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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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False Notions Concerning The Church

By ROY MASON
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It would be surprising indeed if the arch counterfeiter Satan, who has a counterfeit for every other doctrine, should neglect the doctrine of the church. He has certainly not neglected it, for he has devised a number of counterfeits. Knowing that all would not take to any one counterfeit, he has devised a number. Let us consider some of these:

The Counterfeit Of The
Universal Visible Church

This is the Roman Catholic idea of church. They conceive of "Church" as a world-wide "hierarchical organism" as someone has put it, under the visible headship of the pope whom they consider the vice-gerent of Christ on earth. The word "Catholic" signifies universal, and they think of the church as a universal, visible body. They have no conception of a local body as being autonomous and self-governing. Catholicism as manifested in any given locality, is but the local expression of the huge universal, visible church.

This universal, visible church idea is completely without New

Testament warrant, for the New Testament uses the term "churches" (Rom. 16:4; II Cor. 8:1). There is no thought of a world-wide "church" expressed in the New Testament. Each local organization was a complete unit which conducted its own affairs.

The Counterfeit Invisible
Church Theory

This theory has less to go on than the Catholic idea. Harnack, the historian says that it arose out of the attempt to combat the false idea of the universal visible church, and arose centuries after Christ. No one ever dreamed of (Continued on page four)

Readers are urged to submit questions to be answered in this department. However, anonymous questions and those intended as a personal thrust at any individual whatsoever will not be considered. Every answer will have careful study and years of Bible research back of it. Please do not ask or expect personal replies. The time of the editor of the "I Should Like To Know" column is too much limited to permit him to write personal replies. All correspondence intended for the editor of the "I Should Like To Know" column should be addressed: "I Should Like To Know," Care of The Baptist Examiner, Russell, Kentucky.

1. Why do Baptists vote in receiving members?

This question was asked me once by a member of another denomination. I asked this man how he got into his church. He replied that he went forward in response to a public invitation and confessed Christ as his Saviour. He said the preacher then asked him some questions, and took him into the church. I said: "If the preacher had not been satisfied with your answers to

his questions — if he had not felt that you were truly trusting Christ as your Saviour, would he have taken you into the church?" He answered in the negative. Then I told him that the only difference between his church and Baptists is that his church puts the power of passing upon one's profession of faith in the hands of the preacher of the church. I prefer it that way: for Paul said to a local church: "Ye are the body of Christ" (I Cor. 12:27). He did not say that of any preacher or apostle.

Baptists believe that the New Testament teaches the democracy of the church, and popular vote is the only way a church can express itself in a purely democratic way. That fellowship in New Testament churches was subject to the suffrage of the people is shown by I Cor. 2:6 where Paul, manifestly speaking of the man that in I Cor. 5 he asked the church to exclude and which the church did evidently exclude, says: "Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, WHICH WAS INFLICTED OF MANY." "Of many" means, according to (Continued on page two)

Poetic Satire Concerning The New Unholy Bible With W. Va. Saints Weekend Aug. 27

By MRS. G. D. FAWLEY
Faxon, Oklahoma

Come all you good people
Please listen to me
They have a new Bible
Called the R. S. V.
They call it a Bible,
I call it a book
Of evil, misleading
To all those who look.
On its message
So craftily twisted about
That all those who read it
Had better watch out.
For some words are changed
And verses are missing
It seems I can hear
That old serpent hissing.
'Tis his work I know
For he long has been trying
To cause men to doubt
By simply denying
That God wrote the Bible
His message of love
That tells how to gain
A home up above.
He could not destroy it
By staying outside,
So he cunningly entered
And changed the inside.
No sin against Jesus
Has been so dastardly
Since Judas betrayed Him
In Gethsemane.
O, I know he used men
Whose hearts he had turned
To doubt God's true Word
Their reward they have earned.
Revelation twenty-two
Verses eighteen to twenty,
Tells what that will be
And it will be plenty.
When God passes sentence
It cannot be repealed
So by changing His Word
Their doom they have sealed.
To destroy God's true Word
Evil men too have tried

And now His Son's deity
They have plainly denied.
They make His dear mother
A woman of shame,
And that would leave Jesus
With a blotch on His name.
In John three sixteen
They have simply forgotten
That He was God's Son,
And his only begotten
That those who believe
On His name may be heir
By adoption as sons
To a home "over there."
It leaves out the blood
As atonement for sin,
And it has no promise
Of His coming again
To catch up His bride
To the clouds in the sky
And take her to the mansions
Prepared up on high.
It will cause souls to be lost
For they will not know
That it's the Anti-Christ's Bible
For there is no one to show
That the Revised Standard
Version
Is no Bible at all
But the work of the Devil
To cause men to fall.
O! Why will a Christian
Who knows the dear Son
Accept such an insult
To God's Holy One?

O why do we sleep?
Please Christians, awake,
And raise your voice loud
'Til the elements shake.

Let's boycott the people
Who teach such a "thing"
Let's honor our Saviour,
Loud His praises let's sing.

Editor Is To Visit
With W. Va. Saints
Weekend Aug. 27

On Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28, your editor will be with Elder C. W. Shafer and the Pleasant View Baptist Church, which is located near Widen, Clay County, W. Va.



ELD. JOHN R. GILPIN

It was a real joy to visit this church in January of this year for a Sunday morning visit, and we are looking forward with a great deal of anticipation toward fellowshiping with them again. In this instance, we will be there for services on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Elder Shafer joins with the
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What The Bible Did In A Japanese Boy's Life

I was a wretched heathen Japanese boy. I wanted to find a way to be good. I went to many Buddhist and Shinto temples, but they did not help me. One day in a country town I saw an old man reading the Bible. I found it was a wonderful book, the old man said it would help me. I begged him for it, but he said:

"I wish I had two Bibles, but this is the only one I have. I have a book in which the life of Jesus, told by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, is put in one story. You may have that."

So I took that book, and ran back to my home, five miles, and went to my sister and told her what a wonderful man I had met, and of all that he had told me. Oh, how she wept for joy! And she said, "That is what I have been seeking for many years." I told her what the man had told me, and she wept and said, "Didn't I tell you that there must be such a God in this world, brother? Let us read the book."

So we did nothing but read and read. We read through the book in two days.

Heaven, earth and everything became new; my soul had been born into the Kingdom, and not only my soul, but also that of my sister. Both of us were saved on the same day, in the same room.

Next day, we being still hungry for a whole Bible, left home and set out for a city to get one. We walked 20 miles and arrived at Suwa City, the county seat, one of the largest cities in the state. There were seven large bookstores

in the city. We found almost any kind of book for sale excepting the Bible. Then we searched the second-hand stores, and at last found two small Biblical magazines, and a copy of St. Luke's Gospel in an old store.

My sister was very anxious to go to Tokyo with me, but it was quite impossible for her, as there was no train or car to take. The railroad was built three years later, but there was no train at that time. So I left my sister at home and started for Tokyo the next day. Climbing over many high mountains I walked a hundred miles in three days, got a train for 25 miles, and arrived in Tokyo on the next Monday. I visited my friends and told of the Lord Jesus Christ, and also hunted many bookstores for a Bible, but could not find one. If I had gone to any church or mission I could have got it alright, but I did not know anything about church organizations then.

Three months later, while I was traveling, I found a Christian mission in the city of Shimo Suwa where the preacher gave me a New Testament. Oh, what a happy boy I was! I took my sister and removed our home to that city immediately. The preacher came to live with us, and we were studying, preaching and laboring together nine months. Meanwhile, I made trips to Tokyo twice, and at last, praise the Lord, I found a large family Bible, Old and New Testaments; I paid the price, 75c, and grabbed the Bible as quick as possible. Thus I got my first whole Bible when I went to Tokyo the third time. I secured some tracts and other printed matter on Christianity, and, taking (Continued on page two)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

"THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES"

MOTHER'S RESPONSIBILITY

WHEREAS, my daughter shall be the woman of tomorrow, and WHEREAS, I am responsible, in a large measure, the kind of a woman she shall be. I, therefore, bequeath, to my daughter, the following example:
THAT she shall ever remember me as a sincere, earnest, true believer in Christ.
THAT I was fully surrendered to my Lord.
THAT I was always in my accustomed place in Church, Sunday School and Prayer Meeting, with my family.
THAT she heard me give thanks each meal (if father did not). (Continued on page two)

"The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" —Mt. 16:1-3.

"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the

day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober." —I Thess. 5:1-6.

I don't think that I need remind you that I am a strong believer in the premillennial return

of the Lord Jesus Christ to this world. When I say premillennial, beloved, I mean that Jesus Christ is coming back to this world before the millennium begins, and is going to set up His kingdom and throne in the city of Jerusalem, and reign 1000 years here within this world. I say, beloved, I don't think I need remind you that I am a strong believer in the premillennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ. As the days pass by, and Post-millennialists and A-millennialists increase and multiply within the world, I, myself, am made stronger in, and more certain of, (Continued on page two)

TRAINING OUR CHILDREN

We will not influence our children to make choices in the matter of religion. WHY NOT—

The ads will.
The press will.
Radio and television will.
The movies will.
Public schools will.
The neighbors will.
Exploiters of youth will.
Politicians will.
The "isms" will.
The Devil will.

"Train up a child in the WAY HE SHOULD GO, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." —Prov. 22:6.

—The Witness

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Japanese Boy

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ing a small accordion, I started preaching on the streets from town to town. I knew nothing of missionary boards, or getting a salary, but this much I did know: There is a true God; and I am saved. I did not know how to preach, but, thank God, I did know what to preach.—Selected.

Responsibility

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and read my Bible, God's Word. THAT she never saw me gamble nor engage in card-playing. THAT she never saw her mother smoke, nor drink any alcoholic beverage. For my body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, I Cor. 3:16-17. THAT if she ever saw me angered, I sinned not. The sun never went down upon my wrath. Eph. 4:26. THAT she never heard me swear nor use the Name of the Lord in vain. Nor ever drag another person's character in the mire of gossip. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." DAILY praying for my girl's salvation.

—Selected

I Should Like To Know

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the Greek, "by the greater part," or, in other words, "by the majority." Paul wrote to the church about this matter of discipline (I Cor. 1:1), not to the preachers or deacons, and the church acted by some expression of the majority's will. It is true that this was a case of exclusion instead of reception; yet the principle is the same, and proves, as I have said, that fellowship in New Testament churches was subject to the suffrage of the people. This requires a vote of the church to receive a member.

"The Signs Of The Times"

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tain of, the premillennial return of the Lord Jesus. Now, I don't profess to know the time when He will come. In fact, the Bible warns us very definitely against anyone setting an hour when He shall return. Listen: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."—Mt. 24:36. Our Lord Jesus shows us in this passage of Scripture that no man knows the day nor the hour when He is coming back to this world, yet, beloved, I say, although we do not profess to know the day nor the hour, we do know that He is coming.

Listen again:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN,

and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."—John 14:1-3.

"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall SO COME IN LIKE MANNER as ye have seen him go into heaven."—Acts 1:10, 11.

As they stood on Mt. Olivet and watched the clouds enveloping Jesus out of sight, the angels told those disciples that He would come again in like manner as they had seen Him go.

Beloved, every time that a church observes the Lord's Supper, there is a silent, tacit sermon preached relative to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. We read:

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death TILL HE COME."—I Cor. 11:26.

I don't mean to tell you that I know the exact hour and day that Jesus Christ is coming back to this world, but I do say that we can know He is returning. While we do not know the exact day, we can know the season, for our Lord told us that we should be students of the signs of the times. He told us in the first text that I read, that the people He was speaking to were hypocritical because they did not know the signs of the times, and in the second Scripture that I read, the Apostle Paul tells us that we ought to be watchful and sober, as that we would study the signs of the times.

Beloved, as I have studied the Bible, I have tried to study the signs of the times, and to watch for the Son of God. I say to you, we ought to be watching more for the coming of the Son of God than we should be watching for the signs of His coming, for, beloved, as sure as we are here, the Son of God is coming back. He is going to put in His appearance. He is coming back some day to this world.

The Word of God tells us that He is coming in the clouds. I never step outside a building and gaze up into the sky and see a fleecy cloud floating by, but what I think that maybe our Lord might be on that particular cloud. I say, beloved, He is coming, and I want to give you some of the signs whereby we can know that He is coming, and whereby we can watch for His return.

I

THE INCREASE IN TRAVEL AND KNOWLEDGE IS A SIGN OF THE RETURN OF OUR LORD.

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."—Dan. 12:4.

Here is a prophecy written about five hundred years before the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, telling us that one of the signs of the Lord's return to this earth is an increase in travel and an increase in knowledge. Well, you know that this is being fulfilled as well as I. There was a time, even when I was a boy, that if a man went a distance of twenty miles from home, he had gone a long distance, and he would have a conversation that would last a long, long time

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1955

THE BIRTH OF A DELIVERER

EXODUS 1—2

I. Death And Growth. Ex. 1:17.

In these verses we read of a two-fold process, which is always at work—silent dropping away and silent growth. Not only does the Holy Spirit tell us that Joseph and his brethren died, but also records the abundant increase of Israel's progeny. How true this is to life. Often, there is a cradle upstairs and a coffin down stairs.

In spite of all changes, God's work goes on. Over John Wesley's monument are these words: "God buries the workmen and carries on the work." Just because we may die is no sign that God's program will come to an end. His purposes are eternal and cannot die. May we remember that in doing God's work, we are casting our lot with a work that shall go on through the ages. Many hands are needed for the ropes that draw the car of the Ruler of the world. These hands fall by the wayside in death, but the car goes on.

II. The New Pharaoh. Ex. 1:8.

Pharaoh is a title like "Czar" or "Kaiser." History tells us that the rulers over Egypt at the time of the Israelites going there under Joseph, were the Hyksos, or Shepherd Kings, who had gone there from Syria, had taken possession of Egypt, and for several years had ruled over the native population.

Soon after the death of Joseph, the Egyptians revolted at the Hyksos rule and drove the king from his throne, placing there, their old Egyptian king. This will explain why the new Pharaoh knew not Joseph.

III. Pharaoh's Mistakes. Ex. 1:9-16.

1. He failed to take God into consideration. In Gen. 15:5 and 18:10, God had promised to make of Abraham's descendants, a great nation. Now, as a feeble mortal, Pharaoh sets himself up against the eternal God.

2. Harsh Treatment. Pharaoh's attempt to deal wisely (v. 10) with Israel proved a great blunder. His harsh treatment only embittered Israel against Egypt. If there is a dangerous class in any country, the surest way to make them more dangerous is to treat them harshly. The Negro race of the South is a good example. Harsh treatment with them will have precisely the same effect as it had upon Israel.

IV. Afflictions And Growth. Ex. 1:12.

The best tonic for Christian growth is the afflictions, which God permits to come upon us. Every man whom God ever used has been a bruised and afflicted man. Joseph was bruised in a pit and in prison, Moses was bruised 40 years in the wilderness. David was hunted by 3000 of Saul's soldiers. Jeremiah was cast into a miry pit. Daniel was cast into a lion's den. These afflictions were only the "making" of them for God.

V. Serving God And Its Reward. Ex. 1:17-21.

As our old song says, "It pays to serve Jesus each step of the way." Surely Shiphrah and Puah found out that to be true. They would not carry out the king's cruel scheme and because of this, God had made them houses (v. 21). Cf. last phrase of I Sam. 2:30.

VI. Why The Afflictions Came To Israel.

Israel was becoming a great nation in Egypt.

as result of that long trip that he had made. Now, you and I don't think anything about getting into an automobile and driving 400 or 500 miles in a single day. We don't think anything about driving across the country. I think about these large air-conditioned buses that don't stop but maybe every 200 or 300 miles, and I think of these non-stop airplanes. I tell you, beloved, we are certainly living in a day when there is a definite increase in travel.

There is not only an increase in travel today, but there is an increase in knowledge. When I was a boy, if a person had an elementary education, that person was really fixed for life, and if a person had a county diploma, he was really prepared so far as his educational requirements. I can remember that if a person could work all the problems in Ray's arithmetic, and if a person could spell all the words in the little blue-black speller, and if a person could work out all the diagrams in Harvey's grammar, that person was considered a walking encyclopedia. Today, a person does not think that he has even started to study unless he gets a high school diploma, and on to college, with advanced studies on top of that. We have homemakers' clubs after people get married to study how they might beautify their homes and make

them more attractive. We have all kinds of ways in which to study. God said that in the last times there would be an increase in travel and knowledge. Surely, beloved, the two of them are definite signs of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to this world.

II

APOSTASY IS A SIGN OF THE RETURN OF OUR LORD.

By this I mean a general decay—a spiritual and moral decay within the world. Listen to God's Word:

"And because iniquity shall abound, the LOVE OF MANY SHALL WAX COLD."—Mt. 24:12.

Here is something that is presented to us by way of the disciples asking about the signs of the last times. Surely, beloved, we are living in a day when iniquity is abounding on every hand. Just stand on the outside of this building and you can see crowds lined up waiting to go into the theatre, and I dare say that there isn't a church within this town who has 50 per cent of their membership in attendance for the worship service tonight. They are not lined up waiting to get into any Baptist church—in this town or any other town—but you will find in any theatre or dance hall in this Tri-state area, that there are people lined up, waiting to go to these places of sin. Be-

They were enjoying their sojourn there. They were forgetting that God wanted them to journey back to Palestine. God had worked hardships upon them to force them to return.

So with us. We could never appreciate Heaven, if from the hour of conversion, we traveled a rose strewn pathway. God must lead us through the wilderness so that we grow weary of this world and long for our land of Canaan.

VII. The Power Of Satan. Ex. 1:22.

Knowing that God's promise was that the seed of the woman should destroy the serpent. (Gen. 3:15), Satan attempts to destroy the woman's seed. In Cain's slaying of Abel, we see his attempt. Again, when Joseph was cast into the dungeon. Thinking that Moses may be the seed, he attempted to destroy Moses, just as later he strikes at the baby Jesus (Mt. 2:16-18).

VIII. The Power Of Faith. Ex. 2:1-4.

Seeing that Moses was a "goodly child" (v. 2), must have awakened some prophetic vision in his parents that Moses should deliver Israel from the tyranny of Pharaoh. Keeping the child in the home for three months, the ark of bulrushes, and the little sister to watch, surely shows the faith of the parents. Cf. Heb. 11:23.

IX. The Power Of God. Ex. 2:5-6.

God's power is seen in Pharaoh's daughter coming to bathe where the lad was, her finding the basket, and the weeping of the child. Thus, we see God's power is always manifested toward man when man turns his faith toward God.

X. The Reward Of Faith. Ex. 2:7-10.

The mother trusted all to God and thus received her child again in peace. Whenever faith surrenders its earthly treasures to God, generally that faith is rewarded and vindicated, and these treasures, now sanctified to a more noble purpose are received back again.

XI. Moses' Mistake. Ex. 2:11-15.

Moses realized that he was to deliver Israel from Egypt. His mistake was that he did not wait for God's providence to open up the way by which he was to deliver Israel. When he slew the Egyptian, he did so on his own accord, and without the credentials of God. He did not flee from fear, but because God prompted him to do so. (Heb. 11:27). Moses seemed to realize that His training was not yet complete.

XII. Moses' Preparation.

He was religiously taught in early childhood by his mother. For at least 30 years, he was a student at the universities (Acts 7:22,23). Then he had 40 years schooling in the wilderness. Thus, he prepared 80 years for 40 years work.

XIII. What Moses Learned In The Wilderness. Ex. 2:16-22.

The wilderness through which he roamed for forty years was the same through which he led Israel 40 years. Thus he learned the land, and above all, he learned to commune with God. He probably wrote some of the Psalms which bear his name during this time; also the book of Job.

XIV. God And His Oppressed Children. Ex. 2:23-25.

God always hears the cries of his own.

loved, the apostasy that is abroad within the world is just one of the signs of the times.

Our Lord said that when iniquity would abound, that it would have a decided effect upon God's children, and would cause the love of many to wax cold. Beloved, what goes on within this world ought to have a different effect upon us, than what it does have. When you see iniquity on every hand, it ought to make a better Christian out of you. When you see vice and sin abounding all around you, it ought to cause you to be a better, stronger Christian than you ever were before. However, the fact of the matter is, our Lord says that when iniquity abounds, the love of many shall wax cold. That's exactly what we see in the world today. Those who are Christians wax colder and colder as the days pass by, as a result of being chilled by living in a world that is filled with iniquity on every hand.

Let's notice another Scripture which shows us something of the apostasy of this day:

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a FALLING AWAY FIRST, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."—II Thess. 2:3.

Here is a Scripture which tells us that that day will not come, until, first of all, there is a fall-

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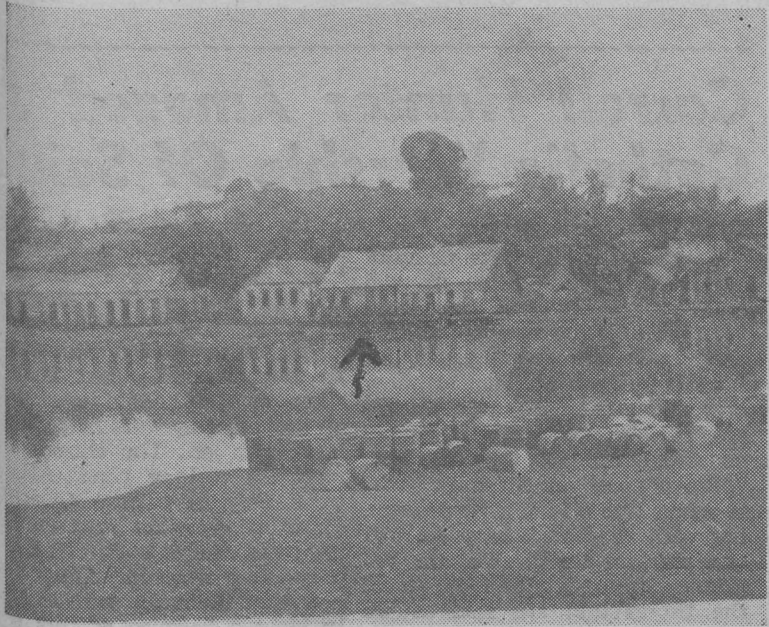
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MISSION HALL AND HEADQUARTERS IN CRUZEIRO DO SUL



This is a picture of the Mission Hall in Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre Territory of Brazil. The arrow is pointing to the hall which is in the very center of the picture. This picture was taken at high water time. There is a board walk in front of the house on posts and the water in under the walk. This is a creek that flows through Cruzeiro do Sul separating the town into two parts. This creek flows into the Jurua River about a hundred yards or more to the left. Cruzeiro do Sul is very hilly. This is one of the very best locations in the town. It is near the main market and the people who come into town from this side of the creek, all pass in front of the hall. Brother Paul Calley has had a new palm leaf roof put on the house and has torn out the partition, and is having some new posts put under the house, and a new floor put in and toilets installed in the rear for both men and women, new benches with backs are being built. This is where the gospel is preached every night in the week, except when the missionary is on a journey in his houseboat. Many souls have been saved in this building. When the water is low, you see only a gulley-like creek with the water a few inches deep in it. One year ago when we were here we hung our hammocks and slept in this building.

Bro. Royal Calley Tells Experiences Of His Trip Coming Home By Plane

Dear Friends:

I have now been home (in the U. S.) for sometime. We had a pleasant trip home, but it was sad to leave those whom we love so much there. About two weeks before we left Brazil, my brother, Paul and family came down from Cruzeiro do Sul (an all day flight by flying boat) to see us. It was certainly good to see him again, but he was pale from recent sickness, malaria and yellow jaundice, and had lost quite a bit of weight. He seemed to be picking up though the time he was there.

We let our house, that we had rented, go and stored our things in the house of Brother John Dias. He has a new house now that was built just before we left. The last night we were in Manaus we had a joint service of the Tabernacle and Calvary churches. It was sweet sorrow, so Shakespeare might say. I cannot put into words what those people mean to me. They are among the finest on earth. I particularly hated to leave the preacher brethren. They all have a special place in my heart.

The next morning we went to the airport to take our plane to Belem. We all could not help but to cry as we said good-bye. I watched my brother Paul and family, and the others from the window of the plane as we were preparing to take off, and it

seemed that I was leaving part of myself there with them.

We flew in a four engine Constellation plane from Manaus to Belem, and made the thousand mile trip in two hours and forty-five minutes. The trip in the two-engine flying boats takes about nine hours.

When we arrived in Belem we registered at the Grande Hotel. It is a very nice place, run by Pan American. The next morning I went down to the American Consulate to have my passport renewed and while there they told me to go and get a clearance for our children that were born in Brazil. That was when the trouble began. They said that we could not take them out of the country as they were Brazilian citizens. The hospital in Manaus had never given us birth certificates and we needed them, so I had to phone my brother Paul in Manaus by radio, and he went to John Bentes' father who is the treasurer of the hospital and got the birth certificates in a few hours.

Paul took them to the airport and gave them to a crew member of the plane that was leaving for Belem, and I met the plane at the airport and got the certificates and took them to the proper authorities. Then we ran into every kind of delay and had to cancel our flight from Belem to New York.

It took many trips to straighten out the clearance on my income tax papers. I needed a witness and by the providence of God, I met another Baptist missionary, who was the only person I knew in Belem. He helped me by signing for me to guarantee that I was not leaving Brazil owing any debts. I had given blood for a transfusion for his wife when she was about to die when they lived in Manaus, and now he was doing me a favor.

Since we had cancelled our reservation on the plane for New York it was very difficult to get reservations for a man, wife and five children on the next plane, and we did not know when we would leave until a few hours before flight time. The trip home was very pleasant. We had tourist tickets, but since there were some sleeping berths empty on the plane, the steward asked if we would like to put our children to bed. We did and all had a good nights sleep.

We landed in New York at six o'clock in the evening and it seemed so strange to see all the movements of Americans again. We had to wait until 11 o'clock that night and took an airplane for Detroit and home. The city looked very pretty, all lit up as we flew in.

At the airport in Detroit, we met Brothers Overbey, Hille, (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

Veteran Missionary, R. P. Hallum, Writes Of Experiences In Peru

If I was coming back to Peru again, the only things that I would bring in the way of household articles, etc., would be a refrigerator and washing machine, these are the only two necessary articles that I can think of that can not be replaced by merchants and others here in Peru, perhaps these can be bought in Brazil as Para and Manaus are much larger cities than Iquitos, in fact these articles can be purchased in Iquitos but they are small sized, I should have added bed springs and inner spring mattresses. I would bring these four articles to Peru.

As to other household articles it is nonsense to bring them, as

everything that a Missionary has to have can be acquired right here and delivered to your house. At the time we arrived the first time at Iquitos, Peru, none of these articles could be acquired. For four years we slept on hay mattresses and cooked on a crude homemade cook stove made by a native. My wife cooked some real delicious food on that old homemade stove. You can still get them here more modernized. We lived, sleeping on hay mattresses and cooking on a homemade stove and were no more the worse off. Of course we all prefer a modern range cook stove with kerosene as fuel, but there was no kerosene in those days. We had to use carbon.

Now we can get a modern cook stove for kerosene. We can order any kind of wood furniture made of some of the finest wood in the world, and fit for a king, at reasonable prices. We can order any kind of clothing suitable for the tropics, made in a few days, made to order. Everybody wears it. We can buy dishes, pots, pans, tubs, practically any thing that the heart ought to desire, and this with Soles that we bought at 19 Soles to the dollar. Clothing brought here from the States, unless it is something like seersucker is unsuitable for this climate.

If the missionary intends to be a carpenter, he can buy any kind of tools he needs to make anything he needs. If he intends to be a mechanic he can buy many modern tools used by the mechanic, but not all. Of course the tools of a mason are few and simple. The first trip that we made to Peru we brought two trunks

and a small box of books that were carried by a peon. Of course our getting through the custom house was a very simple thing. I suppose the officers were sorry for us being so poor. It did not cost us a cent. It reminds me of Jonah when the whale put him out on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea, with nothing but his clothes. All he had to do was to wash his clothes, and he was ready to go. We had \$200 that had been advanced on our salaries and naturally it had to go a long way, but the Lord provided every step of the way.

One brother had asked in

THREE MONTHS AWAY

IT IS NOW ONLY THREE MONTHS UNTIL THE NATION-WIDE MISSIONARY BIBLE CONFERENCE AT CANFIELD AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN. THE TIME IS NOVEMBER 21 THRU 24, 1955.

All out of town guests will be furnished bed and meals. Come thou with us and we will do thee good. It is now getting time for us to know who is coming so that we can make plans to place you in a home. If you plan to come write and tell us. Tell us how many are coming and if man and wife, etc. Please do this as soon as you know that you are coming, the Lord willing. Write a letter or card to:

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

Marion, Ky., who was going to meet us at the water's edge. The Lord had a man there in the person of the British Consul who saw after us and notified an American family who were missionaries of another Mission. They came to the boat and got acquainted with us and took us into their home.

I was going along on the street one day and saw through the window a typewriter which (secondhand Underwood) was advertised for sale at \$50. I told the folk about it and they said I was mistaken. That an Underwood that was any good could not be bought for that price. We went and tried it out and it was a good machine. I bought it and it served us for about ten years, and we sold it for a good price.

After we had been in Peru about four months, I took sick with an inflammation of the bowels. We had a French doctor, who tried out several remedies, all of which gave me no relief. I was getting worse and the doctor said there was only one remedy that he could think of which was a preparation made in France. So he prescribed it. We sent to the drug store and got it. I took a dose of it according to instructions and it gave me complete relief in one or two minutes. I continued taking it and soon got well. I inquired about the same remedy some time afterward, and it could not be found, maybe the Lord had those few cans of medicine there especially for me. It was put up in a metal can which looked like an oil can.

As I contemplate on those days of smaller things materially, I can

see that we were happier and did better work than we do with so many modern advantages. We had not gone in debt for several years before, nor did we go in debt for anything then or since. I am convinced that going in debt indicates too little faith. It violates God's Word, Rom. 13:8, besides it places the debtor in the position of a servant, Prov. 22:7.

One of the things that Brother H. B. Taylor emphasized strongly was to stay out of debt. Under his leadership the First Church at Murray built a new \$70,000 building on the pay as you go plan.

My experiences across the 20 years we have been in Peru are (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

SIMON GAIMA'S DAUGHTER SAVED

Dear Brother in the Lord Jesus, This leaves all well. The best news that I have at this writing is the public profession of faith in Christ by Don Simon's daughter, Laura, the girl that works for us. She made public her profession of faith last Sunday night. She has been acting as though she was a believer for some time, but had not made known to us before. We are in the beginning of the dry season now, the streams are falling. This place has been visited by another plague in the form of a statue which they call the "Fatima." It is the statue that is being carried to many nations or countries and is worshipped by the Roman Catholics. I understand that it started in Portugal. It was here three or four days.

—R. P. Hallum

VALUE OF SPARE OUTBOARD MOTOR

By H. H. OVERBEY

Brother Paul Calley and family were going up the Jurua River to organize a church at Parana dos Mouras when the propeller came off the outboard motor and was lost in the Jurua River. Brother Paul had an extra propeller, but had difficulty in getting the bushing in it, so he replaced the large outboard motor with his small spare motor and they went on their way. We thank the Lord over and over again for this equipment. And now we thank the Lord especially for the spare outboard motor. Without this the missionary would have been stranded and it would have been some job to try to go up river in this heavy houseboat with oars.

R. P. Hallum

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) that the material problems are far smaller than the spiritual problems and when a Missionary is apparently on easy street materially they call him a rich "Americana."

It is embarrassing to see some of the experiences some Missionaries go through in getting their stuff through the custom house. The worst thing about it all is the almost necessity of paying a bribe in order to get the stuff, most everything new, that comes without a Consulars invoice is fined one-third of its value. The first refrigerator that we brought out we did not get a Consulars invoice for it which was necessary. The fellow came around to my house and said if I would pay him \$100 Soles he would bring it to my home. I was to pay it or leave the refrigerator set in the custom house. We knew nothing else to do but pay it.

R. P. Hallum

Preachers' School In Brazil

By H. H. OVERBEY

The greatest need in Brazil is missionaries to preach the gospel to the lost. Brazilians make good missionaries, when they are saved, baptized and called of God to preach, for several reasons. One, they are already there and know the language; two, they are already accustomed to the climate; three, they already know the customs of their people, and four, we can support a half dozen or more Brazilians for the cost of getting one from the U. S. on the field, and to learn the language, etc. Last month we had a picture in the paper showing the lot which is the building site for the church building and preacher's school combined. Two churches, Canfield Avenue in Detroit, and East Maine in Des Plaines, Ill., have voted to have a special offering to build this much needed building. May the Lord lead many other churches to set their own date and have a special offering for new buildings in Brazil, and then come to the Thanksgiving Conference with the report. Let us hear from you brother pastors. This preachers' school will have three good teachers in Royal Calley, John Hatcher and John Bentes. And we trust that many Brazilian young men will be taught the Word of God.

MONTHLY REPORTS OF NATIVE WORKERS

The following are reports which Don Simon and Don Juan turned in for the month of June:

SIMON GAIMA

Places visited: Mapa, Picuroyacu, and Chiwa.
Number of visits made 191
Number of Conversations 55
Scripture portions given out 21
Tracts given out 185
Gospels sold 11
Religious books sold 2
Times preached 15

JUAN CASTRO

Number of visits made 1050
Number of conversations 108
Scripture portions given out 19
Tracts given out 1132
Bibles sold 4
N. T. sold 1
Gospels sold 18
Religious books sold 4
Times preached 5

Don Simon was unable to make a trip one week, as a severe wind storm damaged his house considerably and he stayed to repair it.

Yours in His service,
Marguerite Hallum

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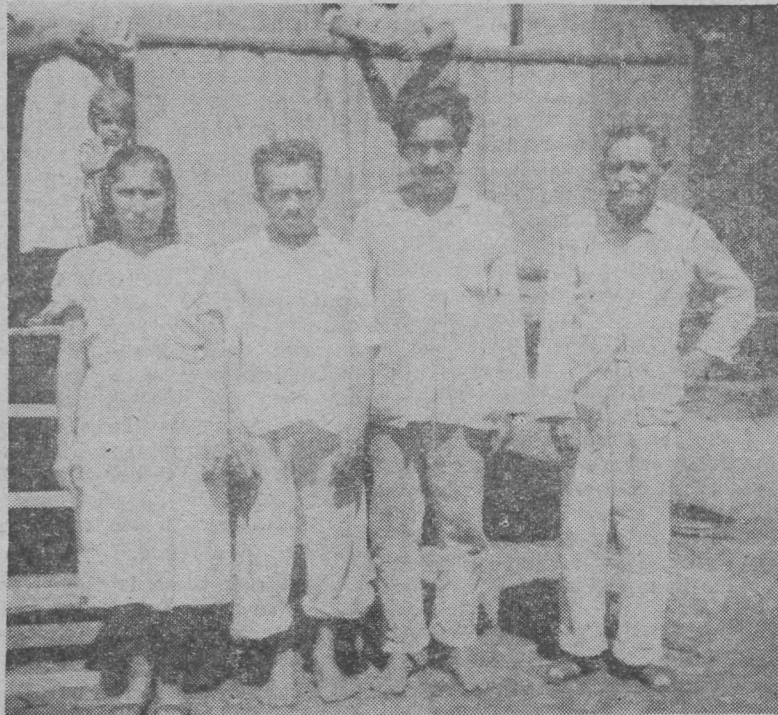
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PREACHING POINT ON JURUA RIVER



After a long journey of several days up the Jurua River in his houseboat, Brother Paul Calley stops at this house on the bank of the river for a service. The people who live near-by come at night and Leslie Paul, the missionary's son, plays the accordion and they sing the songs of Zion and then Brother Paul reads the Scripture and preaches the "Word of Life." See the picture below for results of the meeting.



At the close of the preaching service in the above pictured house, these four people made public profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their own Saviour and asked for baptism. Brother Cicero Bispo will baptize them later, the Lord willing, into the church at Amonho, which is still further on up the river. The two on the left of the picture are man and wife.

Paul Calley Starts Church At Parana dos Mouros

On Tuesday, July 5, I received letters 28 and 29 dated June 20th. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kind and encouraging letters. We thank the Lord that we have a brother as you have been to us and who loves his Lord and brethren in Christ, helping and encouraging them in every way he can. May the Lord reward you richly.

After a good journey we arrived in Manaus back in Cruzeiro do Sul, on June 20th and were thankful that the work here was as we left it. Everything had gone on about as we had planned it ahead of time. We were only back in Cruzeiro do Sul three days, when we left, on Friday, June 24th, with Brethren Cido and Mario to organize the church at Parana dos Mouros. We had planned on arriving there on Saturday afternoon and organize the church on Sunday, but we lost a propeller off the Penta outboard and did not arrive until Sunday afternoon. The nuts on the propeller shaft came loose and we lost the propeller in the middle of the Jurua River and could not retrieve it. I had an extra one, but it needed a bushing and I didn't have the tools to repair it. The bushing must be pressed in. I now have it repaired and also a hole bored in the shaft for a cotter pin so that the same thing won't happen again.

I had the small Archimedes outboard as a spare, so we used it to continue our journey, after working about two hours trying to repair the propeller that I had for the Penta outboard. The lit-

tle Archimedes is a wonderful little outboard, and we were surprised that it could push our big houseboat up the river like it did.

But there is nothing like the big Penta for pushing a big load and making good time. We had services at Parana Sunday night, but waited until the following Sunday, July 3, to organize the church. It was a great day for all of us, and the Lord was in our midst. We also visited Tatajuba for two days and made plans for organizing a church there the first of next month, the Lord willing.

Also we have a new preaching point at the mouth of the Parana dos Mouros River. I preached again and stayed over night at Colonia on the Jurua. We arrived back in Cruzeiro do Sul Tuesday, July 5 and have been preaching every night in the mission hall, although we have half the floor torn out. We are making progress with the mission hall and when it is finished it will really be nice, but I am having a hard time finding lumber to finish it. I will close for now and write a letter in more detail in a few days, the Lord willing.

We have been preaching every day here lately, and I don't have to tell you that that calls for a lot of study. We are very tired tonight, but happy that the Lord saved a soul tonight at the service in the mission hall.

May God bless you.

Yours in Christ,
Paul M. Calley

Hatcher Family To Leave For Brazil In September

By H. H. OVERBEY

The Lord willing, Brother John Hatcher, wife and four children are to leave for Brazil on September 14th. Brother Paul Calley is to fly down to Manaus on September 6th from Cruzeiro do Sul and make plans for them and try to rent them a house. Then Bro. Paul will fly on down to Belem to meet them and interpret for them and help them through the red tape, etc. Then on September 17th they all are scheduled to fly up river from Belem to Manaus where the Hatchers will live. After getting them settled

in Manaus, Brother Paul and family will take the flying boat and return to the far off Acre Territory to his house boat and the Jurua and other rivers. Several churches who know Brother Hatcher have indicated that they plan to support this mission work. Well, now is the time Brethren, and we welcome you. Send all offerings to Elder Z. E. Clark, Box 551, Evansville 3, Ind., and he will acknowledge the offering and list it in the paper the next month, and your money will be used 100 per cent for mission work.

Carroll Hunter Amazed At Catholic Worship Of Saints

Dear Bro. Overbey:

Greetings to all in the name of our Lord. This finds us all well and happy in the Lord. There isn't too much for me to write since I don't know the language yet, but I know you are anxious to know how and what we are doing. We are studying Spanish everyday and are learning, as they say here, "poco a poco" or little by little. It seems like a long slow process, but with the Lord's help we will one day master it. We are beginning to understand a few of the things that are said as we have lessons containing the words that we hear everyday. We are studying a lot of verbs now, which seem to be the main thing in the Spanish language. I covet everyone's prayers for us that we may learn this language as quickly as possible, so we may carry the gospel to those that are dying in sin here.

We are well and happy. The children have had a round of sickness probably from the change of climate and food, but all are fine now. They seem to enjoy themselves here.

We have found us a nice house. It is practically new, but has been lived in, so for cleanliness we had it gone over with a fresh coat of paint and it really looks nice and fresh. We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our furniture by boat.

We had a letter from the Lewises saying that they plan to leave for Lima around the last of August. We will be happy to see them and have them here with us.

We are having fine services here. A nice congregation for church and Sunday School both.

This has been a big week here

for the people. One of the great Catholic "saints" has arrived. He has traveled all over the world and has now arrived here. The afternoon it arrived the people all closed up their business places to go meet her and they saw some of the people passed out on the bus they were bringing her into town on. The church bells rang for a long time. All this week they have been decorating different churches and carrying her from church to church for the people to worship. They think now that their city will be greatly blessed because of this saint. There was a piece in the paper telling all the people to be at the airport to meet the Saint and worship her thereby bringing blessing upon the city. Also that the Saint herself would that by worshipping her it would bring about peace with Russia. You can see by all this how blinded the people are here. They need the Gospel. They need to know Christ as their Saviour. Everyone needs to pray for these people that they will see the truth and be saved.

Again I ask that everyone be praying for us that we will learn this language quickly. Pray for the workers here and for the salvation of souls. We always remember you all in our prayers. May the Lord richly bless all. His children all over the world and lead them in the paths of righteousness.

I hope before long we can write about the work we are doing here. Until then we will write as much as we can. Give the Calley's our regards. May the Lord bless you and keep you. His love.
Carroll Hunter

BROTHER EUFRAZO SORAES

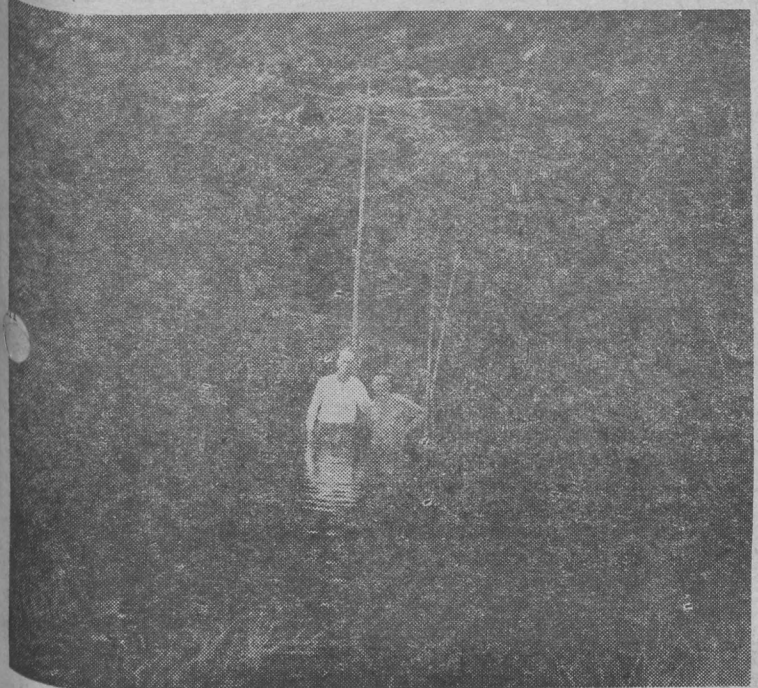


This is our missionary, Brother Eufrazo Soraes, sitting in the rear of his small canoe beside the small outboard motor that Brother Paul Calley gave him to use. He is at Cruzeiro do Sul ready to leave for up river to preach the gospel to the lost. Note the palm roof to protect him from the sun and the rain. When he starts on a journey he does not take along very much in the way of supplies. Only gas, oil, and a few clothes. He eats what he stops and he preaches where he stops. This "old soldier" is a faithful Brazilian missionary who does missionary work 365 days a year. He has never been a pastor and is not ordained. Brother Paul Calley and others have baptized many that this man has led to the Lord.

A BAPTIZING SERVICE AT MORAPIRANGO



Part of the crowd singing at the water's edge at a baptizing at Morapirango. The woman with the book in the center of the picture is Mrs. Paul (Florence) Calley. The second man from the left with the boots on is Brother "Cido" Francisco Lima. See picture below for the other scene at this meeting.



Missionary Paul Calley and man standing in the water just after the man had been baptized. Brother Paul Calley has been in Brazil only a year and a half and the Lord is greatly blessing his ministry. Souls are being saved and baptized under his ministry.

Counters Making Progress In Study Of Spanish

Dear Bro. Overbey:

I don't know too much to write this month but will try to write a few lines. I will certainly be glad when I am able to speak Spanish well enough to get out and work among these people. I must say I really enjoy reading the Calley's letters about the work they are doing there. We rejoice that Bro. Calley and his family had a safe journey home.

The services here remain about the same. The attendance fell down some the last few Sundays. We are having one day of special services here this week. The 20th, 21st and 30th of this month is the Fourth of July holidays here, and Bro. Hallum has planned an all day service at the church on Friday the 29th beginning at 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M., and then from 3:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M.

If you remember Bro. Hallum wrote not too long ago about a boy making a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, but was married with a woman and not baptized. He is planning on being married over these holidays and says he wants to be baptized then. We are praying that he will want to follow the Lord and that he will lead.

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Bro. John Bentes Writes News From Manaus, Brazil

(Brother John Bentes is one of our Brazilian Missionaries. He was saved under the ministry of Missionary Royal Calley. Brother Bentes has learned to speak English and he writes this letter in English. Note how the work is being carried on in the absence of Brother Royal Calley, who is in the U. S. on furlough. We thank God for Brother John Bentes and for his soundness in the faith and for his faithfulness. —H. H. Overbey).

My prayers to our God is that we all, Christ's co-heirs, may enjoy His control through the Spirit.

This is to tell you that the Mission is registered before the Brazilian government already, as Brother Paul might have written you. I have the documents in hand. Would something else be done you should write me, brother.

The work here is going fine. We have public services five times a week. Notwithstanding, we have witnessed only a few professions. Brothers John Dias and Hermogenes take care of "Matinha," where our church is built. Brother Miguel, a young preacher, stopped preaching in "Flores." We don't know whether he is going to open another preaching point or not. In the new-open area named "Petropolis" we are evangelizing in co-operation with the Tabernacle Baptist Church. This is the place where our church is building a new temple. Brother Manuel Lima and I have two places under our responsibility: "Estrada dos Franceses" and "Sao Francisco," where I live. I am preaching also downtown, in the market place.

Brother Lima made a trip, two weeks ago to Parintins, a city near Manaus. There he met some so-called Baptists. Brother Lima has not much knowledge in the Bible, but he could see the difference between our doctrine and theirs. Brother Lima told us that he preached and there was one profession of faith. Thank God!

Dear brother, I'm thinking seriously of marrying sister Eth. She is a good Christian; she is willing to obey everything Jesus taught us to observe. She is a member in our church. You must remember how I almost married an unsaved girl. But I thought better about II Cor. 6:14-18, and decided since a long time ago, not to marry her. I know I obeyed my Jesus and, although I am still unmarried, my conscience is much lighter than if I had married that girl.

I hope my marriage be to glory and honor of our Father.

Dear brother, I just finished reading Mission Sheets for June, 1955. As I wrote you before, I was fearful about Bro. Hatcher. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)

BROTHER MIGUEL IBERNON AND FAMILY



This is Brother Miguel Ibernnon, wife, and seven children, standing in front of the mud house they live in. The girl on the extreme right and the tall girl in the rear, third from the right, are neighbor children. The other seven are the Ibernnon children. Brother Miguel and wife have had twelve children, but five of them have died. His wife is expecting her thirteenth child the month of August, the Lord willing. Note the mud house. Poles or boards are put up and mud is put between them like plaster and it hardens. Brother Miguel is pastor of the church at Codajaz, three hundred miles up the Amazon River above Manaus. This house is owned by a Catholic and he notified Brother Miguel to move. A new parsonage is being built on the lot with the new church building for this faithful man of God and his family to live in. Before coming home, Brother Royal Calley, wife and five children went to Codajaz and they stayed in this house with the Miguel Ibernnon. They hung their hammocks and made themselves at home. There is no floor except the ground. This is a very dangerous house to live in because of snakes, etc. Brother Miguel killed a very poisonous one in the house with a shotgun. Mrs. Calley says she was really scared in this house. When the Calleys left to return to Manaus, Mrs. Ibernnon was in tears. She is a good woman and a faithful wife. Brother Miguel can really preach. We rejoice that they will soon have a new house that is better to move into. Remember them when you pray.

The Lewis Family Ready To Return To Iquitos

Dear Chosen Ones:

Sunday, June 23rd, we had a very pleasant visit with Bro. Brumfield and the saints of the Salem Baptist Church. I had made a previous appointment to be with them but was unable to keep it, so we were doubly glad to visit this fine pastor and church.

Between June 27 and July 1st, we enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship at the Mt. State Schools, Inc., near Alderson, W. Virginia. This is a Christian High School supported by a group of Baptist churches and friends. We met many faithful preachers of God's Word and we are truly thankful for them.

July 3rd we ate breakfast with Bro. Gilpin and his family. We could not stay with them as I had to meet Bro. Hatcher in Lexington at noon. July 10th and 17th we attended services at the Grace Baptist Tabernacle in Fort Scott, Kansas. We thank the Lord for the faithful servant and church that he has planted there. We spent about two weeks in Kansas visiting with my wife's people. During the absence of Brother

Eugene Clark, I preached the 31st at Grace Baptist Church. I cannot remember when I ever enjoyed preaching any more than at this time. August 7th I am to be with the Immanuel Baptist Church while Brother Malcolm Roberts is visiting in Palestine.

We are busy packing our equipment and making plans to leave the States by the latter part of August. I want to take this opportunity to thank the many churches that helped us financially as we visited among them. We are able to take back to Peru many items that we otherwise could not have taken.

Pray for us that we might have physical strength and spiritual might to serve the Lord faithfully these next four years in Peru.

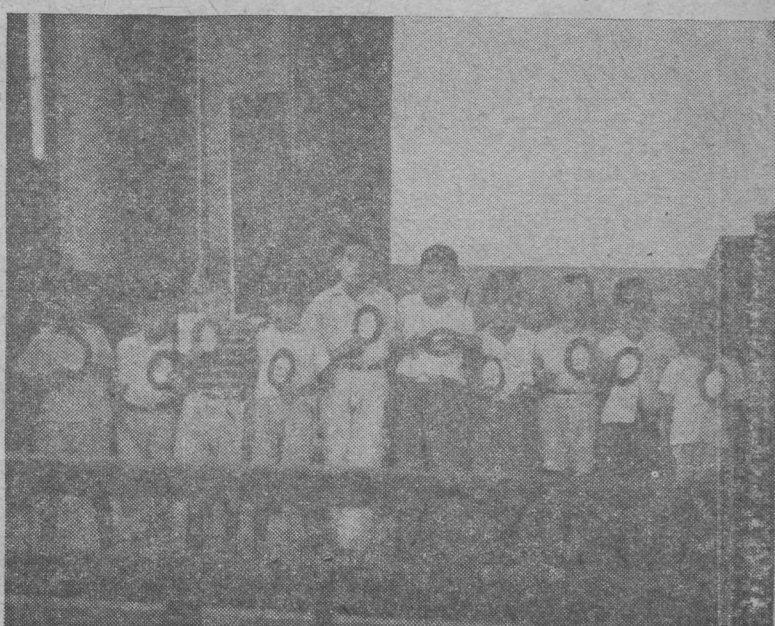
Mitchell Lewis

DON'T FORGET
THE CONFERENCE
IN DETROIT
THANKSGIVING WEEK

JUNIOR GIRLS AND BOYS ATTENDING DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN IQUITOS



Junior Girls in the First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru. These girls have been taught the Word of God in a Daily Vacation Bible School.



Junior Boys in the First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru. These boys attended the Daily Vacation Bible School. Who knows? There may be a future Baptist preacher among these boys.

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.

Royal Calley

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) Clark, my mother and dad, and brothers and sisters. It was so good to see them after three years. The following Sunday I preached at Canfield Avenue Baptist Church in both services. This was my old home church and many emotions swelled within me as I preached there. The next Sunday I preached at Grace Baptist Church for Pastor Eugene Clark in the night service, and we were well received by Bro. Clark and his good people.

We bought us a new Ford, three-seat station wagon, that we hope to take back to Brazil, and left for northern Michigan to visit my wife's mother and brother. My wife's father died while we were in Brazil. We visited there a little over two weeks and returned to Detroit and preached at New Hope Baptist Church and Pastor Hille at both services on Sunday. We had a wonderful time there and our messages were well received. One of my sisters and her husband are members of this church.

We preached again at Grace Baptist Church on Wednesday night and the last Sunday in July we preached at both services at Canfield Avenue Baptist Church again.

A young lady was saved in the night service. She is the wife of my nephew. My nephew joined the church by letter and his wife is to be baptized the next Sunday, the Lord willing. It made me very happy to see her step out and come forward and confess Christ as her own personal Saviour.

Since coming home I have heard fine messages preached by Brother Overbey, Brother Mitchell Lewis and Brother John Hatcher. Upon our return from Northern Michigan to Detroit we met Brother John Hatcher and wife and one of their children. They were visiting in the home of the Overbeys. It makes me happy to know that I will have Brother Hatcher to work for me in Brazil.

We are enjoying our visit home, but I speak the truth when I say that I can hardly wait to get back. I received letters from Bro. John Dias, Bro. John Bentes, and Bro. Francisco Santiago in Manaus. They report that they have made a missionary journey to Parintins where one soul was saved. Also Brother John Dias reports three baptized into Calvary Church and Brother Santiago reports five baptized into Tabernacle Church in June and five more in July, making thirteen baptisms since I left.

May God bless every one of you.

Your Brother in Christ,
Royal H. Calley



Hunter Letter

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2)

We covet everyone's prayers. Pray for us that we might learn Spanish quickly and that souls will be given us in the work here. May the Lord richly bless everyone on the Mission board and everyone that supports and prays for the missionaries.

Remember also to pray for the people here that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts to the truth that they may be saved. Pray for the believers that they may grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and remain steadfast in the faith.

—Carroll Hunter

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY, 1955

Faith Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	\$ 6.89
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	71.55
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	5.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	38.30
Pleasant View Baptist Church, Morris, W. Va.	14.15
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	27.88
Temple Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	13.62
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Ohio	48.24
Myrtle Tree Baptist Church, Everman Creek, Ky.	10.00
Pleasant Heights Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.	24.14
Emmaus Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	12.72
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	90.82
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bristol, Tenn.	15.00
Franklin Road Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.	19.30
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	25.00
Chattaroy Baptist Church, Chattaroy, W. Va.	15.00
Fundamental Missionary Baptist Church, Gallagher, W. Va.	10.00
Ocoonita Missionary Baptist Church, Ocoonita, Va.	21.98
Mount View Baptist Church, Watauga, Tenn.	65.28
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla.	8.96
Madison Street Baptist Church, Rochester, Penna.	8.00
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, Ky.	75.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	12.25
Blackburn Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	5.00
Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.	20.00
Bethel Bible Baptist Church, Mansfield, La.	13.00
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Hampton, Tenn. (Vacation Bible School)	10.14
Missionary Baptist Church, Denver, Colo.	12.00
First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru	10.00
Suwanee Furnace Baptist Church, Kuttawa, Ky.	83.55
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	16.11
East Sligh Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	6.00
Grace Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio	31.12
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	15.48
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	5.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	15.10
Southside Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	42.24
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Boaz, Ky.	15.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	50.39
New Hope Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	47.25
Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla.	25.00
Kirbyton Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	42.08
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	7.26
Salem Baptist Church, Samaria, Ky.	16.00
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	65.86
First Baptist Church, Stilwell, Okla. (Designated by C. Lewis)	25.00
Baptist Tabernacle, Midland, Ga. (By Eld. A. Z. Mathews)	1.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va.	5.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	7.05
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	15.34
Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	29.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (For Paul Calley's Boat)	50.00
Upper Tug Mission of Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	20.00
South Bristol Baptist Church, Bristol, Tenn.	5.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N. C.	10.00
First Missionary Baptist Church, Arabia, Ohio	48.30
Repton Baptist Church, Repton, Ky.	22.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, W. Va.	5.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	38.15
Hopewell Baptist Church, McLeansboro, Ill.	20.00
First Baptist Church, Greenup, Ky.	25.00
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	28.13
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	139.94
Kings Addition Missionary Baptist Church, South Shore, Ky.	147.34
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	72.31
Goodwill Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	61.09
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	196.10
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (for Paul Calley's Boat)	203.90
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	400.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B. Y. P. U.)	5.26
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.00
Members of Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	50.00
Fred A. Engle, Jr., Lexington, Ky.	8.00
R. E. Murphey, Dayline, La.	10.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Coffey, Newton, Ala.	10.00
N. L. Somers, Rutherford, Tenn.	20.00
A Baptist in Philadelphia, Penna.	3.50
Mrs. Bona Ollie Keith, Borger, Texas	40.00
Elder Spencer Randolph, Chicago, Ill.	4.26
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Bruce Eakle, Clay, W. Va.	3.00
Mrs. Mirtie Gupton, Warm Springs, Ark.	1.00
Elder Spencer Randolph, Chicago, Ill.	9.15
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Willis, Monticello, Ark.	20.00
Clinton H. Craig, Robertsburg, W. Va.	15.00
Mrs. W. E. McKinney, Memphis, Tenn.	25.00
Katie Sparks, Vanceburg, Ky.	1.00
Elder Spencer Randolph, Chicago, Ill.	4.16
Mrs. Elsie Tuggle, Aurora, Mo.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Coffey, Newton, Ala.	16.00
Jack Henry Ray, Memphis, Tenn.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayless, Macedonia, Ill.	10.00
R. R. McTaggart, Melbourne, Fla.	10.00
A Baptist in Philadelphia, Penna.	3.50
L. W. Page, Lawtey, Fla.	10.00
Mrs. Edith Baker, Lincoln Park, Mich.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hall, Noblesville, Ind.	2.00
Elder R. E. Hawkins, Milford, Ind.	31.49
R. R. Billings, Hatfield, Ky.	70.00
A Friend in Brooklyn, N. Y.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. J. Rienmann, Bay Shore, L. I., N. Y.	100.00
A Friend, Flatwoods, Ky.	7.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Arrowood, Royal Oak, Mich.	50.00
Miss Kittie Bullington, Atwood, Tenn.	4.00
E. W. Tompkins, Jacksonville, Fla.	10.00
Calvary Baptists, Ashland, Ky.	50.00

TOTAL

\$3539.63

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

ELDER Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer
Baptist Faith Missions
P. O. Box 551
Evansville 3, Indiana

John Bentes

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 3) Now I know he is a sound preacher and a man of much experience. Thank God!

Pray for us, Brother, is my request, in order that Christ Jesus may bless our labor made in Him to His glory.

To Him that is able to prevent us from sinning against Him, be glory in the churches and for ever. Amen.

From your brother in Christ,
John Bentes

Pastor J. R. Materson writes: "Well I have some good news for you. Our church voted to give 5 per cent of all that comes to the church treasury to Baptist Faith Missions. Our first offering was over \$40, for which we praise the Lord all the thanks."

PAUL CALLEY'S HOUSEBOAT



Paul Calley carrying out the great commission. Go—Make Disciples—Baptize Them—Indoctrinate Them—Matt. 28:19-20. Missionary Paul Calley, wife, and son, are on their way up the Jurua River in the Amazon of Brazil. The only way to get to the places they go to is by boat. Paul can go in a canoe and paddle the boat by hand, or you can go in a motorboat with a powerful outboard motor like this picture shows. Brother Calley is standing in the front screened-in part and a Brazilian is standing in the very front of the boat. Gasoline, oil, food, and other supplies to last a month are put on board, and a small outboard motor is along for a spare and they are off to "The Regions Beyond." When the boat is tied up at the bank of the river and the Missionary and son swing their hammocks and sleep in the boat. The National Travel with them swing their hammocks in the house on the bank. Calley is thankful for this boat and it is being used to God's honor and glory. If you would like to have a part in paying for this boat, motor, spare motor, loud speaker equipment, etc., send your offerings to the mission treasurer marked for the "Paul Calley Boat."

Special offerings for the purchase and equipment of boat for Brother Calley, in Brazil:

SEPTEMBER, 1954	
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	\$
OCTOBER, 1954	
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	
Frank Parrish, Carrville, Va.	
NOVEMBER, 1954	
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	
Comer Warren, Detroit, Mich.	
DECEMBER, 1954	
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Schmidt, San Bernardino, Calif.	
JANUARY, 1955	
W. B. Snell, Chesapeake, Ohio	
Bobby Mack, Opelika, Ala.	
Faith Baptist Mission, Chicago, Ill.	
Grace Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio	
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	
FEBRUARY, 1955	
Faith Baptist Mission, Chicago, Ill.	
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	
A Friend, Sweetwater, Tenn.	
Mrs. Martin C. Leonard, Worthington, Minn.	
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	
MARCH, 1955	
Bobby Mack, Opelika, Ala.	
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	
MAY, 1955	
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	
Mr. W. E. McKinney, Memphis, Tenn.	
JUNE, 1955	
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	
Pedigo Lumber Company, Sweetwater, Tenn.	
JULY, 1955	
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	
Cost for boat, motor, public address system with loud speakers	\$
Cost for smaller motor for a spare with parts and parts for loud speaker	

Total Cost to Date

Received to date

Balance needed

If you want a part in this boat, send your offerings marked for "Paul Calley Boat." Any over and above the cost of this boat will apply to boat, motor, etc., for Bro. Mitchell Lewis in Iquitos, Peru.

The Christian life is not an imitation of, but a reproduction of Christ.

MABEL CLEMENT

(Continued from last week)

"Very well," said the Doctor; "I will tell you what the passage means. My view is a common sense view, one arrived at without any hard digging or nice criticism; hence one that teaches, not only the scholar, but the common Bible reader. This commends my interpretation readily to all unprejudiced minds and proves the Bible to be a book for the common people. Jesus was now about to ascend to Heaven. He commissioned His apostles to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; and He assured them, solemnly declared, that all who believe and

are baptized shall be saved. Not he that believeth only; but he that believeth and is—and is—and is baptized. How plain! Now when salvation is promised to any person, or is affirmed of one, on certain named conditions, it can never depend on fewer conditions, than are named. They are two: *belief and baptism*. In order to be saved, therefore, it is necessary to both believe and be baptized. The salvation here spoken of is that primary salvation that consists in the forgiveness of sins. Here is my exposition, explain it away if you can, for it upsets your whole theory."

(Continued Next Week, D. V.)

The Signs Of The Times"
(Continued from page two)
away. Beloved, we are in the falling away on the part of the people of God. You can find any of the great principles of the Word of God which are preached from the place today. We have come to a place where so-called preachers do not dare stand up for the things of God, but there is a falling away so far as the preaching of God's Book is concerned. That's why it is so hard on me, and on every other preacher who tries to stay close to the Bible, because the other preachers have been so far away from the truth. There are Baptist preachers right in this town who wouldn't stand up in their pulpits and say that Jesus Christ founded a Baptist church in the days of His life. It is the truth, beloved, and all of them know it, even though they may not preach it. I know preachers in this town who wouldn't dare tell you that our baptism is a hoax, if you weren't baptized upon the authority of a Missionary Baptist church, yet, beloved, there is a Baptist preacher within this town but what knows that the truth, yet many would dare to preach it.

The same could be said so far as the Lord's Supper is concerned. There isn't a Baptist preacher in this world who has ever read the Bible, but what does that close communion is only communion that is in the Bible, that every man is to observe the Lord's Supper for himself, yet many will and fraternalize with anything and everybody that goes along. I say, beloved, there is a definite falling away on the part of preachers today. I could give you example after example showing you that this is the case. I could tell you of Baptists whom I once knew who today are compromising concerning God's Word. I could tell you of one preacher who once stood four years for the Word of God. Seven years ago, he came to see me and he told me how happy he was about the return of another preacher back into this community to labor with us. He said that he was so happy, because that would make four of them who would be trying to stand in the Truth. Today, beloved, I can't even let him preach in the pulpit where I am pastor. I say, beloved, there is a definite falling away on the part of preachers. They just will not stand for the Word of God.

Here is a text which tells us that the day will come when people won't endure sound doctrine. Beloved, that day is certainly here. The majority of churches don't want sound doctrine, and the preachers won't preach it. They know that it means the moving van for them, and the average preacher is more scared of the moving van than he is of the Lord Jesus Christ. He would rather please the people than he would the Son of God. I am saying that the time will come when men will not endure sound doctrine, and Paul says because of that, they will heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. In other words, they will get a teacher who will scratch their ears. Now, who is it who has the itching ears? It is the congregation—the listeners, and Paul says that they will get a preacher who will scratch their ears—that is, just give them something that will make them feel good—something that will satisfy their fancy and coddle them in their sin. The result is, they will not only do that, but they will turn their ears away from the truth and unto fables.

Just think of the great rise of demonism there is within the world today. Just think, beloved, how many people there are who are going after all kinds of false doctrine. People come to church and they don't like to hear me

show and causes men to shout and run up and down the aisles, and cavort around in the house of God, a lot of people seem to like that sort of emotional display. Beloved, there is no power of God in that. As I say, there are plenty of forms of godliness, but there is very little of the power of God that is shown in our church life today.

I think in the average church today, that they are just marking time. I think most preachers know that they are not preaching the full truth of God, and I think the average church member knows that to be true. I say that we are living in a day when men have a form of godliness, but do not evidence any of it within their lives. Let me give you an example.

There is a man and woman in this town who have been most courteous and kind to me, and I prize their friendship and think most highly of them. They boast of the fact that they are members of the First Baptist Church of the city of Ashland, and yet that father of that home thinks there is nothing wrong in taking his drink. That wife, though she has been very courteous and kind to me, thinks nothing at all of putting bridge parties and lodges ahead of her church, and the result of it is, she is found much more at bridge parties, at dances, and at the movies than she is found in the house of God.

Beloved, what am I saying? Simply this, that as Paul said to Timothy, they have a form of godliness, but they deny the power thereof, which is certainly true in this day.

Notice another Scripture which shows us that there is apostasy in the world:

"For the time will come when they WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned into fables."—II Tim. 4:3, 4.

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condemn false churches and false preachers, but, beloved, as long as you come to this church, and as long as I am able to preach, I will condemn anything that is of the Devil. The fact that all preachers don't preach thus is a sign of the apostasy of this day in which we live, and it just shows us, beloved, what the drift of the times is. It is just a sign of the times how that men are turning their ears away from the truth, and turning them unto the fables of men.

III

THE CONFLICT BETWEEN CAPITAL AND LABOR IS ANOTHER SIGN OF THE RETURN OF OUR LORD.

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you. Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord."—James 5:1-7.

I believe that the fifth chapter of James is a complete portrayal of the economic and industrial conditions of this time. I believe that you and I are living in the light of the fifth chapter of James, economically and industrially, today. I believe that we are seeing the things that are portrayed in this fifth chapter of James taking place. I have thought of recent date concerning this new wage increase, and of all the things that labor was asking for, by way of an annual wage. I have thought about all the things that labor leaders of the automobile industry were asking for. Beloved, as I thought of these things, I thought of the fifth chapter of the Book of James, how that James said that in the last days there will be a terrible conflict of labor on the one hand, and industry on the other, to the extent that capital will come to the place that they will be eventually forced against the wall financially. Beloved, that day is coming as surely as there is a God in Heaven.

I don't know when Jesus Christ is coming. Neither do I say that there is a revolution. I do say that these two are on the way so far as America is concerned. There is coming either a revolution so far as capital and labor is concerned, or the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ must take place. There can't be one wage increase after the other continually. That is what has been taking place. There has to be a leveling off somewhere. There either is coming a revolution, beloved, or the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. I think it will be the latter. I say to you, I think that the fifth chapter of James is a definite sign of the coming return of the Lord Jesus Christ back to this world.

IV

THE RETURN OF THE JEWS TO PALESTINE IS A SIGN OF THE RETURN OF THE LORD.

"The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, and caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army."—Ezek. 37:1-10.

Here is a passage of Scripture that is often misapplied and mispreached time and time again. Haven't you heard preachers say that those dead, dry bones represented sinners, and that as the Word of God was preached the Holy Spirit took that Word and applied it to those dead, dry sinners and they were saved? Maybe he told the truth in that respect, but he misapplied this passage of Scripture in every particular. The next two verses tell us the meaning. Listen:

"Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel."—Ezek. 37:11, 12.

This isn't talking about dead sinners, but rather, God tells us that this passage of Scripture represents the Jews. It does illustrate the condition of lost people and tell us how lost people are saved, but, beloved, it definitely is talking about the revival of the Jewish nation. It tells us how they are scattered among the nations, but that God is going to bring them into the land of Israel.

That is taking place today. The modern nation of Israel was born about 1951, I believe. The flag of Israel flew from Jerusalem for the first time then. Since that time, people have gone back to Palestine by the droves. They have come out of the graves (figuratively) of the nations, and have gone back to Palestine

just like God intended. She has her own kingdom, her own army, her own government, and her own flag. Whenever you see the Jews going from the various countries back to Jerusalem, you can know that that is a sign of the coming of the Lord. Listen:

"Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."—Mt. 24:32-34.

The word for "generation" is the word for "race." He says that the Jewish race shall not pass away until all these things be fulfilled. They may try to put the Jews off on the Island of Madagascar, and they may try to kill the Jews in all the countries of the world, but, beloved, the Lord says that this generation shall not pass away until all these things be fulfilled. He says that whenever you see the fig tree budding, which refers to Israel, you can know that the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ can not be far away.

CONCLUSION

I have given to you four definite positive signs of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ back to this world—the increase of travel and knowledge, the growing of apostasy in the world, the conflict of capital and labor, and the return of the Jews to Palestine. As I said in the beginning, I do not mean to set any particular time and say that He must come at this particular hour, but I say that you can take these signs and know that the coming of the Son of God can not be far away.

"And of the children of Issachar which were men that had understanding of the times."—I Chron. 12:32.

Notice, in the tribe of Issachar, there were men who had understanding of the times. Well, beloved, when I read that, I said, "Lord God, give me understanding of the times, that I might know when to expect the coming of the Son of God." Beloved, do you believe what I preach to you? Do you believe that the Son of God is coming again? Do you believe, as I have tried to show you, that His coming might take place at any time? If you do, then what are you going to do about it? How are you going to live? Are you going to live as a child of God, who ought to have His life in tune with the Son of God? May God help us to be busy in His service, knowing that He might come at any moment.

I used to have a friend who, when he preached, rarely ever preached a message that he did not preach the second coming of Christ. But, beloved, when he preached it, that was all that he ever did. He never did do anything about it. He never had any missionary program. He never had any program for lost souls. He never had any evangelistic or missionary program. He would preach it and then not do anything, because he thought he wouldn't have time before Jesus came.

Beloved, that isn't the way I feel about it. I want to keep busy, so that when Jesus comes, He might find me busy about my Master's business.

May God bless you!

"MY LORD IS REAL"

BY
RUTH GILPIN

AFTER DEATH: WHAT THEN?

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."—Heb. 9:27.

Friends, after death has come, and this mortal body has passed out of existence, the Judgment Day is coming when all individuals of the world will stand before the Lord's throne to be judged. We Christians shall be judged to determine the degree of our rewards promised to us because of faithful and obedient service in this life. We read concerning this in I Cor. 3:11-15:

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. IF ANY MAN'S WORK ABIDE WHICH HE HATH BUILT THEREUPON, HE SHALL RECEIVE A REWARD. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

From the preceding Scriptures, we see that every slothful Christian should certainly be challenged as to the type of material being built upon his foundation in the Lord Jesus. The unsaved though, will be judged to determine the degree of punishment that they will endure throughout eternity in Hell. In Rev. 20:11-15, we read:

"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were JUDGED every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. AND WHOSOEVER WAS NOT FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE WAS CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE."

And friends, in Hell there will be different and varied degrees of punishment! One example or proof concerning this is found in Matt. 10:15:

"Verily, I say unto you, It shall be MORE tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city."

This passage speaks of a city whose punishment will be greater than that of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Friends, do you actually realize your future destiny that is awaiting you? If you have trusted in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ in remission of sins to pay for your sin debt, you will abide throughout eternity in Heaven with Him. If you are still lost and dying in your sins, though, you are heading toward Hell today and are as sure of it as though you were already there.

"... Without shedding of blood is no remission."—Heb. 9:22.

If you have never trusted the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, Hell is so near to you, lost friend, that you can almost touch it by reaching out!

Oh, I would to God that you might see Hell as it will be then, the suffering and torment that you will endure, the gnashing of teeth by the ones who were your

friends on earth, that great immense heat wherein you will continually burn, but never die. All of this forever and ever, and ever! Eternal agony without end! Why will you be there? Just one simple answer: Your presence there will signify that you are paying for your sins. One thousand years after you are cast into Hell, I again ask you why you are there. That same reason: "I'm paying for my sins." Two thousand, five thousand, ten thousand years, still I hear that you are suffering punishment for your sins, paying for your own sin debt. Had you trusted in Him for pardon and forgiveness, He would have become your sacrifice to pay your sin debt. Why suffer this anguish and pain in Hell, sinner? The Lord Jesus Christ has provided Himself a sacrifice to give salvation to all who will trust in His blood to cover over their sins. If the Holy Spirit is dealing with your soul, I pray that you might trust Jesus now as your Saviour.

Let us hear the words of one in Hades concerning conditions there. First, allow me to define the word Hades for you. Hades is the place of habitation for the soul of the unsaved person after death, while awaiting resurrection of his body. Being in Hades is similar to a prisoner in jail before he is committed to prison (Hell). If Hades is thus so intolerable as we are told in the following Scripture, friend, imagine what Hell itself will be! We read in the sixteenth chapter of Luke concerning the rich man and Lazarus that both of them died in the course of time, and that the rich man in Hades contacted Abraham that he would send Lazarus to bring him a drop of water to cool his thirst. This gives us a hint as to the fire in Hell. The rich man also possessed a missionary spirit for his lost brothers back on earth that Abraham might send Lazarus to witness to them. We read this in Luke 16:27,28:

"Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father (Abraham), that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren: that he may testify unto them lest they also come into this place of torment."

Thus we can learn the dreadful suffering in Hell from this rich man's testimony. And in Matt. 13:42, we read what type of conversation will exist in Hell:

"And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Nothing but bitter, lashing words from those unsaved friends of yours that you chummed with on earth. Those fiery flames will almost engulf you as you are rolled amongst them being tossed about with others whose burning is punctuated by curse words. Oh, that horrible "living" death that you must endure eternally if you die in your sins without having trusted in the Lord. Consider your fate! Remember that the Lord Jesus Christ has died for sins and will grant forgiveness to all who believe.

As we have previously stated, every unsaved person will make his eternal home in Hell because of his sin penalty which must be met and suffered for. Hell's membership will be comprised of people from every walk of life. Many will have been preachers,

Sunday School teachers, doctors, wealthy benefactors, and other unsaved church members on earth who taught in the churches, gave of their time and energy for humanity's sake, and donated great sums of money for worthy charitable organizations. We read concerning this in Matt. 7:22, 23:

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I NEVER KNEW YOU: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

You might say, "Why, it would seem that God might grant pardon unto them because of their worthy deeds and tasks they have so faithfully labored to perform." Friends, our Lord looks not upon the mighty works which we have done; rather, He judges the heart. We read in I Sam. 16:7:

"... For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

Besides, there is no respect of persons with God. (Rom. 2:11). Whereas men judge and respect a great man because of the material possessions gained or the social height that he has achieved, our Lord judges the heart. I firmly believe that unsaved church members of this type will compose one-half of Hell's membership!

Not only unsaved church members will be there, but there will also be a vast number of rich people who possessed great wealth on earth, and thought that their money would purchase the passport whereby to gain entrance into Heaven. Friends, we are told very definitely, though, that we can carry nothing with us beyond the grave. In Psa. 49:17, we read:

"For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him."

Also in Prov. 11:4:

"Riches profit NOT in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death."

If the Lord has bestowed you with material wealth (and He did give it to you if you possess anything at all, because we read in James 1:17:

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights."); happily use it to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus to the ends of the earth. Of course, being unsaved you cannot go as a missionary to foreign lands, but your money can send someone in your stead to tell lost and dying souls of the Saviour.

Friend, your money will remain on earth when you die as we are told concerning the rich man when the Lord said:

"Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"

—Luke 12:20

Yes, who will enjoy your money then? You will not; you'll be far removed from money in eternity.

"For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"—Matt. 16:26.

Ponder this in your heart.

In Hell, many people will be infidels, having established the statement in their minds that there is no God. Pray tell me, Brother Infidel, whom do you credit as having performed the creation of this great universe we live in? The nine known planets as each rotate on its axis, so perfectly timed and adjusted to their movement that never have two planets coincided in the earth's history. Consider also nature's vegetation how that each plant is so separately different, each so delicately beautiful showing only our Lord's hand in the creation of them. Notice, too, the Lord's Being in the creation of all our animals; the creeping beasts, swimming fishes, the crawling reptiles, and flying birds. By even a slight study only in nature, how could anyone doubt God's presence and help from realizing His power in this life! Only one per-

son can and we read of him in Psa. 14:1:

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."

Yes, infidel man or woman, the Lord calls you a fool, a plain, outspoken fool! You may say, "What is in the Bible is no concern of mine!" If this is your statement, then here is another characteristic belonging to you:

"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes." — Prov. 12:15.

Friends, today turn away from your infidelity and denying beliefs of my Lord and God. As you observe this world, you certainly can see His hand in the creation of it. He lives today on High and can become your Saviour if you trust in Him.

Also, much of Hell's population will be people who thought that by living clean and respectably moral lives here on earth, they would be guaranteed a Heaven-bound trip after death. The Lord tells us, though, that no one can do or has any righteousness within himself. We read in Rom. 3:12:

"... There is none that doeth good, no, not one."

Also in Isa. 64:6:

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."

Even our best appears as a filthy, dirty rag in the sight of the Lord! No, friends, we have no goodness of our own whereby to obtain salvation.

Lost soul, whoever you are: an unsaved church member, rich fool, an infidel, or a morally clean liver, realize your helpless and dying condition before the Lord God of Heaven, turn to Him and repent of your sins; then accept Him as the sacrifice for your sin debt if He is calling you unto Him. Again, ponder the vision of Judgment Day in eternity. Let us read in Acts 17:31:

"Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained (Christ Jesus)."

If you are found to be unrighteous because you have not trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you will be cast into Hell. Trust my Saviour, though, and you shall obtain eternal life. If you resist Him when you have heard the Gospel, your punishment in Hell will be much greater than one who knows very little concerning the Lord. Unsaved people of our great nation of America will receive much more severe punishment in Hell than the African Negroes because we have the Word of God being preached daily and some true preachers of God who do faithfully take their stand for the Word without compromise. Don't perish with your unsaved family and friends, sinner, instead of believing in the Lord Jesus Christ. Your friends' minds are centered about the pleasures of this life with no thought of life after death. They may be church members too, but their belief concerning the Lord never rises above the horizon of this life. The Apostle Paul tells us in I Cor. 15:19 of the pitiable state of this type of belief:

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

Friend, realize your sinful and depraved condition before the Lord. We read in Psa. 51:5:

"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."

You have been a sinner in God's sight even from the time of conception. Oh, don't continue in your sin, but trust Him as your Saviour if He is speaking to your heart.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."—Eph. 2:8,9.

As of old, don't let this be:

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."—Jer. 8:20.

But, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."—Acts 16:31.

I'm praying that you will trust Him as your Saviour today, this moment!

False Notions

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such a theory for centuries, yet this universal invisible church theory is a part of the mental furniture today of nearly all the Fundamentalists. It is the theory that the "the TRUE church" as Mr. Scofield calls it, is composed of all born again believers scattered over the whole face of the earth. This conception is just as false as the Roman Catholic idea and far more abused. It violates the very meaning of the Bible term "ekklesia" which is translated church. Locality and organization inheres in the very word "ekklesia" and the "universal, invisible church" has neither locality nor organization. It is unassembled and unassembled. Most people who have held this idea that we have talked with, have never thought of anything through — they have just accepted it from others, merely assuming that since the theory was held by great and good men it must be true. It will not stand inspection. Most people who are dead set of holding this universal theory, will not reason with you, they merely become angry when the theory is challenged. They just don't "have the soap" that enables one to argue, so they resort to anger.

The main Scripture used to bolster up this universal invisible church theory is I Cor. 12:13. The "one body" mentioned there is assumed to be composed of all believers everywhere. What a pity that those who assume such don't read a few verses further on, for in verse 27 Paul identified the "one body" with the church at Corinth, for he said: "Now ye are the body of Christ."

The Denominational Idea of Church

In recent years there has grown up among Baptists a theory that is just as heretical and as vicious as the Catholic idea, and truth to say, it is very close akin to the Roman Catholic embracing church idea. The word "denomination" has arisen, usually spoken of reverently and awesomely as "our be-luv'd denomination." What is this denominational conception? It is the whole group of so-called "Co-operating Baptist churches" with their super-imposed "Dee-Nomination." The hierarchy of ecclesiastical leaders devise the program, and map out the activities of the churches, and these are handed down. Pastors and churches exercise a very limited freedom — so limited that "the whole program" must be supported or else both pastor and church are discriminated against. In case a pastor and church becomes dissatisfied with the dictation and by majority vote severs connection with the denomination, they are in danger of having their church property taken away from them. This happened recently at Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Originally organized, these missionary and other organizations were devised as aids to co-operation among churches, were servants of the church. These agencies have grown until they really constitute the denomination, the churches being thought of as mere "chain stores" units whose business it is to carry out orders and furnish the money for the huge denominational machine. Unless checked "the denomination" will come to eventually approximate Roman Catholicism, blacking out freedom of pastors and churches alike!

Editor To Visit

(Continued from page one) editor in inviting all the readers of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and friends of the truth who live within going distance, to attend these services. If the Lord makes it possible for you to be with us, I am sure that the services will be a blessing to you. It will be a real joy to us to meet many of our readers whom we have never met before, on the occasion of this visit to W. Va.

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