime in the future there will be a Baptist church there.

We are all in good health at the present time. Bro. Overbey seems to be adjusting himself to this climate fine. He has not lost any weight as yet. I suppose that he will lose perhaps twenty pounds after he gets through making his trips to the interior. It always happens to anyone that comes here. Even Paul who was skin and bones when he came here, lost some weight the first time we went to Cruzeiro do Sul.

We plan to leave for Cruzeiro do Sul next Monday, June 21, if God be willing. On returning from there we hope to visit Faro, and then perhaps a visit to the state of Ceara to visit Zacarias who is trying to start a work there. We are not really certain of going on any of the trips mentioned except the one to Cruzeiro

do Sul, but at least we hope to make the other trips.

This past Sunday Bro. Overbey preached and I translated for him. I enjoyed his sermons very much. The church did too. They all tried to tell Bro. Overbey how much they enjoyed his sermons, but of course he could not tell what they were saying. I told him myself later. I think that it made him very happy. He had great liberty it seemed on Sunday night. He preached one sermon on the kinsman Redeemer, by my request, and also on the five burnt offerings of Leviticus. Bro. Overbey had to preach from memory as his Bible with notes were in his suitcase, and as yet it has not arrived. He did very well anyway.

Our church is now almost completely painted. The part that we worship in is done, but the school still has some things to be done.

We are still hoping that there will be more preachers come here to work with us. We hope also (Continued on page 4, col. 1)

OVERBEY GIVES DAY-BY-DAY DIARY OF VISIT TO S.A.

On Thursday night, May 27, 1954, twenty-one ordained Baptist preachers from seven States met in Canfield Avenue Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan for the ordination of our son, Edward Hugh Overbey. It was a great occasion for us. It is great to have a son in the ministry and it is great to have the honor of preaching his ordination sermon and then it is great to have him pastor our church for us while we are away. On Sunday, May 30 we had two good services. We had the second largest attendance in Sunday School and very good attendance in the preaching services and good offerings. On Monday night, May 31, seventy-eight people gathered at the pastor's home for a time of fellowship. In addition to the people of Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Pastor and Mrs. Eugene Clark of Grace Baptist Church, Pastor and Mrs. Harry Hille of New Hope Baptist Church, Pastor and Mrs. Leonard Varner of Flat Rock Baptist Church, and Pastor Homer Crain of Gethsemane Baptist Church came to fellowship with us. After a season of prayer led by the visiting pastors, Mr. and Mrs. Don Taylor were given a surprise wedding shower. Mrs. Taylor is the former Barbara Jean Calley, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Paul Calley who are missionaries in Manaus, Brazil. After the shower,

refreshments were served and the people bid us God speed on our trip to South America. We spent Tuesday doing the many little things needed to be done the last day and went over the many things to be done while we are away with our son who is taking our place. Our son, Edward, is not only pastoring the church, but the directors of the mission voted for him to handle the secretary work of the Mission and edit the MISSION SHEETS while we are away. June 2nd we were all up at our house at 3:00 a. m., Wednesday morning. We gathered at the table together as usual for Scripture reading and a season of prayer. Edward read Hebrews 13:1-5, the same Scripture that we read 12 years ago about the same time one morning just before he left for the Air Force for three years of service in World War II. God's promise in verse five never leave us nor forsake us is precious. After prayer we ate breakfast and left for the Willow Run Airport some 37 miles away. Our son Dale and wife and son, Randy, (our grandson) came by and we had two car loads of our family. When we arrived at the airport Brother and Sister Gilbert Clark and Brother and Sister Silas Calley and several of their grandchildren were there to see us off. Among them were Carl and Barbara, the son and daughter of Missionary and Mrs. Paul Calley. The loud speaker announced that the plane was ready to leave for New York. We gathered in a circle and Brother Silas Calley led in prayer, then we shook the hand of the members of our church and embraced our children and daughter-in-laws and grandson and then last of all my "Amazing Grace" who has been my wife these past thirty-two years. This was the first time in all these years I have left her for so long a time. When I say that she has mothered our eight children and stood by us as a faithful wife in happiness and sorrow, you can understand how I felt when we left and walked through the gate and down the

long aisle and out to the waiting plane. As we looked back all were upstairs on the observation tower waving towards us as we walked up the ramp and into the plane.

We left Detroit at 5:35 a. m., and two hours and fifty minutes later we were in New York City. The weather was cloudy and soon we were flying above the clouds across Lake Erie and then Pennsylvania and New Jersey to New York. The plane circled about New York City for about forty minutes for the fog to lift and the air traffic to clear. Each plane that was circling, waiting for the fog to clear from the airport landed in the order of their arrival. We received our baggage from the Northwest Airlines and went to the Pan American World Airways counter to check in for our flight to Belem, Brazil. Our baggage was checked and our three books of tickets taken and another sheet torn out and our passport was checked and we were given a card with number nine on it which was the seat we were to occupy on the plane. We left New York City at 11:50 a. m., Wednesday, June 2nd, and after a flight of five hours and fifty minutes, over the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, we landed at San Juan, Puerto Rico. The place is very beautiful. It is much warmer than Detroit and New York. The trees and plants are different and the people are mostly Latin and almost every one speaks Spanish.

After a wait of fifty-five minutes we left San Juan at 6:35 p. m., for Port of Spain, Trinidad. After crossing Puerto Rico the flight was all over water again. We landed at Port of Spain at 9:05 p. m. After the plane was serviced we started to take off for Belem, Brazil. One of the engines was not working properly and the pilot stopped before reaching the end of the runway and returned to have the engine worked on. This was repeated 3 times over a period of several hours and finally it was announced that there would be an eight hour delay. We were taken into

the city of Port of Spain and put up in a nice hotel at the expense of Pan American Airways. Trinidad Island is British and most of the cars have the steering wheel on the right hand side and the cars travel on the left hand side of the street as they do in England.

The weather is hot in Port of Spain and there seems to be about every nationality here and every language spoken.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

We had breakfast at the hotel in Port of Spain. The food is good. About 10:45 a. m., several taxis line up and take us to the airport. At 12:20 p. m. we are airborne and on our way to Belem, Brazil. Again we are flying over the waters of the Atlantic Ocean about two-thirds of the way from Port of Spain to Belem. The plane flies at nineteen thousand feet we are told (a little over 3 1/2 miles high). The cabin is pressurized to make the pressure inside the same as it is at sea level. At 3:10 p. m., the pilot announces over the loud speaker that in three minutes we can see Devil's Island to our left. We see three islands in the Atlantic which are French and were used as prison islands for so long a time. To the right we see the coast and mainland of French Guiana. Lots of rivers empty into the ocean, some very large.

Everything seems to be jungle except for some swamps in places. Occasionally we see a small town or a few houses bunched together on the rivers and then we see only one house for many miles. At 3:17 p. m. we see a boat in the Atlantic, the first we have seen in our flight. We now are flying over the mainland of Brazil with the Atlantic coast to our left. Most of the time we are high above the clouds, but occasionally we fly through high storm clouds and the air is a little rough. At 4:45 p. m., we cross the equator and the Stewardess gives each one a small card signed by the Captain or head pilot showing that we crossed the equator. Next

the pilot announces that we are nearing the mighty Amazon River. It seems to be spread out over everywhere and it is hard to tell which one of the many streams is the main one. We see this for many miles. At 5:10 p. m., we land at Belem, Brazil.

The plane has been nice and cool, but as we step out on the airport, the air is hot and humid, but not as bad as we expected. We enter a small building and file through one by one. We waited and were the last one to pass through the line. There were about five Brazilian officers standing at the counter. The first one examines the passports and other paper and passes them down the line and the last one asks if we could speak Portuguese and when we tell him no he calls an interpreter and tells us that he will keep our passport until the next day. We tell him that we are going to Manaus on Saturday and are advised that we can pick up our passport at the Pan American Office in the Grande Hotel. Next we go to claim our baggage and it is not there. They look for it and finally take us back to the plane and have us look in all the baggage compartments above and below and our one and only suitcase is not to be found. Then they look through a file in the office and find a wire from New York (Continued on page 2, col. 1)

MITCHELL LEWIS KEEPING BUSY IN PERU

Iquitos, Peru
June 20, 1954

Dear Friends:

We are all well and rejoicing in the goodness of our Redeemer. We are looking forward to the return of the Hallums and Brother Overbey's visit.

The church building and garage have been painted and this time the painter did an excellent job. Our attendance has been down (Continued on page 4, col. 1)

EXPENSES FOR OVERBEY'S VISIT

The expenses for Bro. H. H. Overbey's trip to the mission field are not taken from the regular mission offerings. The only money used for this trip is that which is designated for this particular purpose. We believe that this trip will be a great benefit to the furtherance of the Lord's work. If you would like to have a part in Bro. Overbey's journey please send an offering to Bro. Z. E. Clark, stating that your offering is for the Overbey trip.

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(Continued from page 1, Col. 5) advising that our luggage had been sent to Bermuda instead of Belem and was returned back to New York. So we are in Brazil with a camera and a raincoat and the clothes we have on and no more. The purser on the plane explains to the Pan American representative at the airport that we had reservations to fly up river that morning, but because of the engine trouble in Port of Spain, we were advised that we would be put up at the Grande Hotel at Pan American expense. We had them wire ahead from Port of Spain and make reservations for us on the next available flight from Belem to Manaus and we were advised that we had reservations on the Constellation arriving from Rio on Saturday morning going from Belem to Manaus. A taxi takes us to the hotel and we have to wait awhile until there is a vacant room. We go to bed early and relax and do not notice the heat very much.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

Early the next morning, June 4, a man knocked on our door and handed us our passport. We had a razor and one blade in our coat pocket so we shaved and had breakfast. Good meals were served on the plane from New York and the meals in the hotels are very good also. Before leaving Detroit we had made reservations so that we could leave Detroit early Wednesday morning and arrive in Manaus, Brazil the next afternoon. The engine trouble changed our plans and now we have a two day delay. We sent a wire from Port of Spain to Bro. Royal Calley telling him that we would arrive on Saturday. When we were delayed in Port of Spain we began to get acquainted with some of the people that were on the plane with us. One man from Pennsylvania was going to Belem and then inland about 200 miles on a construction job. This man is a Lutheran. A young couple from Philadelphia were on their way to Buenos Aires. They were Presbyterians. At the hotel we met a Mr. Henry Klapisch from New York City. He is a Jew who was born in Poland. He spoke five languages, English, French, German, Spanish and Portuguese. He is president of South American Commodities and goes to Manaus, Brazil several times a year. He has a 33-year-old son that lives in Manaus. They are dealers in alligator skins which they buy in Manaus and ship to New York and sell to shoe, purse, and belt manufacturers, etc.

The city of Belem is beautiful in the section of the hotel. We call at the office of the U. S. Consul to register and tell him about the troubles that the Calleys have been having getting their things out of customs in Manaus. He is very kind and listens and advises that the U. S. now has a vice consul in Manaus. We have dinner with Mr. Klapisch, the Jew from New York. He is very helpful and interprets for us when we need it. He advises that when he gets off the plane in Brazil that he does not drink any water except bottled mineral water. We learn that he is a devout Jew. We ask him about the hem, or borders, on the four corners of the garment and ask him if he wears one. (See Numbers 15:38 to 40 and Deut. 22:12). He advised that he did not wear the garment but that he always carried it with him in his suitcase and he invited me to his room to see it. We were glad to see this because of our sermon, "Touching The Hem of Christ's Garment." He also showed us his phylactery and advised that he put these things on when he worshipped (in his room or wherever he might be). He also has a new phylactery that he is taking to Manaus as a gift for a Jewish boy who is soon to be confirmed. (See Matthew 23:5

and Mark 5:25-34). Christ was a Jew, so He wore the four fringes (or hem) on His garment and fulfilled the law. We stop on the street and the Jew talks to a man that was on the plane with us from New York. The man speaks English and asks about our lost luggage. We learn that he is a vice consul of Brazil in the New York office. He is in Brazil on vacation. It seems that everyone in the hotel knows that my suitcase was sent to Bermuda. The Jewish gentleman proved to be a real friend. He gave me a new razor blade and offered to help in anyway he could. We tell him about our family, invite him to our home when he is in Detroit and he says that he is coming to visit us. We check on our plane that is to arrive the next morning and are advised that it will leave Rio de Janeiro several hours later.

JUNE 5

We have another good night of rest and in the morning learn that the plane will arrive about 11 hours late. Our Jewish friend gave us a tube of tablets to take in case we get dysentery and he would not let us pay him for it. He told us that he brought along three dacron shirts and that he washed in his room and hung them up to dry and that they did not need to be ironed. He said that they were \$8.75 shirts, but he got them on sale for \$4.95. We ask him if we could buy one and he agreed and we gave him \$5.00.

He washed the shirt and when it was dry took us to his room and gave it to us and also the five dollars back, saying that he could not charge us for the shirt. This is the best shirt we ever had. Our suitcase is still lost, but we have two shirts and three handkerchiefs. This doesn't leave much to wear while washing what you have on. We met another man from the U. S. who is a geologist and is in Brazil on a government mission. We got acquainted with another man who was on our plane. He is a very tall, large man. He and a doctor are going up the river by chartered flying boat. He is a rigger for a well driller and is to relieve another man who will fly out and back to the States. It is now 3:30 p. m., June 5th and a taxi is taking us to the airport. A uniformed band is marching and playing. Some soldiers are on horses lined up along the way and we find a large crowd at the airport and learn that a governor of another Brazilian state is coming in on the plane for a political rally.

We check in for the flight and take our seat near the gate. Three young Catholic priests in their black robes and collars on backwards walk past us and take their place first at the gate. They seem to think they are above everyone else. My Jewish friend has number five and we have number six. Our Jewish friend asked us the difference between the Baptists and the Catholics, and we have the opportunity to witness to him. He listens intently and says, "it is all of faith?" and we give him the plan of salvation. Who knows but what the two day delay was all that we might have the opportunity to witness to him.

The gate opens and the numbers are called in Portuguese, so when his number is called we know we are next, so the Jew and the Baptist preacher pass through before the Catholic priests. We leave Belem at 5:45 p. m., about eleven hours late. The time is two hours faster than Detroit time. We see the mighty Amazon River out our window and many other large rivers flowing into her. A good meal is served on board the plane. All the crew on the plane are Brazilian. The captain came back and stopped at our seat and talked for an hour or more with my Jewish friend. He learned to fly in Arizona. He speaks English well enough to get by. It is now dark, and we are flying very high. The light flashes for us to fasten our seat belts and we listen to the loud speaker and everything is spoken in Portuguese. We listen carefully and hear the word Manaus and know that we are about ready to land. We land at Manaus, Brazil at 7:45 p. m., af-

ter about 1000 miles up river in three hours. The time here is one hour slower than in Belem. Our seats are near the door and we are among the first off and we see the Calleys waving their hands, and the Jew and the Baptist preacher are the first to pass through the gate. We forgot all about the priests. All the Calleys were there to meet us. Brother Royal and wife, Helen, and their four children, and Brother Paul and wife, Florence, and their son, Leslie. We don't have to wait for baggage as we have none. We learn that the Paul Calleys have gotten all their things through customs and we ride to the home of Brother Royal Calley in the 1950 Ford that we sold Brother Paul Calley in Detroit. This is Saturday night and we stop on the way, at the home of one of the members of the church, where there is a service going on. We get out of the car and see John Dias preaching beside a kerosene (mantel) lantern. We recognize him from his pictures. He continues to preach as though we had not come in. We understand only a word now and then. They stand and sing and we still do not understand the words but the tune is the same as at home. We listen and think of the words in English, and it did something to us on the inside. This is not a fine hotel, nor a fine home, but it is a very humble cottage of a poor man. We watch him as he sings from the heart. We watch an old brother sing without glasses. He is 72 years old and he seems to be enjoying it to the full. Brother Royal Calley dismisses in prayer in Portuguese and we are introduced to Miguel Ibernion who has been our native missionary for many years. We study their faces and can tell that they have suffered many hardships for Christ's sake. These native preachers shake our hand and embrace us by putting their arm around us. They seem happy to meet us. We leave and go to the home of Bro. Royal Calley for the night. Helen has cold lemonade. It seems to be the best we ever had. We seem to have forgotten about the heat and we have a comfortable rest for the night.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

It is Sunday morning, June 6th and we are in Manaus, Brazil, 1000 miles up the Amazon River on the banks of the Rio Negro River. We start for church. It seems to be about a mile walk. After we leave the main street, we walk up a bank and through some trees and down grade on a rough dirt road with small cottages built close together on each side of the road. We come to a small building with the name Calvary Baptist Church in Portuguese on a board above the door. The people gather in and sing and then Miguel Ibernion reads the Scripture for the Sunday School lesson and gives a short message. Then Brother Royal Calley teaches the lesson. Everything is in Portuguese and we only get a word now and then. But when they sing it is different, because we know the tunes. After the Sunday School, Brother Miguel Ibernion preached the sermon for the Sunday morning service. He has been preaching for some sixteen years and Brother Royal Calley says that he is really a good preacher. We were introduced to the people and we came away feeling that we had been to the house of the Lord where the truth is preached. It is very warm and we relax for a while in the afternoon. We do not seem to notice the heat so much when we are not moving around. We are advised that this is the cool season of the year and that it really gets hot later on in the year. We go to church again Sunday night. The long walk is not so hot as it was in the morning. This is the night for the Lord's Supper and Helen Calley had baked the one loaf of unleavened bread. She mixed only flour and water, the same as we do at home, and makes a flat loaf of unleavened bread. Bro. Royal Calley preaches the sermon and pastor John Dias reads some Scripture and then after thanks he breaks the one loaf of

bread and it is passed to the members. Then he takes the one cup of wine and after thanks to pours it out into several small glasses and it is passed to the members. It was simple yet beautifully done and it was done Scripturally. Brother Calley had explained that it was for the members of the local church only. It reminded me of the Lord's Supper in our own church in Detroit. As Brother John Dias broke the bread we thought of what our sins did to our Saviour. As he poured out the wine we thought of the blood that was shed for us. Over and over again it keeps coming to our mind—"the poor have the gospel preached to them."—Matt. 11:5.

MONDAY, JUNE 7

Brother Paul Calley comes by and we go with him and Brother Royal Calley down town and they sell the dollars for Cruzeiros and get 55 Cruzeiros for each dollar and then it is deposited in the bank. We sold some Traveler's checks so that we will have Brazilian money. We bought our tickets for a round trip from Manaus to Cruzeiro do Sul and made reservations for June 14th before leaving Detroit. Brother Royal was thinking ahead of time and he bought tickets and made reservations for all three of us so we went to the Panair do Brazil office and cancelled the ticket he had bought for us. We drove about the city seeing the various places where they have had, and now have, preaching points. They have services here every night some place. Then we spent a lot of time looking for and trying to find a suitable lot for a new church building in a good location. Good locations are very high here, even higher than in the States. Some will not sell at any price. We went to the airport to see if our baggage had come in on the flying boat and then to the office. It did not arrive. Monday night we go to the church for a prayer meeting and a message by Brother Calley on the 11th chapter of Revelation. Again we find the 72 year old brother at the service. Everyone pairs off to pray in groups of two or three. I am told that they pray so long that it would be eleven o'clock before all the brethren prayed if they did not divide up so each one could pray.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

We went to the cemetery to see the grave of Bro. E. A. Nelson who was the first missionary in the Amazon Valley. He was here for over forty years. He died in 1939. He was supported by Bro. H. B. Taylor and the church at Murray, Kentucky and they also bought him a launch. The years have passed on and Bro. Nelson and Bro. Taylor are both with the Lord. The graves are dug ahead of time waiting for the people to die. We saw several graves dug for children. Two tiny coffins had been dug up and were to be burned. Brother Calley explained that those who are buried in the free section are dug up and burned after about three years and the graves are used over and over again. The man at the cemetery took us to the grave of Bro. Nelson. He remembered him and spoke so very highly of him. He also showed us the grave of a Canadian Baptist missionary who came here years ago and died on the river and no one knew him and he was buried in a free grave without a coffin. Later when it was known, his body was taken up and given a burial and it says on the tomb, "He built better than he knew." We went to see the lawyer that the Calleys hired to get their things through customs. The inspector was trying to get Brother Paul Calley's car, refrigerator, stove, household goods, and canned food for nothing. The lawyer got the car out in four days and the rest of the things in another few days. The Calley brothers had been trying twice a day to get them out for seven weeks.

This is the first time that any of our missionaries have had any trouble to speak of in getting their things through customs. The lawyer would not set a fee. He

left it up to the Calleys to pay him. He said that he wanted their good will and did not want them to be going about saying that he overcharged them. They paid him 5000 Cruzeiros which is about \$91 (at 55 Cruzeiros per dollar). We ask him about having the Baptist Faith Missions registered here and he is looking up the law on it. We are already registered in Peru. We went to the airport again to see if our suitcase came in on the plane and it was not there. We went to the office downtown and they sent a radiogram about it, but no answer all day. We still have what we wore from Detroit a week ago, and the extra shirt that the Jewish friend gave us.

Brother Calley received a wire from John Bentes (who is away on a river journey preaching at Faro), advising that he is sick and asking that his June salary be wired to him. They were expecting him back by the time we got here. This explains the delay. Brother Calley wired his salary to him this morning.

It cost over \$900 to get the Calley's car and other things out of customs. When we return home we will give an itemized account of the total cost as we always do when missionaries go out to the foreign field. Tonight (Tuesday, June 8) the service was in the yard in front of one of the member's house. There were 24 present and John Dias did the preaching.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

Each day we ask about our lost luggage but to no avail. We look and look for a suitable location for a building site. Brother Paul Calley's car is really a great help in the work here. Tonight the service is at the church building and the crowd is small. Everyone sings lustily. The old brother who is 72 is on hand. He has been to the services every night since we have arrived. Miguel Ibernion who has been preaching for 16 years, preaches the sermon. We cannot understand him but we can tell he is experienced and that he preaches with power. He closes his message and without a song and with the people seated he gives the invitation and a young man, perhaps about 25, gets up and comes forward and announces that he has received Jesus Christ as his own personal Saviour. The people are happy. Faces beam and we understand better why faithful missionaries come and stay. We stand to sing and Bro. Royal Calley talks to the young man. It is all in Portuguese and we cannot understand a word but we cannot hold back the tears. We watch Bro. Calley closely and his eyes are filled with tears and he wipes them under his glasses. The church votes to receive the young man as a candidate for baptism and it is announced that he is to be baptized Sunday afternoon. Pastor John Dias will do the baptizing. They sing and come forward and give the right hand of fellowship. The women shake his hand and the men shake his hand and embrace him and each one speaks a word to him. There is no outward show of emotionalism, but it seems that Heaven has come down. We do not know how to describe our feelings but those who have been born again will know what we are trying to describe. This is worth our trip many times over.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

The weather is more comfortable today. We go with the Calley brothers to the home of Francisco Santiago who is pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church. He is a very small man and is old and broken. He was Brother Brandon's first convert at Cruzeiro do Sul about 25 years ago. He shows us a certificate that says that he was baptized upon the authority of a Baptist Church in Paducah, Kentucky and also one showing his ordination. We talk to him through Brother Royal Calley as our interpreter. We learn that he has sold the lot that was bought several years ago for a new church building. He gets the papers to show that the payments

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are made to the church and that the money is to be used for repairing the church building.

Tonight the service is to be out in a new section in the house of John Bentes. This is a new building and has not been lived in. On our way to the service we see an Italian Catholic priest walking ahead of us with a flashlight. He is in the vicinity of the place of service. When we arrive there is one small child besides John Dias and Miguel Ibernion. Four other small children come in. Brother Paul Calley goes back near his house and brings a neighbor and his small daughter. The kerosene mantel lantern lights up the large one room house and after the singing, Brother Royal Calley preaches. The children from the neighborhood get up and leave and there is not one person from the neighborhood. Brother Calley is preaching from John 6:14-21. We cannot understand a word he is saying, but we feel the presence of the Lord. Bro. Calley's eyes are moist under his glasses and his red head of hair seems to glow in the light. He is preaching with all that is within him. He moves away a few feet from the lantern to keep the insects out of his mouth. The one lost man present is a very intelligent man. He never takes his eyes off the preacher. With Leslie and Brother Royal, we walk across a field and Brother Paul takes the man and daughter home and comes back to pick us up. On the way from the church, Brother Paul sees the same Catholic priest with his flashlight walking ahead of him on his way back to town. The next day we learn that he has been visiting every home in the area for the past two weeks warning the people to stay away. It appears that he was there to watch our services to see whether or not the people were heeding his exhortations (they did). The Catholic church rules by fear.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

Several wires are sent and we are advised that our suitcase is being held in customs and that we must come back to Belem in person to get it, or authorize someone there to open it for inspection. We have the key and Belem is 1000 miles away. The U. S. vice consul typed out a message for us and put the U. S. official seal on it and we sent a wire for half price asking the U. S. Consul in Belem to open the suitcase for inspection. But we don't know how he will do it without a key. We sent this wire yesterday, but we have no reply. Tonight we meet at Bro. Miguel Ibernion's house for a service. We have the best crowd of any night except when we meet at the church building. The yard is about nine feet from the house to the front fence and it is full and some stand inside the house and some around the corner. Bro. John Dias preaches and people who walk by stop to listen and walk on some listen in the shadows.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

We planned to fly to Belem today to get our baggage out of customs. This means we will not get back until Tuesday. This is about 2000 miles round trip and we cannot afford it, but it seems to be the only way we can get our baggage. The manager of the ticket office sent another wire yesterday explaining that we were in transit and listed all the places we are to go and requested that they send the baggage to the custom house here. The plane is about eight hours late and before it arrives we get a wire advising that they have agreed to send our baggage here but not before Tuesday. So we shall wait patiently and see.

We cancel our reservations for Cruzeiro do Sul for Monday, June 14th until Monday, June 21. There is only one flight a week. We go to the drug store and buy penicillin, and other drugs to take with us on our trip in case we get sick. Brother Calley has learned by experience and he is taking every precaution. Today has something to do with St. Anthony and we see piles of wood from one to three feet high in front of the houses on each side of the streets. Tonight we meet in the same house that we did last Saturday night. On our way the streets are full of people, all the piles of wood are burning and we see and hear firecrackers everywhere. It is one continuous noise. This is Catholicism in Manaus.

Bro. Miguel Ibernion preaches and there are about 20 people present. It is noisy all around from the firecrackers and the people gather around the fires. This is something to see. The missionaries have a lot to contend with. Just before the service Bro. John Bentes came in from his missionary journey about 300 miles down the Amazon. He reports that four young men made profession of faith. He is enthused and wants to go back and establish a permanent work there.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

Brother Royal Calley walked down town to get a young man that came from Georgetown, British Guiana about a week ago. He speaks English and is very intelligent. He is very dark skinned. His parents came from India. We go to church for the Sunday morning service. We have been invited to preach and Brother Royal Calley stands beside us to interpret. We speak a few sentences and he interprets it into Portuguese. It seems that we were terrible. In the afternoon we go down past the church and the pastor John Dias baptizes the young man who made the profession of faith last Wednesday night. People gather around to see the baptizing, but they do not come up very close. One boy about twelve years old, walks out on a log and pulls off his pants. He proceeds, naked, to put on a diving exhibition while the pastor is preaching. No one pays any attention to him. A woman nearby has two small children by her side, and both are naked. This is a common sight here. We counted more than sixty people standing around to see the baptizing. The pastor and the young man wade out into the water and the pastor raises his hand and talks in Portuguese and baptizes the candidate. At night we are to preach again. Brother Calley tells us to preach just like we would at home and not to stop unless he tells us to.

We try to forget that they can not understand us and we preach and Brother Calley interprets. The people for the most part watch us and our gestures and they listen to Brother Calley. How he can do it we don't know. He has been here only two years and he interprets in Portuguese without a stop. It is much better than in the morning service when we would stop and wait for him. We are learning. There is a good crowd at church and we can see some standing outside the front door and outside the open windows on the sides. Two Catholic girls are present and they think it all to be very funny. We would not let them get by with it at home, but here we try to be patient and continue to preach. It is hot and we are wet with perspiration, but it seems cool as we walk on the way home, but when we sit down it is hot again. Mrs. Calley made cold lemonade and after four glasses we feel comfortable again.

MONDAY, JUNE 14

We have been staying at the home of Brother Royal Calley. They are wonderful. We have never seen greater hospitality. After a good night's rest we get up and Brother Calley and wife and children gather in the living room and we join them for a time of family worship. Brother Calley reads a portion from Romans and we kneel to pray. Wish all the supporters of the work could witness the scene as this missionary family approaches the throne of grace in prayer. It is a wonderful way to start the day. Truly their children shall rise up to call them blessed. Today we bought a ticket

to Cruzeiro do Sul for Brother Miguel Ibernion to go with us next Monday, June 21. He knows everyone there and we will be able to learn much more by taking him along. Brother John Bentes is still sick with malaria. He was not able to go to the baptizing yesterday nor the night service last night. We moved over to Brother Paul Calley's house to stay with them for a while. There was a service at the church building tonight and Brother Royal Calley continued his messages on Revelation.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

We went to the airport and the plane came in from Belem at 9:00 a. m. and our suitcase arrived. There is an inspector present and we unlock the suitcase and open it up and step back and he hardly looks inside. It is nice to have our things, but it has not been bad without them. We bought a large umbrella to have on the hot days and when it rains.

We went to see the church building and property of another mission today. We saw some girls about 12 years of age walking with a tiny coffin with a dead baby. They are followed by several other children and one man and a woman or two. The parents of the child do not go to the cemetery. The child will be buried in a free grave and then dug up and burned in about three years and another one buried in the same grave. The parents of the dead baby are Catholic, but they are poor and of course the priests do not come when the baby dies. We take Brother Miguel Ibernion down to get his eyes examined for glasses. He needs them very bad. An official came with another man to measure the church property. It has been many months and still the papers are not in order. We have a preaching service in front of a store building owned by an elderly lady. The lantern is set on a box in front of the building and Bro. John Dias preaches. The porch is about three feet wide and several children come and sit on the edge of the porch. Some stand in the rough street. Some come and some go. We count a total of 48 at one time close by, and others are in the dark. Back of the store is the mighty Rio Negro River and we hear the chug chug of a boat. We are standing beside the car and we watch Brother Dias preach and we watch the crowd who are listening and we watch the waters of the very wide river and again we think, "The poor have the gospel preached unto them." A bus came slowly up the very rough hill and stops and the passengers look out the open windows and the preacher keeps on preaching with all earnestness. The bus moves on. The children sitting on the edge of the porch all leave but one bright looking boy, who has not taken his eyes off the preacher. He seems to be taking in every word. We wonder what the future of this boy will be. By the end of the sermon most all are gone except the faithful ones of the church. Yes, the 72-year-old brother is on hand. He has only missed two nights in two weeks. This old brother really loves the Lord.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

John Bentes is still in bed with malaria. Brother Paul Calley and Brother Miguel go house to house inviting the people to the services tonight in John Bentes' house. The service has been moved up one night to fool the priest. This house to house calling is something to see. The section is very poor. The houses are on the side of a steep hill near the edge of the jungle. They walk up to a house, clap their hands and greet the man or woman and tell them about the service and hand them a couple of tracts and if they show interest, Miguel takes his New Testament from his pocket and begins to witness to them. There are no beds in the houses, only hammocks. Some will listen and some will not. Occasionally they pass up a house and we are advised that the door has been slammed in their face before and

A BAPTIZING AT MANAOS, BRAZIL



Pastor John Dias baptizing a young man at Manaus, Brazil on Sunday, June 13, 1954. (The boy sitting on the end of the log put on a diving exhibition during the sermon.)

they will not listen. Night comes and there are 26 people present. Four lost women and four lost men come and listen. Brother Royal Calley plays three songs on the accordion that was given by Pastor John R. Gilpin and the First Baptist Church at Russell, Kentucky. The people like the music. Brother Royal Calley preaches and there is good attendance. On his way to the service Brother Paul Calley saw the priest with his flashlight again. He have someone in the neighborhood to tip him off when the homes are visited. The 72-year-old brother is on hand again. We watch him as the invitation is given. He puts one hand to his head and face and prays silently as Brother Calley pleads earnestly with the lost to trust Christ for salvation. We wish we knew how to describe our feelings. We cannot understand the language but we know that the Holy Spirit is present. Now we understand why some missionaries are so faithful in sickness and in health. Great is the grace of our God. Such a sincere, earnest, passion for lost souls one rarely sees. There is a service every night of every day of every week of every month of the year. We are more convinced than ever that there is no mission on earth like Baptist Faith Missions. The Lord willing we shall return home with a greater zeal for missions than ever before. We are trying to give all who support this work an eyewitness account of what goes on from day to day. There is a sixteen year old boy that comes to almost every service. He tells Brother Royal Calley that a sermon he preached some time ago got hold of him and he has not been able to get away from it. He seems to be under conviction. He has come so much and talked to the Calleys so much he can speak a few words of English. The weather has been nice and pleasant the past three days. June is the nicest month of the year. But tomorrow may be a scorcher again.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

We go to the home of John Bentes and he is in his hammock with malaria. We wish we knew how to do something for his suffering. We meet his father who is a very large man. He is a Catholic, but he is proud of his son John who is a Baptist preacher. He had to admit that something took place in John's life. This is another nice pleasant day. John Dias got hit by a truck while riding his bicycle. He has a bad knee and is not able to come to church tonight. Brother Calley puts sulfathiazole ointment on his injured knee. We told Brother Calley to take the bicycle and get it repaired and we will pay for it. The truck driver did not stop. Sebastian, a young preacher who was at Faro with John Bentes came in today by plane. This young man was saved about three months ago from a very wicked life and soon afterwards told Brother Calley he was called to preach. It seems that everyone was in doubt about him. He had been so wicked. Brother Calley told him that if he wanted to preach that he would have to do

so on his own that he could not be put on salary. The boy replied that he was not wanting a salary he wanted to preach, so the church licensed him and he went away with John Bentes on a journey some 300 miles away. He had one soul saved and came back from his journey beaming. We were introduced to him at the church tonight and ask him how long he has been saved and he replied for the rest of his life. When Brother Calley interpreted our question the boy thought we meant how long he was saved for. But his answer gave us a thrill. It was announced that this young man would preach Saturday night. Again we see only what the grace of God can do. Bro. Miguel preaches and the crowd is small. Brother Royal Calley and Brother John Dias spent the afternoon calling house to house until John Dias was hurt, yet not one that was visited came. But that makes no difference to a faithful missionary. He will keep on calling and keep on preaching and one by one they will come in. Again the 72 year old brother is in the service. He is called on to pray and he stands with head bowed and says words that we do not understand, but the Lord does. These Baptists put all of us in the States to shame. They suffer for Christ's sake. The church here is small but it is really sound in doctrine. Brother Royal Calley has taught them well and they do not compromise on anything. We return to Brother Paul Calley's home and join the family in worship. He prays and then his wife and then his son and we close their families and then for their two children and their son-in-law who are thousands of miles away back home. Then they pray for our own family back home and then for the Lewises up the Amazon River in Peru. This is not put on. This is not a show off. It is a nightly occurrence in this home as it is a daily morning occurrence in Bro. Royal Calley's home. Again we thank the Lord for such missionaries. We take a shower bath under a faucet. The water never has to be heated for a bath. We go to bed and think things over. We think of the faithful pastors and churches and individuals back in the States that love real New Testament Baptist Faith Missions and give their offerings to make it possible, and then they read and know what their missionaries are really doing and know that they are faithful.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

We go to the market with the Paul Calley's. It is something to see. Produce is brought in on boats from up the rivers. Brother Paul Calley goes to the bank and sells a check in dollars for 55 cruzeiros per dollar to get the Brazilian money to pay the seven native Brazilian missionaries for July salaries. We will be away in the interior for the next two

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NOTICE

Anyone desiring more information about this mission work write to the Secretary of the Mission. Address your letter to:

H. H. OVERBEY
1210 E. Grand Blvd.
Detroit 11, Mich.

Mitchell Lewis Letter

(Continued from page 1, col. 1) this month due to the cold weather that we have been having. During the month of June it gets quite chilly here at nights and many of these people are not prepared for it.

The Catholics celebrated Saint Johns day the 24th of June. The Augustine priests are in great need of money to complete a large building that they are putting up in the port of Belem. At the village of San Juan they put up a small booth and were selling stamps, pictures, images, trinkets, etc. They charged exorbitant prices and literally forced children and some teen-agers to buy their stuff. Some of the parents began to complain and the chief of police ordered the place closed and then he saw to it that it was closed.

I have been passing out mimeographed copies of the agreement between Spain and the Holy See also the seven points of religious liberty which the church of Rome is asking for in countries non-Catholic. I have had some very interesting conversations with some of the leading business people here in Iquitos. The amazing thing is that many of the more intelligent, or I should say, seemingly intelligent people said, "Yes our religion is very hypocritical, but we cannot leave it because we were born into it."

One of our old faithful members has gone up river to take an herb treatment for his health's sake. I offered to buy his medicine and pay the doctor bill if he would take medical treatment here in Iquitos. But Don Ricardo Flores just doesn't have confidence in doctors. He told me to be sure to come and get him when his name-sake arrived from the States.

A young woman was saved at one of our preaching points last month.

Will close for this time.

Serving Him,
Mitchell Lewis

Royal Calley Letter

(Continued from page 1, Col. 5) that the Hunters will succeed in entering Peru soon.

We thank each of you for your kind support. May God bless you.
Yours in His Grace
Royal H. Calley

Overbey's Diary

(Continued from page 3, col. 5) weeks, the Lord willing, and they must have their money to live on before we get back.

Brother Paul Calley has gone to buy us a mosquito net for our hammocks while we are away in the interior. We can hear Leslie hammering on something he is making and Mrs. Paul Calley is in the kitchen singing. The Lord sure gave these Calley brothers good faithful wives. They don't whine. They came here to stay until furlough time. Bro. Royal Calley and wife have had more sickness than all three of the families, that came for a while and proved to be failures, yet they stay on.

The service tonight was at the house of Brother Miguel Ibern on in his yard. The yard is about 9 feet from the house to the front fence. There were twenty-two persons present. Brother Royal Calley preached on "Pardon." The young man that was baptized last

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE, 1954

Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	\$ 50.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	27.64
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio (B. T. U.)	7.18
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Ohio	21.14
Chattaroy Baptist Church, Chattaroy, W. Va.	15.00
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Hampton, Tenn.	7.40
Emmaus Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	9.75
Mt. View Baptist Church, Watauga, Tenn.	76.10
Faith Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	8.66
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	25.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	112.00
Peoples Baptist Church, Alton, Ill.	8.19
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	12.93
Naborton Baptist Church, Naborton, La.	51.11
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. (For Bro. Overbey's Trip)	100.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	9.63
Bible Missionary Baptist Church, Marietta, Okla.	20.00
Upper Steer Run Baptist Church, Normantown, W. Va.	5.00
Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.	20.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	25.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	60.00
Willisburg Baptist Church, Willisburg, Ky.	15.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	20.62
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla.	5.65
Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	25.00
First Baptist Church, Greenup, Ky.	25.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Dayton, Ky.	25.00
Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla.	25.00
Sylvania Hills Baptist Church, New Brighton, Penna.	11.81
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Salem Baptist Church, Samaria, Ky.	26.00
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	7.18
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	15.24
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	11.73
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	40.50
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Buchanan, Ky.	10.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	25.00
Dawson Baptist Church, Glenville, W. Va.	9.11
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va.	5.00
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	82.03
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	15.06
South Bristol Baptist Church, Bristol, Va.	5.00
South Side Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	4.00
South Side Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	1.00
Kirbyton Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	41.08
First Baptist Church, Arabia, Ohio	60.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	31.15
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, W. Va.	5.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	300.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B. T. U.)	6.75
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	153.50
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	52.77
New Hope Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	114.00
Temple Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	9.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	157.25
Lucasville Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio	32.82
Repton Baptist Church, Repton, Ky.	25.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	29.33
John Mock, New York, N. Y.	20.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Ronald E. Hall, McLeansboro, Ill.	20.00
Miss Kitty Bullington, Atwood, Tenn.	4.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
L. W. Page, Lawtey, Fla.	23.00
Members of Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	50.00
Mirtie Gupton, Warm Springs, Ark. (For Bro. Overbey's Trip)	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Owen, Calvert City, Ky.	40.10
A Friend, Brooklyn, N. Y.	5.00
Elder T. C. Johnson, Phenix City, Okla.	10.00
Miss Edith Mehoffey, Philadelphia, Penna.	4.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Willis, Monticello, Ark.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. Hanley, Harriman, Tenn.	100.00
Roscoe G. Sappenfield, Geneva, Ill. (For Bro. Overbey's Trip)	25.00
Mrs. Elsie Tuggle, Aurora, Mo.	5.00
C. H. Craig, Robertsburg, W. Va.	10.00
C. H. Craig, Robertsburg, W. Va. (For Bro. Overbey's Trip)	5.00
Total	\$2553.41

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for the mission work to the treasurer of this mission. Address to:

BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS
Elder Z. E. Clark, Treasurer
P. O. Box 551
Evansville, Indiana

Offerings for June for Brother Overbey's trip to the mission field are as follows:

First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	\$100.00
Mirtie Gupton, Warm Springs, Ark.	1.00
Southside Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	1.00
C. H. Craig, Robertsburg, W. Va.	5.00
R. G. Sappenfield, Geneva, Ill.	25.00
Total	\$132.00

The total amount given up to the present date for Brother Overbey's passage on the mission journey through South America is \$1,005.00.

Sunday has been coming to the services almost every night. The 72 year old brother is on hand. The Catholic girl that was present a week ago at this same house was back again. The priest had told her to stay away and that he had a special place in purgatory for her if she did not. This concludes our report for the July issue of the MISSION SHEETS. The Lord willing we shall go to Cruzeiro do Sul early Monday morning for two weeks in the interior.

PAUL CALLEY
HAPPY IN WORK

Dear Bro. Edward and Friends:

We have been enjoying the fellowship with Bro. Overbey and the Lord is blessing the work here. Bro. Overbey arrived here in Manaus on Saturday, June 5th about seven o'clock at night. All he had with him when he got off the plane was a big smile, a camera and the suit that he was wearing. His luggage was lost on the way, but was traced and

Brother Paul Calley Tells Of
God's Blessings On Work

Manaus, Brazil
May 24, 1954

Dear Bro. Overbey and Friends:

As we write we have much to be thankful for, and as we ponder God's marvelous grace we can only praise His Holy name and say with David of old, "Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, it is high, I cannot attain unto it."—Psa. 139:5,6. We are all well and happy in the Lord's work here, and also brother Royal and family are well once again. Most of the members of our church here, have recovered from their sicknesses, and the attendance in church is getting back to normal.

There is always much sickness here and the death rate is high. I have been to two funerals since

found and he is very happy about it, because he has been washing that one suit at night to wear the next day. Brother Royal and I and our families were there at the airport to greet him. We took him direct from the airport to church service in one of the brother's home. There he met some of the brethren he had known for years through correspondence for the first time, and it was a happy meeting.

Bro. Overbey has given us all a good example of how we should be, concerning the Lord's work. His motto is never put off what you can do today. Since he has been here, he has been on the go. We have been looking every day for a good location to build a new church, finding out the cost of different locations, and looking at other buildings, to get an idea of what to build when the times comes. In other words we have been planning and learning, and praying about the tasks ahead.

Bro. Overbey has already endeared himself to the hearts of the brethren here in Manaus, and they enjoy his preaching very much. With brother Royal interpreting, he preached Christ as our kinsman Redeemer this Sunday morning, and preached on the five burnt offerings in Leviticus tonight. The messages did our hearts good and we are looking forward to many more while he is here with us. We are thankful to have our former pastor with us for his fellowship and counsel, and I am sure that his visit on the field here in Brazil and Peru will be a very profitable one in the work of our Saviour.

Despite plenty of opposition from Satan in Manaus, the Lord is blessing His work and one soul was saved last Wednesday night. Bro. Miguel one of our native preachers, had the privilege of bringing the message, and at the invitation, a young man professed faith in Christ as his Saviour and was baptized into the church this Sunday. Bro. John Bentes reports that there were four professions of faith at Faro, a village on one of the smaller rivers leading into the Amazon about three hundred miles from Manaus. We hope to visit this new work while Bro. Overbey is here, the Lord willing.

The attendance at most of the services has been good this month although the Catholics have been working overtime to keep them away. In the neighborhood of some of our preaching points, the priests have made a house to house canvas telling the people that they are making themselves a long period in purgatory by attending our services. They have succeeded in scaring some of the lost away, but we depend on God to prosper His Word. One priest came to the neighborhood of one of our preaching points the same time we have our services to spy on those who would dare attend. The Catholics are really zealous of their heresy in this land. They really work against true Baptists.

Your brother in Christ,
Paul M. Calley

I have been here. One was the funeral of brother John Dias, a baby daughter, and the other was an elderly lady who was a relative of one of our members. She was supposed to be a Catholic, but her relatives asked Brother Miguel to preach her funeral. It was a sad funeral to me because she was lost as far as we know. Her husband and several of her children were there, and Christ as a Saviour was preached to them, but we haven't seen any of them since. I helped carry her coffin to the graveyard because they were too poor to hire a hearse, and as we trudged along in the hot sun with our burden, I thought how pathetic, how sad. Here this woman had reared a family and lived a life of many burdens, and now on the road to an eternal Hell.

To those who would ask why God gave the answer in Heb. 16-19, when He said, "For some when they had heard, did provoke; howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But whom was He grieved for? Was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest but to them that believed not. So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief."

There are multitudes in this land going the same way as this woman. Every day in the week we have services at different places and the Gospel of our Saviour is preached with very little results compared to the number that hear. Just tonight, we held services in the front yard of one of our members, and we had a good crowd. Bro. Miguel, one of our able native preachers, was preaching with all his heart and every one was listening with close attention. Then out at the edge of the crowd a group of young men began to jeer and hoot. Bro. Miguel retaliated by using them as an example of the world, but they continued to mock until the services were over. There were no professions of faith, but most of the people listened intently to the message despite the noise makers.

We are thankful that this does not occur very often, and at most of our services the people are very orderly. If we are ever inclined to be discouraged in preaching the Gospel of our Saviour, may the Lord remind us that most all of the members in the church here came out of the Catholic organization, despite their indoctrination from the cradle. Also that they came out from among such indifferent crowds as we had tonight, and are now in the church and are working for their Saviour. Truly we have no need to worry or be discouraged, God will bring forth His elect.

Sorry we haven't more news to tell you about the new mission work three hundred miles up the river. Bro. John Bentes is there now and he has no way of writing to us. We are expecting a visit from him any day now and hope to have much news to tell you concerning this new work soon. We finally got our car out of customs and are thankful that we have it to use in the work here. Our other things are still in customs, but we hope to have them soon, the Lord willing. We covet your continuance in prayer for all of us here, and thank the Lord for all of you who support us in the work here. May the Lord bless you richly.

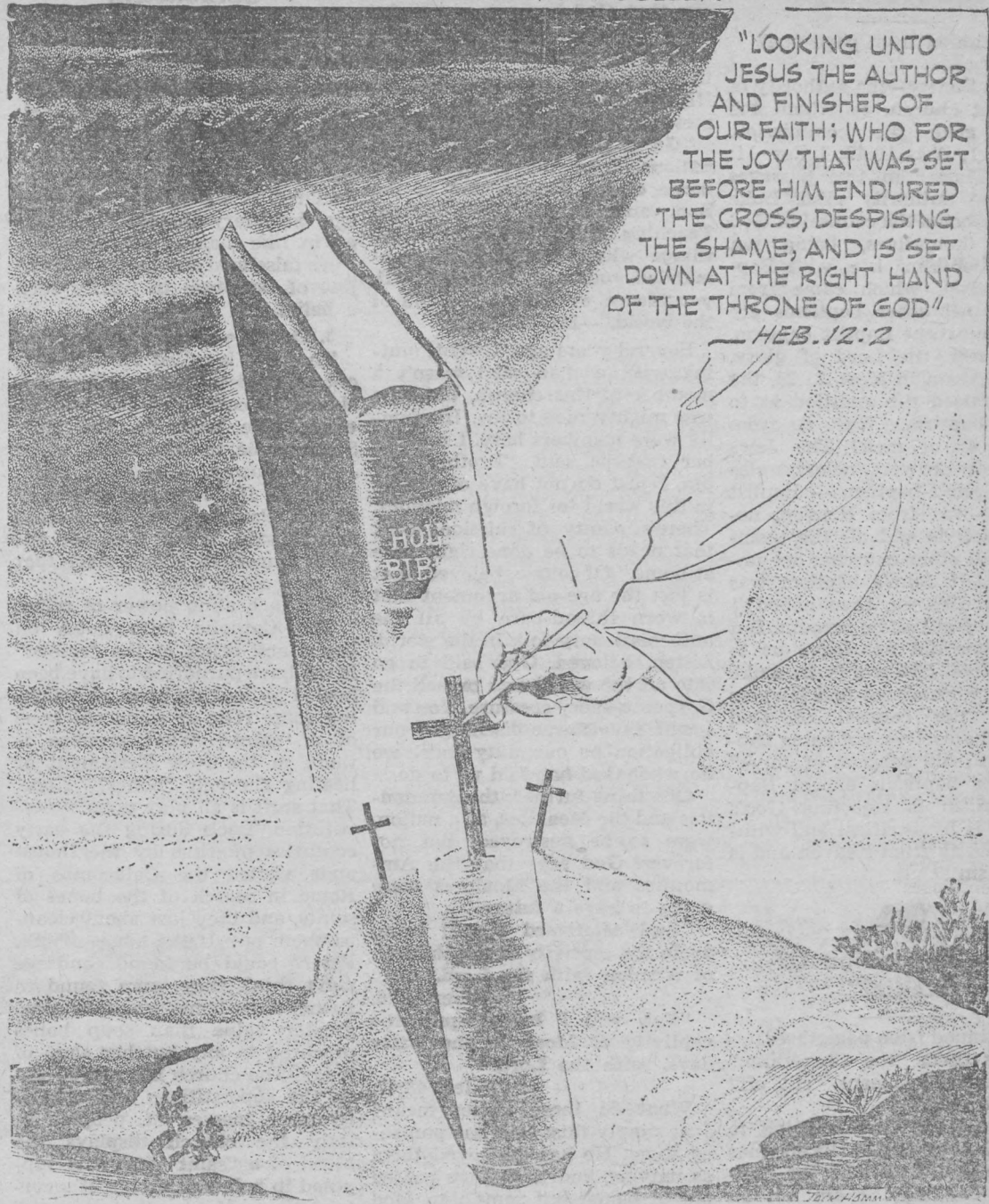
Your Brother in Christ,
Paul M. Calley

P. S. I must say that I was a little envious when you had the privilege of performing my only daughter's marriage. Of course we are glad that she was well pleased by her pastor. We are well pleased with our new son-in-law and are thankful that the Lord gave her a Christian husband in her own church. May the Lord bless and guide them together through out their lives, is our prayer.

HEART OF THE BEST SELLER

"LOOKING UNTO
JESUS THE AUTHOR
AND FINISHER OF
OUR FAITH; WHO FOR
THE JOY THAT WAS SET
BEFORE HIM ENDURED
THE CROSS, DESPISING
THE SHAME, AND IS SET
DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND
OF THE THRONE OF GOD"

—HEB. 12:2



"An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

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The God of the Heavens put the sun in the sky to give light by day and the stars and moon to give light by night. The Lord says that whenever those ordinances of the sun and moon and stars cease, then Israel shall cease from being a nation before Him, and He says that if a man is able to measure Heaven, and if he is able to search out the foundations of the earth, then He says He will cast off the seed of Israel for all they have done that is contrary to Him. Beloved, you can't read these passages of Scripture without realizing that the sin of Moab was tremendous, and that the sin of a Jew is not His chosen people is tremendous. It is a denunciation of the inspiration and the finality of the Bible. It is a denial, my brother, of what God says within His Book. Because of this sin, Moab was to suffer.

This passage in the Book of Ezekiel tells us how that they are going to suffer, for it says that they are going to be remembered among the nations no more. He executes His judgments upon them, which leads me to say that you can not deny any part of God's Word and expect God's blessings upon you. God said concerning the Jew that they were His people forever, but Moab said, "No, they are just like the nations. They are just like the rest of the nations round about." God said, "Because of your sin in denying my Word, you will be blotted out of existence." Brother, sister, I say to you this morning, you ought to handle this Book with mighty reverent hands. You ought to be mighty in what you say about what God has declared in His Word. You ought to be mighty careful when you take up a prophecy in God's Book to say whether or not you are going to believe it or accept it. Listen, brother, God destroyed the Moabites because they failed to respect the authority of His own Word.

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LET'S NOTICE THE EDMOMITES.

He makes mention of these in the twelfth through the fourteenth verses. Who were these Edomites? They also were close kin to the Jews. The Edomites came from Esau. As you well know, Isaac and Rebecca had two sons born to them, twins, named Jacob and Esau. Jacob rose through Abraham and Isaac, his grandfather and father, to the Jewish race. Esau gave rise to the Edomites, so the Edomites were in a sense part Jew. They were close kin. They were relatives. What was their sin? The twelfth verse says:

Thus saith the Lord God: Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by revenge, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them."

You would have to read the book of Obadiah to understand all that Ezekiel says about the Edomites, and when you get home, it would do you well to read the story of Obadiah. I will read just two verses of it.

"Thou shouldst not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldst not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity: Neither shouldst thou have stood in the way of those that did escape, neither shouldst thou have delivered up one of his that did remain in the day of distress."

—Obadiah 1:13,14.

Now, beloved, put together this chapter of Obadiah with this twenty-fifth chapter of the book of Ezekiel as to how the Edomites taken vengeance on the Jew. What do we find? At some time calamity had befallen the Jews, the Edomites had stood in the way, to block their pas-

sage when the Jew would try to escape from his enemy. When he had flung aside his possessions the Edomites would reach out and pick up those possessions that the Jew had cast off, with the result of instead of helping the Jew who were his close relatives, the Edomites had hindered the Jew—had stood in his way and more than that, had gotten revenge upon the Jew in the hour of his trouble and calamity. Beloved, listen, God is going to destroy the Edomites because of their sin of standing in the way of the Jew, and rejoicing over the Jew's calamity.

I wonder about those of us who are here, if we are standing in the way of some individual, spiritually, today. Now do not misunderstand me, every one of God's elect is going to be saved. There is not going to be a single one of God's elect that will fail to get to Glory. Listen:

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me."—John 6:37.

Beloved, you needn't worry, there isn't even one of God's elect that is not going to be saved. Not one. In spite of the fact that you might stand in the way of somebody, in spite of the fact that you may become a stumbling-block instead of a stepping-stone, you are not going to keep any of God's elect out of Heaven. Every last one of them is going to be saved. God says though that there is going to be fearful punishment if you are a stumbling-block, or if you stand in the way of someone.

Let me ask you, how have you been living this past week? What have you been doing? Have you been serving the Lord like you ought to, or have you been careless and indifferent toward the cause of Christ? Are you trying to serve the Lord, or are you completely laying down on the job? Listen to me, brother, it is a fearful thing for a child of God to stand in the way of somebody.

"Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."

—I Cor. 8:13.

Don't tell me that it isn't a terrible thing for you to stand in the way of somebody else. Paul says, "If eating meat is going to make my brother to offend, whether it hurt me or not, I'll not eat it as long as the world stands."

Listen again:

"For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews: to them that are under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law: To them that are without law, as without law (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ), that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you."—I Cor. 9:19-23.

Sometimes I preach to you the doctrine of election, how that every one of God's elect will be saved. Some of you may think: "Well, if God elected them, I can just sit back and live any kind of a life that I wish. God will take care of His elect in His own time." That isn't true, brother. That is not what God wants you to do. You are to take the same attitude Paul did, when he said, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake." Let me read to you another Scripture:

"Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake."

—II Tim. 2:10.

Beloved, it is a terrible thing for a Christian to stand in the way of somebody else. Maybe by failing to witness to that individual, maybe by Godless living, maybe by pride and selfishness, maybe by something that you do, you are standing in the way of somebody else. That is what the Edomites had done. They stood in the way of the Jew and had laughed at his

calamity. I tell you this morning, it is a terrible thing for a child of God to stand in the way of a sinner.

In my previous pastorate, when I was just a boy preacher, there was a young man who sickened and died. His father was a Baptist deacon and was a godly man. I was in the home the day that that boy died, and I have never seen anything that would equal that boy's going home to Glory. He turned to his father and said, "Father in a little while I am going to be in Heaven. When I get there, I am going to tell everyone that I am there because of what you did in teaching me the truth down here in your home."

Beloved, I would rather have that said about me than to have a monument Heaven-high erected in my memory. Oh, what a joy it is for that father to look on that boy's home-going and think of what he said—"I am going home because of what you have done, while I was here on this earth."

Oh, listen to me this morning, my brother, it is a terrible thing for a man to stand in the way of a sinner. Would to God that you would realize that it is your business not to stand in the way of somebody else. Edom stood in the way of the Jews—not only stood in his way, but laughed at him in his calamity. God help you to realize that your business is not to be a stumbling-block but a stepping-stone to help that individual on to God.

Won't it be terrible to come down to die with that old song true of you, "Must I Go, And Empty-Handed?" Let me ask you a question. You can answer it, not to me, but to God. How many of you here this morning have the assurance that somewhere along the way, since God saved you, that you have been instrumental in leading someone else to the Lord Jesus Christ? Beloved, it will be a terrible day when you come down to die and look back across a wasted life to realize that you are dying empty-handed.

Just about the time that I became pastor of this church, a wealthy woman and her two children took passage from New York to Melbourne, Australia. The ship sank. She was saved, but her two children drowned. She sent a

cable to her husband immediately—a cable of two words. The first word sent his soul into ecstasy, but the second word broke his heart forever—"Saved Alone."

Brother, sister, I wonder if it be true of you that if you were to send a cable to Heaven that you would have to say, "Saved Alone," that God had saved you and had given you life, but you have never yet reached out and helped somebody else on to God. As I said, what you do, is not going to increase or decrease the number that God Almighty is going to save. My brother, it is going to have a lot to do with your happiness when you come down to die, and it is going to have a lot to do with your happiness when you stand at the judgment bar of God to be rewarded for the deeds done in the body.

Oh, these Edomites! What a sin was theirs when they saw their own countrymen, their own relatives, pursued by the enemy at the time of a calamity, and instead of helping them, they stood in the road, blocked their passage, laughed at them for their calamity, and mocked them in derision. God help you this morning, brother, to search your own heart and to probe your own soul to see if perchance you may be standing in somebody's way this morning.

IV

LET'S NOTICE WHAT GOD SAID ABOUT THE PHILISTINES.

There had been a perpetual, continuous hatred and a feud between the Philistines and the Jews. If you will read in the historical part of the Bible, you will find that there had been a continual hatred on the part of the Philistines for the Jews through the ages. Now, beloved, what does God say relative to these Philistines? They had lived with one thought in mind. They had lived for the destruction of the Jews. Through the years, they had lived with that thought in mind, but now God says that He is going to destroy the remnant of them off the seacoast. Notice, they had lived with the thought in mind of the destruction of the Jews. Now God says, "I'm going to destroy

you and the remnant of you." They were going to reap what they had sown. They had lived for the destruction of the Jew, and now God is going to destroy them.

I would like to remind you that God is still working today on the basis of sowing and reaping. Listen:

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth of the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

—Gal. 6:7,8.

Let us take just one illustration. Do you remember back in the Old Testament when Jacob put goat skins on the backs of his hands and the small of his neck to make his old father think that he was Esau, his brother, who was a hairy man? He knew that his father would feel his hands and the small of his neck to see whether or not he was a hairy man. He knew that his old father was blind and couldn't see, but that he still had the sense of feeling. He put goat skins on the backs of his hands and on the small of his neck. He deceived his father, and his father gave him the blessing when he oughtn't to have done so. Time passed on. Thirty years later, Jacob, now the father of a grown family, takes a coat in his hand, turns it over and examines it—torn and bloody. Jacob looks at it and says, "It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath no doubt devoured him." Brother, an evil beast hadn't devoured him. What had happened? Joseph's ten brothers had taken his coat and dipped it in goat's blood and deceived their father thereby. Notice, Jacob deceived his father with goat's skin; his sons deceived him with goat's blood.

Beloved, these Philistines lived for the destruction of the Jews. They reaped just what they had sown. God destroyed them, and so complete was the destruction, that God gave them a nickname.

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et al. One authority—the authority of a Baptist church, to whom the Master gave the commission. Rom. 14:1; Acts 10:47; I Cor. 11:2. The Master in two passages made the authority vital. Luke 7:30: "Rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him" i. e. with Baptist baptism, which came from Heaven. All other baptisms are Pharisaic except Baptist baptism. The Master, the Lord of glory, said so. Again in Matt. 21:25, the Master raised the question as to John's baptism. Was it from Heaven or of men? The Jews could not answer; nobody else can. If John's baptism—Baptist baptism—was from Heaven, nobody else's is and all the members of all other churches are unbaptized. If John's baptism was not from Heaven, then nobody's is and they are all no account. But the Master did not leave us to guess. Note His words in Luke 7:30: "The Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, not being baptized with the baptism of John." All other baptisms except Baptist baptism is rejecting God's counsel, is hypocritical and without authority from Heaven and is no baptism at all.



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He calls them "the Cherehim," which literally means "cut off" or "destroyed."

In due time, God is going to deal with everyone of His enemies just like God dealt with the Philistines. You say, "I am not an enemy." Beloved, you are not a friend until you are saved. You are His enemy this morning if you are not a child of God. I insist, if you are not God's child, you are His enemy. There can be no neutral ground. What does God say? Listen:

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels. In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power."

—II Thess. 1:7-9.

Listen, brother, He is going to deal with all of His enemies just like He dealt with these Philistines.

A man came to see me this last week and wanted to talk to me about Russellism. He said that that was about the most comforting thing that he had heard about in a long time. He was telling me that he had heard the theory that when a man died without Christ, he was given a second chance, and if he wasn't saved then, he was just burned up and completely annihilated. He said, "Do you suppose there is any truth in it?" I told him there was not one bit in it at all. Read II Thessalonians 1:7-9 and don't tell me that you will be completely annihilated. Don't tell me that you are going to be burned up and that will be the end of you. God says, "everlasting destruction." The man that dies without Jesus Christ will be punished everlastingly in a lake of fire and brimstone. Eventually these enemies of God's people, the Philistines, were dealt with by God, and eventually God will deal with everyone of His enemies in the same way.

CONCLUSION

Up to this chapter, God has been dealing with the Jews entirely. Now God has turned to deal with the Ammonites, the Edomites, the Moabites, and the

Philistines, which leads me to say that God has a message for the entire world. Every once in a while I find a Hardshell who says that God just has a message for His elect. Beloved, God has a message for all the world. Listen: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."—Mt. 28: 19,20.

Several years ago, I went hunting with a man who wasn't a member of this church, but who was mighty nice to me. His family were members here. I remember that he said, "Brother Gilpin, I just do not have one thing in this world for foreign missions. There's plenty of mission work that needs to be done right here at home." Of course, beloved, that is just the age-old argument that is worn thread-bare by all the anti-missionary folk in the world. Listen, beloved, God said to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. You and I will have never discharged our obligation or our duty until we do what God has told us to do.

One thing further: the Ammonites and the Moabites, as a nation, were to be destroyed, but not forever. God says that the Ammonites and the Moabites were going to have a future.

"And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon saith the Lord."

—Jer. 49:6.

"Yet, will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the Lord."

—Jer. 48:47.

What do these verses mean? Just simply this: God has punished them. He has destroyed them as nations, and they have passed out of being; but some day, God is going to bring again those nations into existence.

Now, listen, let me give you something that will thrill your heart when you leave God's House. Who knows where the nation of Moab is today? Who knows where the nation of Ammon is today? I do not. There isn't a man in all the world who knows enough about the races of mankind to pick out the Ammonites and the Moabites or to know where they are. My brother, I will tell you there is Someone who knows where they are. There is Someone who knows where all the descendants of the Moabites are today. Beloved, God knows where they are, and some day He is going to restore those nations.

In Ezekiel 16, we read how He is going to restore the city of Sodom and the ten lost tribes of Israel. To man, the ten tribes of Israel are lost, but they are not lost to God. They have always been in His eye. The city of Sodom was burned long years ago, but though that city was burned to complete destruction, there were some of those people who were away on a visit or were traveling someplace else and were not destroyed; their descendants have continued on down through the years, and God, beloved, has kept His eye on them. God knows where the descendants of Sodom are. He knows where the ten lost tribes are. He knows where the descendants of the Ammonites are. He knows where the descendants of the Moabites are, and He knows all about it. Someday, He is going to bring them all back, and they are all going to be restored in the place where God wants them to be.

Listen, beloved, only an omniscient God can do that. Only an omniscient God could know all about these people, and, brother, that God is the God that we preach to you. That is the God that we serve, and that is the God that I have been talking to you about today. I am glad that He knows where those descendants of the city of Sodom are. I am glad that He knows where the descendants of the ten lost tribes, of Ammon and Moab, are. I am glad that He knows, because if He knows about them, He knows about this little preacher. If He

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prophets, we read that they are men of "like passions" as the rest of us (See James 5:17). The "dogmas" of popes are considered as genuinely true as the writings of the apostles. For instance it was declared as a dogma a few years ago that Mary ascended to Heaven in like manner as Jesus did. Pure falsehood and bunk! Not one line of Scripture to justify such a belief.

3. The Vice-gerency of the pope.

The pope is called the vice-gerent of Christ—the executive designed to carry out His will on earth. The truth is, the Holy Spirit came to administer while Jesus is away. (See John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7). Jesus is spoken of as the "Paraclete" (in the Greek) and He said, "I will send you another Paraclete (Comforter) that he may abide with you . . ."

4. The healing power of relics.

The Catholic faith dotes on bones and relics of the "saints." Many have purported to have been healed by looking upon, or touching some relic or some old bone of a "saint." What promise is there in the New Testament or healing through "bones?" None. That stuff is all play upon superstition. Back during the early centuries pilgrims by the thousands visited the Catacombs of Rome in search of the bones of saints, and they just about cleaned them out. If the bones of "St. Peter" could be found (and we don't think they were found in Rome) those bones would be of no greater value than soup bones procured in any butcher shop of today. The church has played upon the superstitious credulity of ignorant masses of people. In Italy the church displays the blood of a "saint" and it is supposed to boil and bubble at a certain time. Maybe that "saint's" blood was made to "boil" sometime while he lived, but if it boils now, it is a shenanigan working church that makes it boil.

5. The keeping of people in gross ignorance.

In this country where Catholicism has to compete with other religions, they have schools, but in lands where Catholicism holds supreme sway, they permit the masses to go on in illiteracy and ignorance. Such has been true in Brazil and in all Latin America. The church likes for the populace to be in ignorance such that they yield complete obedience. Baptists and Protestants in Brazil

knows about them, He knows all about you. Remember the God that has His eye on the ancient people of the past, has His eye on you.

These nations, beloved, needed Jesus. That is the One you need this morning, sinner friend. You need the Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone of us needs the same—the Lord Jesus Christ as our own personal Saviour. My brother, you can have Jesus as your Saviour. He died for your sins. He died to pay your sin debt. You can have Him as your Saviour this morning.

Yesterday afternoon when we went out to the park for the picnic, one thing that happened will stay in my mind, I think, as long as I live. I was helping dip the Kool-Aid and a little, knee-high boy came running up to me and wanted to know if he could get Kool-Aid free. I told him that that was the only way that he could get it. He was all enthused when he found out that he could get it free. That little boy was in our Daily Vacation Bible School this past week. To the best of our ability, our teachers had taught him that grace was free, and someday when he is old enough to fully grasp the meaning of that, I hope that someone will tell him that salvation and grace are free, and that he can be saved on the same basis as he got his Kool-Aid yesterday.

Oh, what these people needed back here, and what you need, is Jesus. May you trust Him this morning and be saved.

May God bless you!

have done wonders in bringing education to the people of that land.

6. Growth by physical birth rather than by the "New Birth."

All who know anything about Catholicism, know that it is a non-evangelical religion. It does not go forth preaching the gospel and securing the conversion of people. It grows through children being born. Those children are "baptized" before they have any say so about it, and are in the church without their consent. Because it means more Catholics, families are encouraged to raise big families. But the Great Commission does not command growth by reproduction, but by proclamation of the gospel. (See Matt. 28: 18-20).



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the palm tree in her own home: wholly private, never public. Judges 4:5. The only thing that even looked like any kind of public speaking was a duet sung by Deborah and Barak in Judges 5.

6. We want you to explain what is meant by Jesus washing the disciples feet.

In I Tim 5:10 Paul tells Timothy that no widow was to be taken in the list of those supported by charity without these qualifications. Note them:

- (1). "Well-reported of for good works." That was private work and service.
- (2). "Brought up children." That certainly has reference to what was done in the home, not in the church.
- (3). "Lodged strangers." That too has reference to private entertainment in the home, not in the church.
- (4). "Washed the saints' feet."

The whole passage shows conclusively that this washing of the saints' feet was done privately, individually, in the home as a part of the hospitality in entertaining her guests. So with the other things spoken of in the passage. That was the kind of foot-washing Jesus did. They met in a borrowed room. They had no host. As the meeting was arranged by Jesus, He felt it incumbent

to take the place of host and wash the feet of His guests. John 13: 1-20.

7. Is Revelation the only book in the Bible that definitely promises blessings on its readers?

I do not think so. There is a blessing, clearly implied, even if the word "blessed" is not used, in many passages of Scripture, both in the Old Testament and in the New, upon those, who read, hear, understand, obey, circulate and propagate the Scriptures.

8. Do the instructions in I Cor. 11 govern female conduct in the churches today?

They ought to. Those who do not obey them will be sorry at the judgment that they failed to obey God's Word.

9. Did Paul include himself as a member of the "one body" in Corinth?

I do not know, where Paul's membership was. He stayed in Corinth a year and a half or longer. If he was as prompt to move his membership as he was when he went to Jerusalem (Acts 9:26), he probably was a member in Corinth while there.

10. If the "one body" referred to in I Cor. 12:13, into which Paul says "we were all baptized," is not the church in Corinth, what is it?

It is the local body of baptized believers at Corinth or at any other place into whose fellowship a believer is baptized.

11. Are there one or two men named Lazarus spoken of in the New Testament?

Two. Lazarus the beggar, Luke 16. Lazarus the brother of Mary and Martha, John 11.

12. Explain Deut. 23:2.

This was a regulation under law and had reference to the Jewish temple and worship. It has no reference to the gospel or churches of Christ.

13. Has a New Testament church scriptural authority for sending women as foreign missionaries?

In the same sense that the Master in Luke 8:1-3 had women helpers and no other sense. Paul also had women helpers. Read Rom. 16.

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