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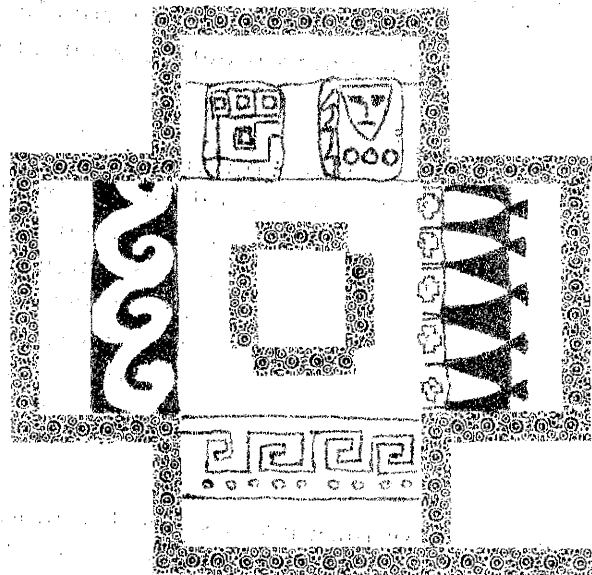
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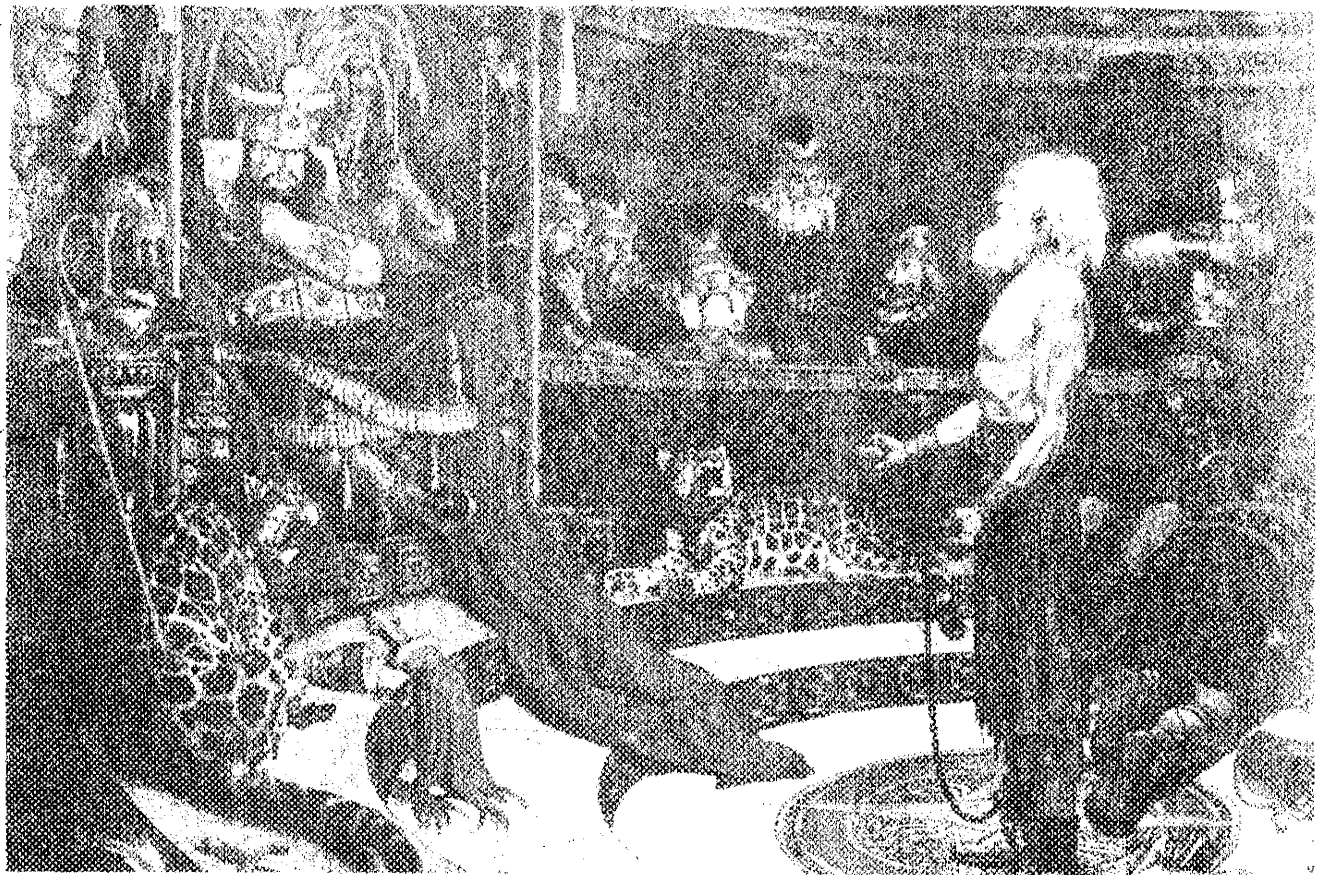
Of The Brazil North Mission

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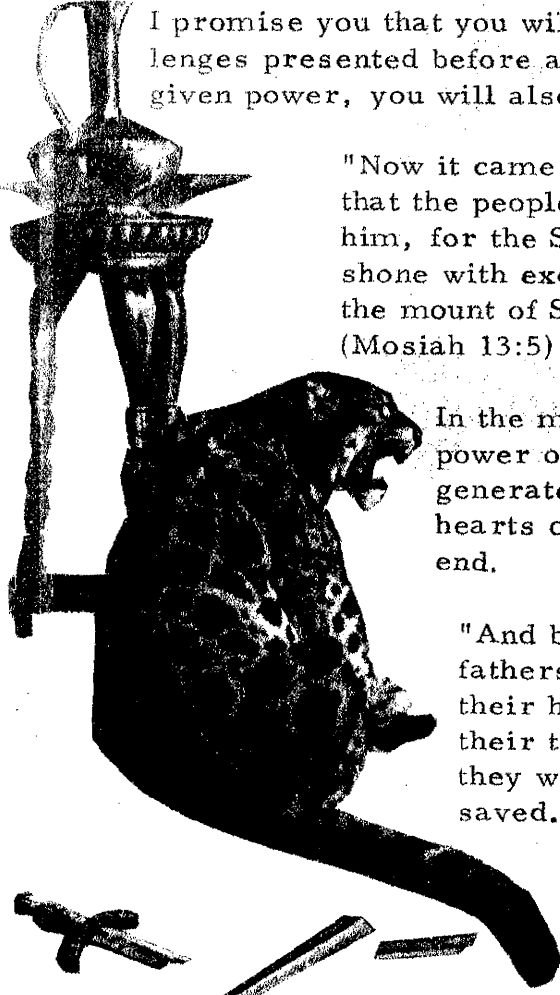


Dear Missionaries:

We have been emphasizing the holding of weekly group meetings in the local chapels for the purpose of maximizing spiritual power. You've been a wonderful help through your conference questionnaire responses, suggestions and discussions. The conclusion of our study is that two factors play a major role in the group meeting's success: one, zone unity; two, detail prior planning.

The first principles of the Gospel are; faith, repentance, baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost. Notice that faith precedes repentance. Faith is generated by the fruits of the doctrine. Missionaries are examples of the doctrine of Jesus Christ, so are chapels, visual aids, films, tapes, filmstrips, books, members, other repenting investigators and many other things. The more examples your investigator has of the true church, the more his faith will grow. The greater his faith, the greater the power he has to repent. Group meetings in the chapels are an excellent way to concentrate the above mentioned resources which will generate the faith which leads to repentance.

Your group meetings must be well done. They need prior planning as we discussed in conference. The members and investigators should be screened so that only those who are willing and desirous of partaking of the spirit are present. The best teachers in the zone should be prepared to give a dynamic presentation and lesson. The chapel, seating; lighting, displays and visual aids should be perfect. All the elders should have assignments to bring out investigators and if not they should proselyte and not waste the evening. The zone and district leaders should always be evaluating and improving the quality of their group meetings.



I promise you that you will have the spirit to confront and respond to all challenges presented before and during and after the meeting. As Abinadi was given power, you will also be given power sufficient for your needs:

"Now it came to pass after Abinadi had spoken these words that the people of King Noah durst not lay their hands on him, for the Spirit of the Lord was upon him; and his face shone with exceeding luster, even as Moses' did while in the mount of Sinai, while speaking with the Lord."
(Mosiah 13:5)

In the months of August and September we will increase our power of conversion through these meetings. We desire to generate faith sufficient to wrought a great change in the hearts of our investigators so that they will endure to the end.

"And behold, he (Alma) preached the word unto your fathers, and a mighty change was also wrought in their hearts, and they humbled themselves, and put their trust in the true and living God. And behold, they were faithful until the end, therefore they were saved."
(Alma 5:13)

Alma preached the word unto the people at the waters of Mormon in a group. I promise you that you will have great spiritual power to convert

through group meetings. I admonish you to refine your technics and prove my promise to be true.

Sincerely,

George A. Oakes
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"HUMILITY is the Key to POWER"

We talk alot about our desire to be powerful missionaries. We want to be worthy of the Spirit of the Lord so that every thing that we do and say will be felt in the hearts of our investigators . . . so that they will be spiritually converted and able to endure 'til the end.

I believe that an important key to power is humility. When a man begins to believe that he is capable and talented and able to succeed on his own power, he is closing the door to a great fountain of spiritual power that is available through righteousness and prayer.

The beginnings of those choice experiences where I felt power, where I've received strength, where I've received help beyond my natural ability were in the mission field. There we were in Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico . . . me, a new lady missionary with very little knowledge of the Gospel and less knowledge of the Spanish language, far from home, with non-member parents who didn't support nor understand my choice to be a missionary, and a lovely Mexican lady missionary as my companion. She spoke not a word of English and my "buenos días" and "muchas gracias" didn't go very far those first weeks. I needed help! I recall praying to my Father in Heaven . . . I recall the feelings of calmness that would come . . . I recall those words that I began to learn day after day, I recall learning the lessons, I recall feeling the Spirit as I taught, I recall the joy at baptisms . . . I learned so well then that God lives and that He hears and answers prayers. I learned that if I humbled myself before him, He would give me power! I thank my Father in Heaven for the thousands of cities like Morelia, Michoacan, for the struggling new missionaries, for the struggling experienced ones . . . for in these cities the choice young people of the world are learning daily the Key to Power . . . humility.

A young Scotsman who was a candidate for the ministry worked hard in preparing his trial sermon, and as he entered the pulpit he was confident of making a good impression. The old sexton, noting the haughtiness of his manner, shook his head. The young preacher made a miserable failure, and when his sorry sermon was ended, he walked slowly down the pulpit steps with head bowed and heart humbled. "Aye, laddie," the sexton mused to himself, "if ye had gone up as ye cam doon, ye'd have cam doon as ye went up." The youth had not learned that big men are small through himility.

If you would desire to be powerful, remember . . . "Be thou humble and the Lord thy God shall lead thee by the hand and give thee answers to thy prayers."

I love you,

Jeannette N. Oakes Jeannette N. Oakes



Dear Missionaries,

The group meeting, as we know by studying the scriptures and the history of our church, is the most advanced and powerful form of proselyting work. As we as a mission have progressed in efficiency, confidence, and power we have arrived at the point where we are capable and prepared to use this proselyting technique. I'd like to tell you briefly how the Lord instituted the group meeting, as we know it, into our mission.

Several months ago, on a beautiful May morning, Elder Hammond and I traveled out to Meier to attend an early morning zone meeting. We were greeted there by an enthusiastic Meier zone and their tall, Texan zone leader, Elder Speed. The inventory session (which unfortunately in many zones serves as an incurable sleep-inducer) turned out to be a real eye opener. As the senior companions reported their inventories we noticed an obvious dilemma - six of the companion pairs had a fifth lesson marked for that night at 8:00 or 8:30 p.m. and all of them wanted to use the projector. A coincidence? I hardly think so. We sat there puzzled for a few moments wondering how we were going to divide up the projector when, almost in unison, we exclaimed, "Let's bring our investigators together and teach them here at the church!" I'm sure the Lord sighed with relief when we finally figured out what he wanted us to do. At that moment we made detailed plans to organize the meeting for that evening, dividing the various responsibilities among the districts. Individual goals and challenges were also made and all the elders readily accepted their commitments to bring out investigators. The zone members demonstrated a great deal of faith and zone unity and even though not one of the investigators knew about the meeting, we know it would be a success. At 8:15 p.m. that evening the chapel was all arranged, the music was playing, program and refreshments prepared, and the elders (in their Sunday best) were arriving with their investigators. To our delight, the investigators just kept piling in until finally at 8:45 p.m. we had a spontaneous crowd of over 50 people, including 32 anxious investigators. All the elders and sisters were spread throughout the audience with scriptures and visual aids, paying special individual attention to the investigators as Elder Speed and I preached the gospel. The spirit there was wonderful and powerful and was clearly evident in the investigators beaming faces as they all actively

participated in the discussion. As the Lord promises in the Doctrine and Covenants, he granted us his spirit in rich abundance, causing the gospel principles to ring true in the hearts of the investigators. At the conclusion of the discussion all of the elders and sisters stood in front of the audience, and in love and unity and with smiling faces we sang the touching, innocent words of "I Am A Child of God." Well, that was too much for many of the irmãs so they accompanied us with their handkerchiefs. Immediately after the song we switched on "Man's Search for Happiness," and we all know what a spiritual kick-in-the-pants that movie is. To conclude, an investigator was invited to offer the closing prayer. Two hours before, that man had made no decision to be baptized, but there he stood praying to Heavenly Father that he, along with all the visitors



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could be baptized into the true church. As a result, during the next few weeks he, his whole family, and many of the investigators present were baptized and today they are happy members of the church. During the course of a few short hours there was a spiritual power generated that touched hearts and changed lives. Why? Because a well-organized and presented, spiritual group meeting had produced an environment in which the Holy Ghost could be present and able to confirm to the elect the truthfulness of the gospel. "And behold, whosoever believeth on my words, them will I visit with the manifestation of my Spirit; and they shall be born of me, even of water and of the Spirit." (D&C 5:16)

Brethren and sisters, I know that the Lord lives and that we are preaching His true and everlasting gospel. He approves of our group meetings for I know that it was He who inspired this program in our mission. I pray that we may continue to be diligent in our efforts to preach the gospel in this way, for in so doing I know the Lord will be pleased with us and will bless us in our endeavors.

Sincerely,

Elder James Hart

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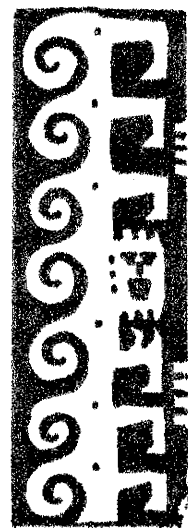
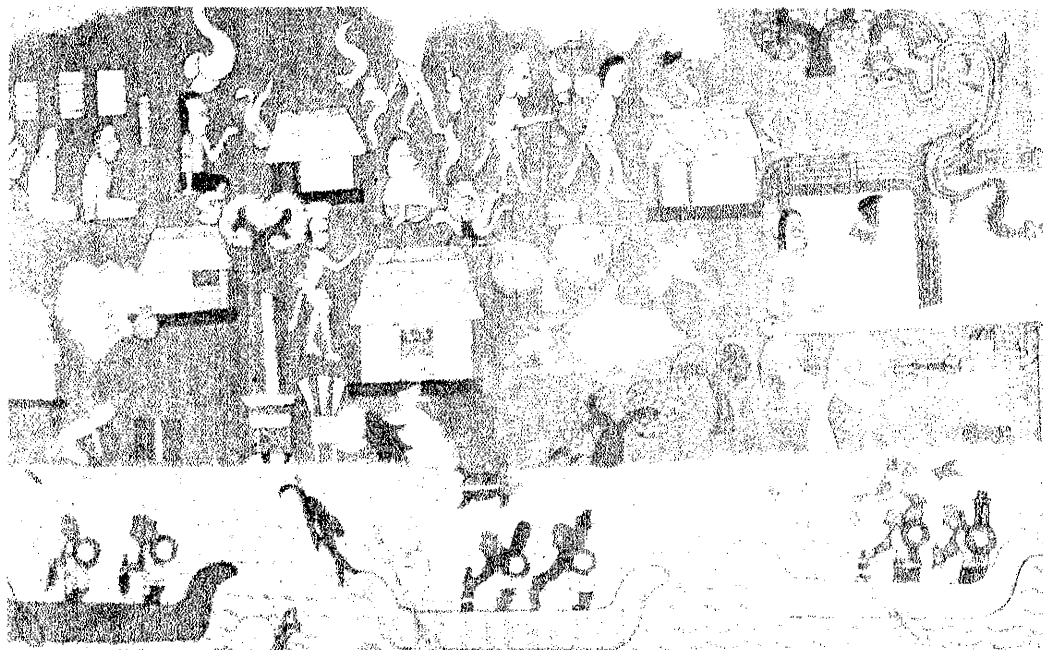


HOW FOUND

Member Reference	89
Tracting	34
Investigator Ref.	19
Street Contact	7
Street Meeting	4
Business Contact	2
Self Interest	2

WHEN BAPTISED

First Week	31
Second Week	41
Third Week	29
Fourth Week	39
Fifth Week	77



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Baptisms

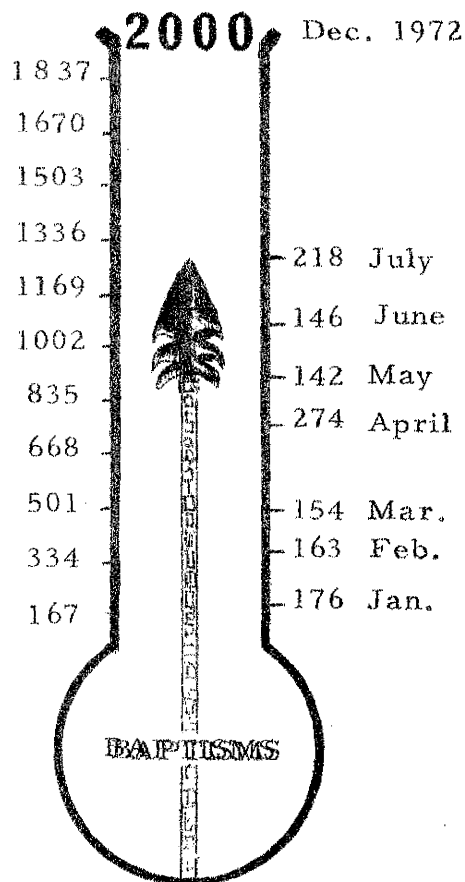
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WHO BAPTISED

Men over 20	50
Women over 20	65
<u>Total over 20</u>	<u>115</u>
Men 12 to 20	30
Women 12 to 20	29
<u>Total 12 to 20</u>	<u>59</u>
Boys 8 to 12	16
Girls 8 to 12	10
<u>Total 8 to 12</u>	<u>26</u>

FICHAS NOT RECEIVED-- 18 (As of August 11)

AVERAGE BAPTISMS PER MISSIONARY--- 1.32



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I would like to remind you about a few things that we need to improve upon in serving our Heavenly Father in His work.


REFERRALS WITHOUT HOUSE NUMBERS??

First of all there are some referrals that are coming in without Bairros and sometimes without the number of the house. Make sure that the reference you send in is completely accurate. Include Bairro, street numbers, complete names, and if possible telephone number.

AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT REPAIR

Also make sure that all visual aid equipment is taken care of to guard against theft or misplacement. It would be an excellent idea to label all mission visual equipment with the address of the church in your area. If the equipment is broken the mission will pay for 1/2 of the cost of repair. Get your machines fixed on P-day so that they'll be ready for use when you need them. Any questions or problems should come directly to the secretary directly to the secretary.

POLITICAL CUIDADO



We caution all missionaries to observe strictly the rule, "AVOID POLITICS" as set forth in our proselyting procedures and principles handbook. We don't want any missionary to ever converse or even appear to be conversing about politics. We find that such actions can be very damaging to our reputations as true servants of Christ, and in time could possibly jeopardize our numbers here in Brazil.

Faithfully, Elder Robin Henrie

NEW EQUIPMENT

The great emphasis on group meetings has brought about a greater need for audio-visual equipment. To meet this demand, the mission has just purchased several new pieces of equipment. To be added to our inventory are two new movie projectors, four new slide projectors, and two new movie screens. Unfortunately (or fortunately, depending on where you're working) this equipment will remain in the Rio area. The two new movie projectors and screens are to be placed under the permanent supervision of the Meier and Andaraí Zones, but will serve all of the zones in that area. The slide projectors will go to the Irará Zone, the Ramos Zone, the Andaraí Zone and the mission office.

TWO FAILS? The mission has been baffled recently by the existence of two Elder Fails. Who is this new Elder who attempts to steal the name and reputation of the great Elder Fails? Why, it's none other than Elder Fails, Senior the father of the original Elder Fails, who is visiting the mission prior to his son's departure. In the great Fails tradition of missionary spirit, he decided to spend two weeks working as a regular missionary in Niteroi. How could he learn the language? Well, as it happens, Elder Fails, sr. is a language professor at Diablo Valley College in northern California, has taken some classes in Portuguese, and plans on perfecting his Portuguese while here. Upon arrival in Rio, he was promptly escorted to Niteroi, where he spent the next



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two weeks as a junior companion under the able direction of the incomparable Elder Lopes. While Elder Falls, Sr. was there, the companion pair baptised three people.

It has come to my attention that in the compilation of baptismal statistics, a number of terms are in need of definition. Please take note of the following:

CHILD BAPTISM The baptism of any person between the ages of eight and twelve years of age whose parents (one or both) are members of the church is to be considered a child baptism. The only exception to this rule is a case where the child is baptised at the same time as, or within a month of his parents. In cases of child baptisms, the interview, the baptism, and the confirmation are all under the jurisdiction of the branch president.

The missionaries may perform the actual baptism, but only with the permission of the branch president. Although the mission historian should still receive the yellow copy of the *Recomendação para Batismo & Confirmação*, the words "child baptism" should be clearly written on the paper. Child baptisms are not to be reported by missionaries, nor included in zone and district baptismal totals.

COMPLETE FAMILY You are to write "complete family" on the yellow copy of the *Recomendação para Batismo & Confirmação* if the person baptised is a member of a household in which the head of the household, his spouse, and all other children living at home and of baptismal age are members of the church. This means that in the case of widows, you may count them as complete families, as long as all children living with them are members of the church.

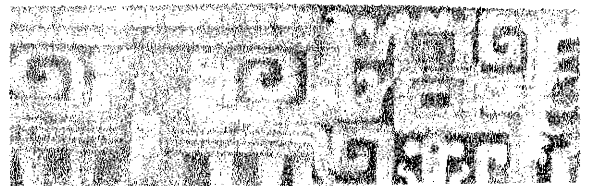
SOBRENOME DA MÃE QUANDO SOLTEIRA Anyone who has read his Level III Language Book knows that this term means "mother's maiden name," yet a number of Elders continue to put her married name on the *recomendação*, much to the dismay of the branch secretaries, who need the maiden name to fill out their records properly. There are a number of reasons why the maiden name is necessary, the most important of which is that it facilitates genealogy work.

INSTRUÇÕES This is the Portuguese word for "instructions," which if followed bring smiles to the faces of branch recorders, Elder Higginson, and the brethren at the presiding Bishop's Office. You will find them on every copy of the *recomendação*, and they are quoted here for your convenience.

tirem os dados da certidão de nascimento ou da licença de casamento. Devem estar certos os nomes e as datas. Lembre-se que esta informação ficará nos registros da igreja para sempre. Seja cuidadoso."

Elder Higginson

Elder Higginson



We would like to clarify the mission's policy on hospital and medical bills. If a missionary is hospitalized at doctor's orders the church assumes responsibility for these expenses, but this should be cleared through the mission president before the expenses are incurred.

Expenses for office calls and lab tests etc. not related to hospitalization are to be paid by the individual missionary. Dr. Kovak charges Cr\$80.00 per visit which should be paid at the time of the visit. If you have lab tests done, the hospital will bill the mission. Please notify us when you go to the hospital.

Elder Richard Owens *Elder Richard S. Owens*

LOST AND FOUND

The following items are in the M. O. as lost and found:

1. Tape recorder, Hitachi, solid state, TRQ-220, with carrying case, two Ampex cassette tapes, and accessories.
2. Black, box-type key case with assorted luggage keys.
3. Camera-Instamatic, 104 with film, 16 frames exposed.

Any information leading to finding the owners, or concerning other lost items, should be directed to the secretary.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 1972

- 27 - Member Conference in Belo
- 30 - Region I Conference
- 31 - Region II Conference

September 1972

- 5 - Zone Leaders Meeting
- 11 - Missionary Conference in Recife
- 18 - Missionary Conference in Brasilia
- 19 - Zone Leader's Meeting

October 1972

- 2 - Region I Conference
- 4 - Region II Conference
- 30 - North Conference

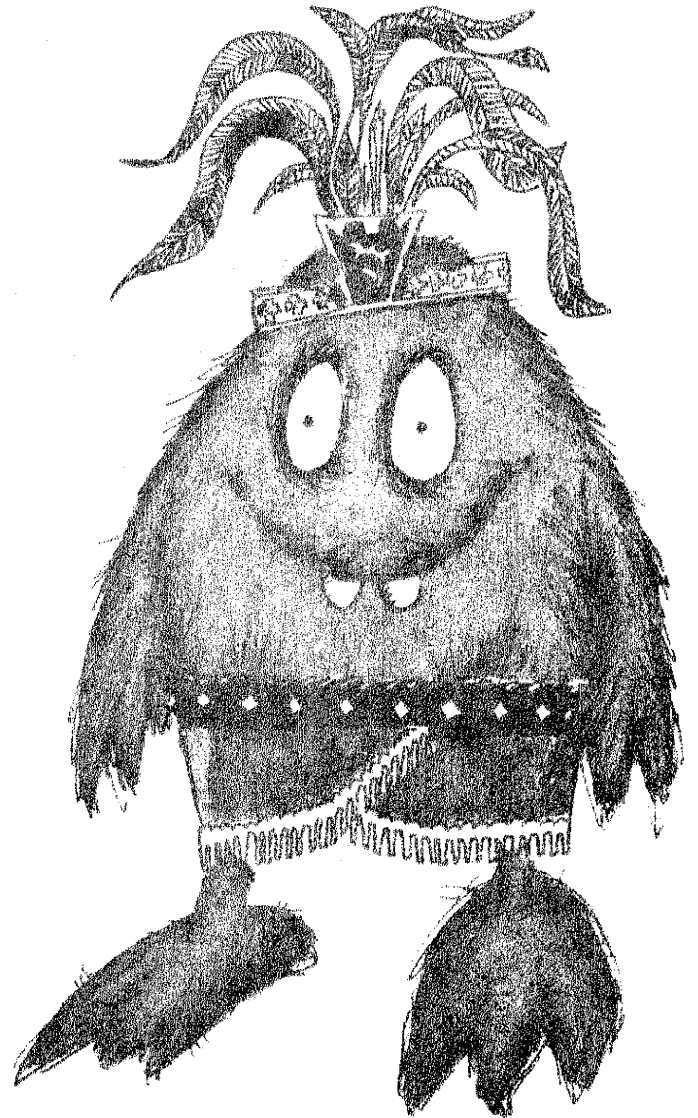
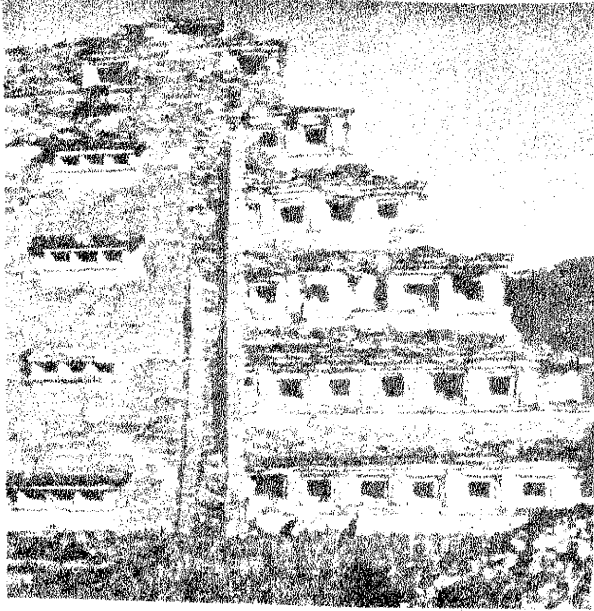
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- 1 - Region I Conference
- 2 - Region II Conference
- 6 - Interior Conference



Mission Office

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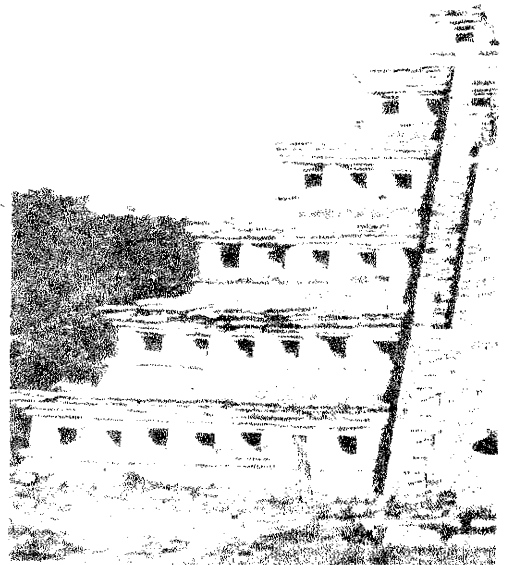
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Wings Award

Elder Willis Clark Fails was released from the Brazil North Mission on August 19, 1972.

Willis C. Fails
4870 Alro Avenue
Concord, California 94521



Arrival

Sister Neli Andrade da Silva arrived in the Brazil North Mission on August 2, 1972. from São Paulo.

The Big "GG" Shot

Allison	Grimm	Proctor
Armstrong	Hafen	Porter
Arnold	Hall	Recksiek
Barclay	Hammond	Rex
Barney	Holley	Robinson, E
Benedict	Hart	Rishton
Brannen	Hayes	Sherman
Booth	Heaston	Shillig
Broadbent	Higginson	Southwick
Brown	Higley	Speed
Burlingame	Huffaker	Svedin
Carey	Hymas	Swensen, RC
Carver	Johnson	Taft
Chatfield	Jackman	Toone
Clarke	Kreitlein	Tresnak
Crismon	Lewis, GM	Trost
Davis, J	Lewis, GE	Walters
Deuel	Lopes	Wangeman
Dissel	McIntire	Welch
Dunn	Maughan	Warner
Dixon	McMillan	Wiggins
Dyches	Mendenhall	Wilde
Enger	Metcalf	Wilford
Ennes	Milner	Wilson
Elggren	Malhorquim	Woffinden
Frei	Miller	Wooters
Fuzeto	Nassar	Zahrt
Gagon	Nielsen	
Giblette	O'Brien	
Gilgen	Peterson	
Graden	Phelps	



Good News! The following Elders and Sisters, whether delinquent in getting shots, or if only a first timer, have the same opportunity during the month of August to wipe their record clean and get their GG shots, and a new start right now - Thank you very much,

Elder Wiscombe

Elder Wiscombe

A "GG" Shot is strength and protection unto you, why then do ye wait?

REGION ONE

Frei - Reg Leader
 TIJUCA
Santa Tereza
 Wilde DLZL Barzee
 Farnsworth, Amato
Saenz Pena
 Nassar DL Booth
 Andersen, Miller
 ANDARAI
Maracaná
 Hansen DLZL Roberts
 Sorensen, Dyches
Vila Isabel
 Ehat DL Tresnak
 Wood, Davis, R
Grajaú
 Furness DL Abraham
 Woffinden, Robinson, M
 ILHA DO GOVERNADOR
Galeão
 Carver DLZL Boswell
 Smith, Bradshaw
Ramos
 Packard DL O'Brien
 Swensen, R, Dunn
 MEIER
 Speed ZL Robinson, E
Dias da Cruz
 Wing DL Richards
 Wilford, Kreitlein
 McCurdy, Potter
Boca do Mato
 Olsen DL Clarke
 Robeck, Underwood
Todos os Santos
 Solomon DL Carey
 Gaertner, Enger
São Cristóvão
 Giblette DL Maughan
 Forsyth, Hafen
 CAPIXABA
Vitória
 Wiggins DLZL Brannen
 Robinson, P, Sargent

ASSISTANTS

Hart-Programing Ass't
 Frei-Region One
 Trost-Region Two
 Hammond-Reg Three,
 Mendenhall
 Swensen, R, Dunn, Ldshp.

REGION TWO

Trost-Reg Leader
 CASCADURA
Jacarépaguá
 Huffaker DLZL Dixon
 Milner, Hymas
 Madureira
 Hall DL Chatfield
 Edwards, Potter
 JARDIM BOTÂNICO
Botafogo
 McMillan DLZL Thiriot
 Hunter, Baird
 Alexandria, Silva
 Lagoa
 Fuhriman DL Nielsen
 Baumgarten, Porter
 MONTANHAS
Petrópolis
 Webb DLZL Reimschuessel
 Burton, McGee
Juiz de Fora
 McIntire DL Hortin
 Rex, Hayes
Teresópolis
 Brown DLBP Jackman
 ESTADO DO RIO
Niterói
 Proctor DLZL Phelps
 Walters, Lass
São Gonçalo
 Graden DL Rishton
 Elggren, Warner
Nova Friburgo
 Zahrt DLBP Wilson
Volta Redonda
 Robertson DL Dance
 IRAJA
Penha
 Thatcher DLZL Lewis, GM
 Johnson, Hindmarsh
Vila Cosmos
 Heaston DL Wangemann
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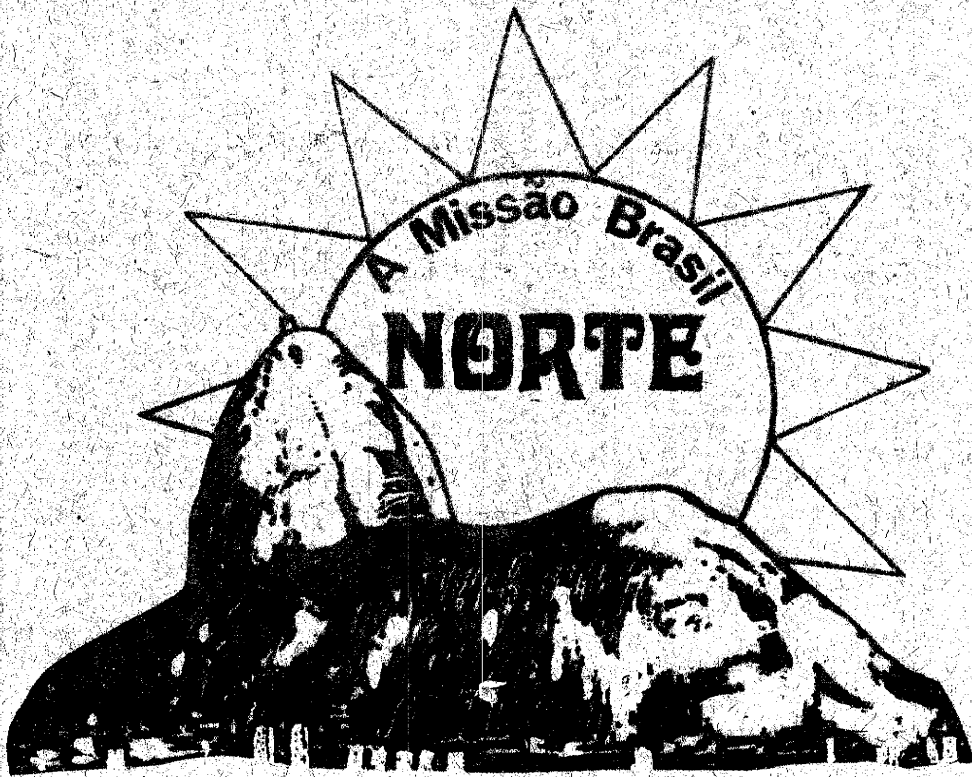
MINAS GERAIS

Belo
 Davis, J, ZL Grimm
Prado
 Baldree DL Christiansen
 Swensen, G, Warcup
Floresta
 Wooters DL Larson
 Barclay, Metcalf
Sete Lagoas
 Echols DL Arnold

REGION THREE

Hammond-Reg Ldr Mendenhall
 DISTRITO FEDERAL
Asa Sul
 Lopes DLZL Biehl
 Broadbent, Joyner
Asa Norte
 Gagon DL Sherman
 Malhorquim, Foster
Taguatinga
 Chlarson DL Stanger, D
 Benedict, Peterson
 GOIAS
Goiania
 Andelin DLZL WYALL
 Welch, Gilgen
Anapolis
 Toone DLBP Armstrong
 Owens, Recksiek
 PERNAMBUCO
Recife
 Southwick DLZL Burlingame
 Stimson, Holley
Boa Viagem
 Allison DL Svedin
 Barney, Lewis, GE
Olinda
 Higley DL Marsh
 Shillig, Crismon
 PARAIBA
João Pessoa
 Thomas DLZL Deuel
 Stanger, Mills
Campina Grande
 Fackrell DL Barnes
 CEARA
Fortaleza
 Taft DLZL Hardesty
 Dissel, Quinn

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