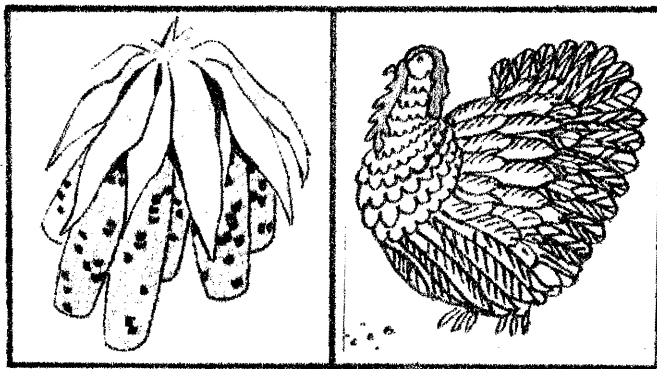


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O DESAFIO
of the Brazil North Mission
November 1972

THANKSGIVING

It is marvelous, Lord, to have open arms
when there are so many disabled.

My perfect eyes,
when there are so many without light.

My voice that sings,
when there are so many in forced silence.

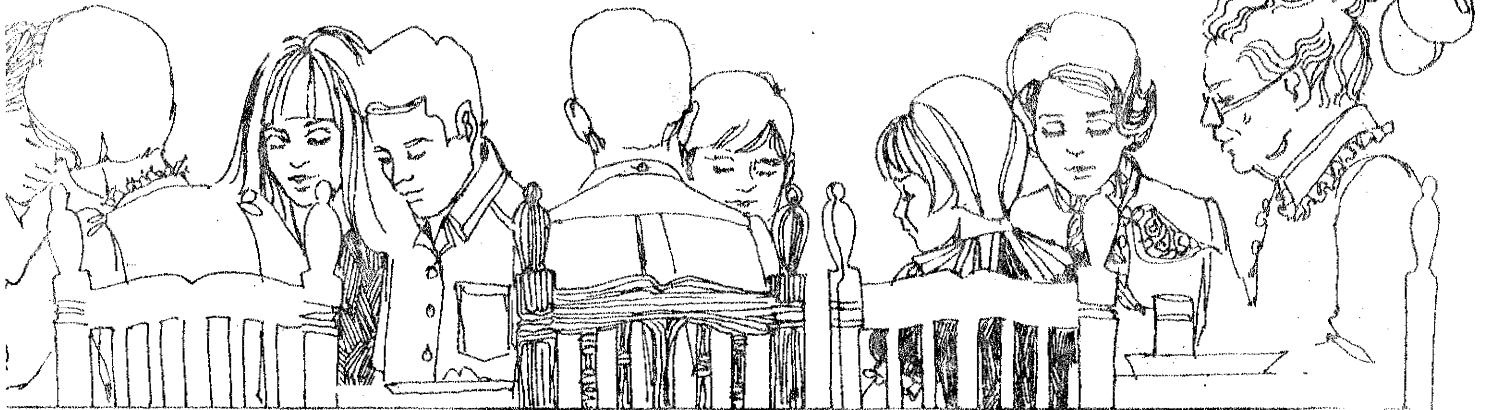
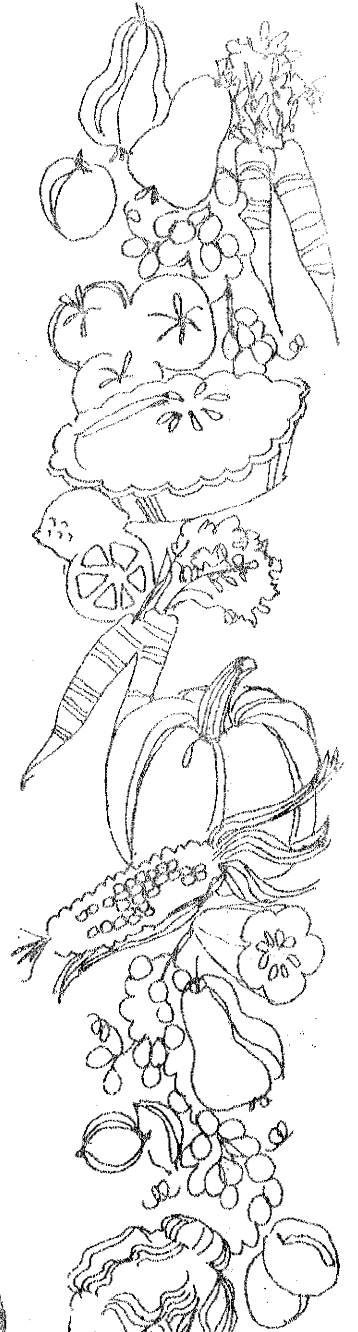
My hands that work,
when there are so many that beg.

It is marvelous to return home,
when there are so many that have no place to go.

It is marvelous to love, live, smile, and dream,
when there are so many that cry, hate, and wallow
in nightmares... and die before they are born.

It is marvelous to have a God to believe in,
when there are so many that do not have the comfort
of a belief.

It is marvelous Lord,
above all else to have so little for which to ask...
and so much for which to be thankful .





Everyone's coming to join in the feast,
Relatives, friends two dozen at least.
There's Uncle Stan and Uncle Jim,
Grandmother, Grandfather, and baby Kim,
The family that just moved in next door,
Three aunts, one nephew, and cousins galore.
It's a time for family, for friends, for love,
And a time for thanksgiving to God above.

President and

Dear Missionaries:

The time has arrived to remind you of the necessity of sacrifice in your missionary lives. We have noticed that those who go the extra-mile, concentrate on the Lord's work and really care about their goals, are those who are most frequently successful.

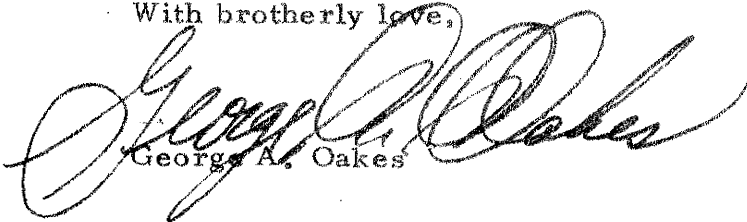
By sacrifice we mean that you give up your time wasting, idle thoughts, late departures from your apartments, early arrivals to your apartments, long meals, over extended member visits and other things of similar nature. In the place of these things you are to teach with power, proselyte with purpose, plan your day efficiently, help your companions, strengthen the members and live the proselyting program.

This is just a reminder for each one of us. We need to periodically re-dedicate ourselves. It is a sad thing for missionaries not to progress daily and weekly. Progress comes through re-evaluation of motives, goals and efforts to fulfill them. Thus, as we remind ourselves of the overall purpose of our being here, we repent where necessary and move forward in spiritual strength and conviction that we are on the right path.

We are here to teach the honest, elect people of this country who repent and desire baptism. We prefer families, because they best strengthen the wards and branches. We hope that in the process, our testimonies will grow, our imperfections will diminish and our Christ-like traits will be accentuated. If this is not happening in our lives, then we must repent, re-dedicate ourselves and commence again to walk the extra-mile. If we will do this, I promise that our dreams of righteousness will be fulfilled, our lives will be happy and our success unlimited.

I pray we will catch the vision of progress and commence again to sacrifice for the Lord, that we may have His spirit to be with us. Someday, we then may be called not only his servants, but also His friends.

With brotherly love,



George A. Oakes

Sister Oakes

Dear Missionaries,

There is no question in my mind that the family is where the greatest teachings take place. The influence of the parents have an eternal effect on the personality, emotional make-up and beliefs of the child. Our religion centers around, in fact exists solely for the benefit of the family. All of the programs of the Church are for the growth and development of the entire family unit.

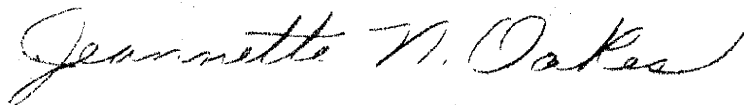
Is it any wonder then, that the emphasis in missionary work throughout the world is 'family baptism'. We want strong converts who can fully benefit from the church's programs and who can contribute without restrictions.

President Wilford Woodruff has said, "It is one of the greatest blessings that God ever bestowed upon children that they had had parents who were in possession of true principles in relation to their Heavenly Father, salvation, eternal life, and were qualified and capable of teaching and traditioning their children in the same that they may be qualified to fulfill the object of their creation. . . . Ninety-nine out of every hundred children who are taught by their parents the principles of honesty and integrity, truth and virtue, will observe them through life."

There are thousands of mothers and fathers here who need these true principles so that they can teach their children. It is our job to teach these people. Begin by teaching the member families that they have the great responsibility to find these parents for you to teach. Show the member families how to find and you'll be surprised how many of them will assist you. You, as a missionary, will be helping the member family toward exaltation as you help them fulfill their obligation to share the gospel with others.

The day is here that was spoken of by Pres. Harold B. Lee, "The day will come when the whole world will come to our doors and will say, "Show us your way that we may walk in your path." Our way is teaching the family correct principles and letting them govern themselves.

Love,



Jeannette N. Oakes

Assistant's Article

"BARRIERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"

Dear Elders and Sisters,

We are engaged in the business of exerting all our strength in bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all those who are ready and willing to accept it. Why? So that they might receive the same happiness that is manifested in us through living the Gospel principles. To help his children remain strong in the faith and consequent heirs of eternal happiness, the Lord has established the "patriarchal order" of whose basic unit is the family.

Since the time of the restoration of the Gospel, the latter-day prophets have constantly counseled us that as a church, our prime responsibility is to edify and teach the family. The Late President Joseph Fielding Smith once stated, "There is no more appropriate place for teaching the Gospel than in the home. Only at home can children learn the nature of family life as authored by our Heavenly Father." In order for the family to feel true heaven in the home, it is necessary that each member sense the true order of patriarchal leadership.

There isn't a missionary in Brazil or any other mission who in his heart does not desire to bring the gospel to complete Priesthood families. I'm sure all of us have noticed that the greatest progress and success accomplished by newly baptized converts occur when they receive and progress in the Gospel as an entire family unit. This is because the family is a unit divinely established by God to help us to gain exaltation in the Celestial Kingdom. There is no other order through which we may become perfect, exalted beings.

As we continue on in our proselyting activities through the month of December, let us remember the importance of finding families with 'chefes' capable of leadership through the Melchizedek Priesthood. Members of Priesthood families who are unified in purpose, form "barriers of righteousness" which are impenetrable to the temptations of Satan. All of us are living in a world in which Satan has cunningly broken down these barriers in many disguised ways. It is my humble prayer that we might use all means within our reach to build up these "barriers of righteousness" here in Brazil.

Elder Andelin

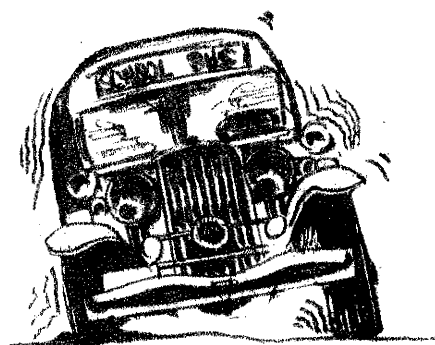
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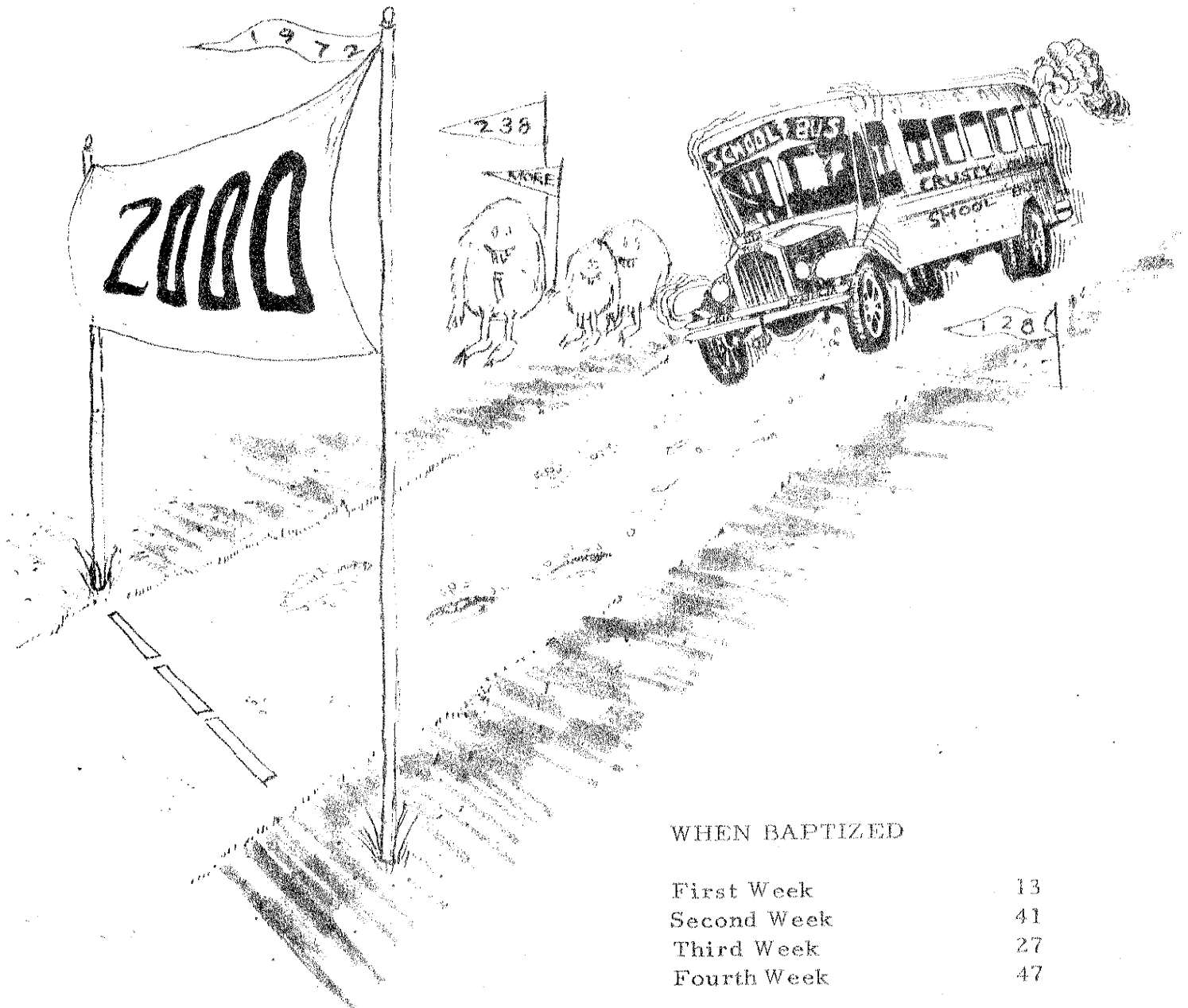
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October--1972

Belo Horizonte	3	Galeão	0
Floresta	9	Ramos	7
Prado	6	ILHA DO GOVERNADOR	7
Sete Lagoas	1		
MINAS GERAIS	19	Campina Grande	4
		João Pessoa	2
Dias da Cruz	13	PARAÍBA	6
Todos os Santos	3		
ENGENHO DE DENTRO	16	Anápolis	2
		Goiânia	1
Jacarepaguá	12	GOIÁS	3
Madureira	2		
CASCADURA	14	Botafogo	2
		Lagoa	0
Grajaú	2	Laranjeiras	0
Vila Isabel	9	JARDIM BÔTÂNICO	2
ANDARAÍ	11		
		Petrópolis	2
Asa Norte	5	Teresópolis	0
Asa Sul	0	Juiz de Fora	0
Taguatinga	6	MONTANHAS	2
DISTRITO FEDERAL	11		
		Villa Velha	1
Penha	9	Vitória	0
Vila Kosmos	1	CAPIXABA	1
IRAJÁ	10		
		Fortaleza	1
Santa Tereza	6	CEARÁ	1
Saenz Peña	4		
TIJUCA	10	Madalena	0
		Boa Viagem	0
Boca do Mato	3	Olinda	0
São Cristóvão	5	PERNAMBUCO	0
MÊIER	8		
Niterói	4		
São Gonçalo	3		
Nova Friburgo	0		
Volta Redonda	0		
ESTADO DO RIO	7		

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HOW FOUND

Member Reference	40
Tracting	35
Street Meeting	7
Bus or Taxi	6
Investigator Ref.	5
Business Contact	2
Street Contact	1
Self Interest	1
Unreported	31

WHEN BAPTIZED

First Week	13
Second Week	41
Third Week	27
Fourth Week	47

WHO BAPTIZED

Men over 20	26
Women over 20	41
<u>Total over 20</u>	<u>67</u>
Men 12 to 20	15
Women 12 to 20	25
<u>Total 12 to 20</u>	<u>40</u>
Boys 8 to 12	5
Girls 8 to 12	14
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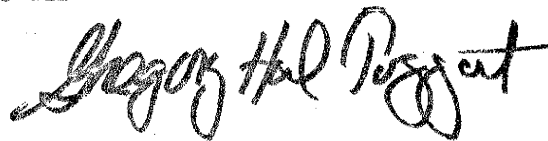
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(As of Nov 13)

Mission Memos

The Lord tells us in D&C 136:27 that "thou shalt be diligent in preserving what thou hast, that thou mayest be a wise steward; for it is a free gift of the Lord thy God, and thou art his steward."

Now Brothers and Sisters I hate to be negative, but you've got to admit, when four checks bounce in two days one begins to worry whether the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will be banking at New York City Bank much longer, in fact we have received such a warning. Please when you write a check make sure of two things: 1. Do you have funds to back the check? (if not, don't write it.) 2. Did you fill the check out right? (if not, do it over again.) These two simple steps will save us all a lot of trouble.



Elders... we suggest that you don't have any more double-knit suits made here in Brasil. We are concerned about the appearance of our missionaries both here in the mission-field and at home. For this reason we recommend that missionaries wait until returning home to buy clothes.

Necessities, however, occasionally arise and, in such cases, we suggest you choose a conservative fabric. If there are any doubts about the fabric you have choosen, please mail a swatch of the material to the mission office for approval.

Remember: Clothes help make the man.



Just a reminder...

Please do not include the word "Elder" in your signature. "Elder" is not part of your legal title and therefore causes much confusion when used on legal documents such as checks and baptismal forms. Please use your full name as registered on your birth certificate.

Please tell your parents, or anyone else mailing packages, to send only packages that value less than US\$5.00. If a value of more than US\$5.00 is declared, an import tax is charged which is often in the neighborhood of Cr\$100.00. We will retrieve any packages sent to us and the missionary will be asked to pay the cost, whatever it may be.

Be sure to keep an accurate and up-to-date inventory of all mission possessions. Mark permanently all furniture and furnishings. The Mission suffers greatly when misunderstandings arise over belongings when missionaries move or are transferred. Please write on this weeks weekly report form whether or not you have complied by marking all articles. Thank you.

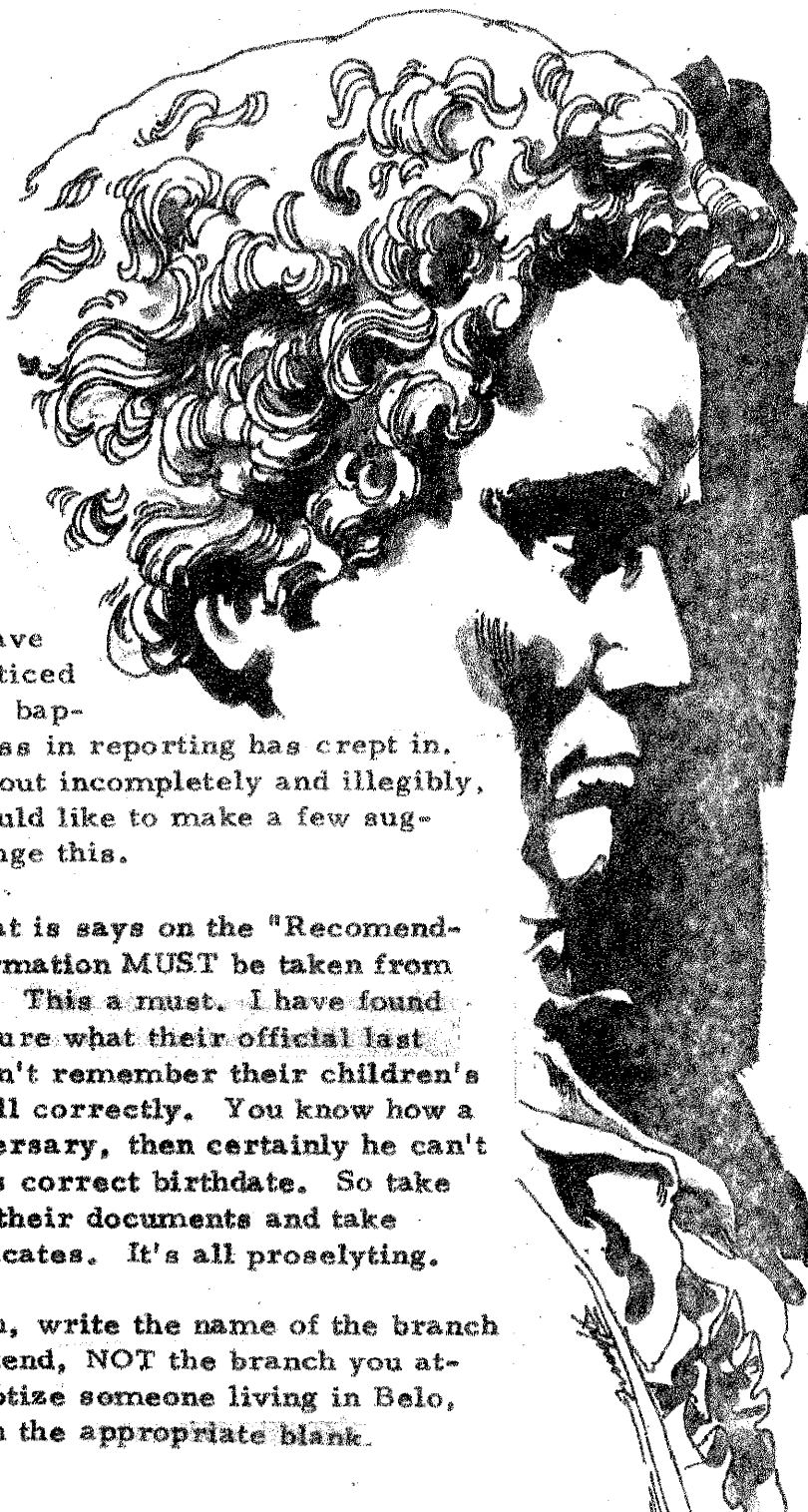
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BAPTISMAL FICHAS

One of the biggest blessings our mission has received in the last few months is a lot of baptisms. However, with every blessing comes certain side effects. For a baptism to really be a baptism it has to be reported accurately and promptly. An Elder can baptize forty golden people in a month, but if he doesn't report those baptisms, one day all those people will have to be baptised again. I have noticed that with our blessing of many baptisms a side effect of sloppiness in reporting has crept in. Many times 'fichas' are filled out incompletely and illegibly, or aren't even turned in. I would like to make a few suggestions about how we can change this.

First of all, you will notice that it says on the "Recomendação do Batismo" that all information **MUST** be taken from birth and wedding certificates. This a must. I have found that many people aren't even sure what their official last name is, and they certainly can't remember their children's birthdates and middle names all correctly. You know how a man forgets his wedding anniversary, then certainly he can't be trusted to tell you his wife's correct birthdate. So take the time to have them pull out their documents and take everything from official certificates. It's all proselyting.

Secondly, where it says branch, write the name of the branch where the new member will attend, **NOT** the branch you attend. If you are in Rio and baptize someone living in Belo, write Belo Horizonte Branch in the appropriate blank.



After you have filled out the form with all the documented names and dates and written the correct branch name; then write at the bottom of the ficha: 1) the name of your district, 2) the two Elders to whom the baptism belongs, 3) how found, 4) complete or incomplete family, and 5) whether it's a child or convert baptism. If it's child then write clearly that it is and don't count it in your district totals. (A child baptism is anyone 8-12 years old where one or both parents have been members for more than 4 months.) Please include these five pieces of information, if not your Desafio statistics page won't be any good.

The most important step is to make sure all your 'fichas' get to your Zone Leader directly after the baptismal service. Don't give them to the Mission Office, the Branch President, or anyone, just your Zone Leader. He is directly responsible for them.

Your Zone Leaders will make absolutely sure that each complete pink copy will get in the hands of the Branch President where your new member will be going to church. Remember, timing is essential in all this. The fichas should be in our office and in the Branch President's office within three days after the baptismal service.

I know that if we follow these simple steps, filling out our forms completely and accurately and putting them in the right hands on time, we will demonstrate our worthiness for even more baptisms and we really will be those sharp Elders we all admire.

A WORD TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT

Alan R. Andersen



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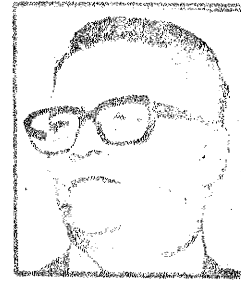
Just a line to remind you that Salt Lake wants a complete district history for each month so please send them in. If nothing happened in your district one month then write nothing happened and send it in so we can know. If you don't have the district history forms, notify me, Elder Andersen, Mission Historian and I'll send you some right away.



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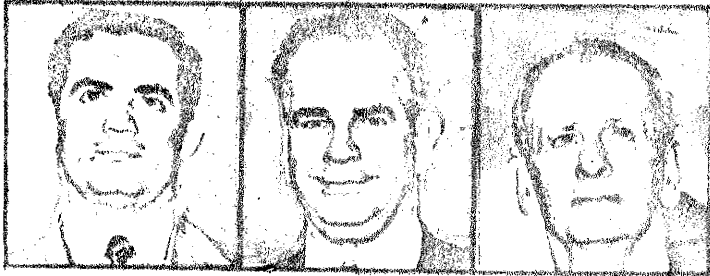
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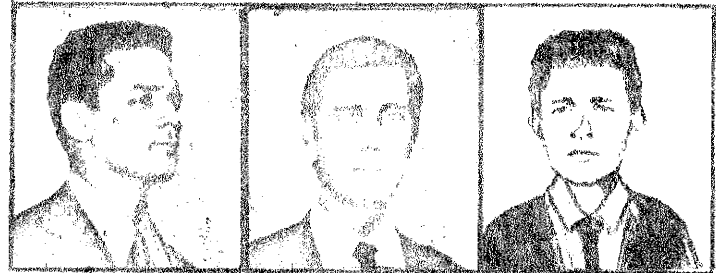
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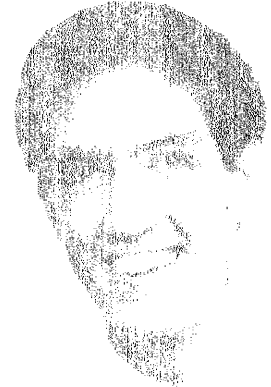
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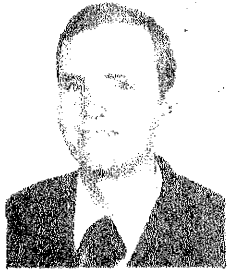
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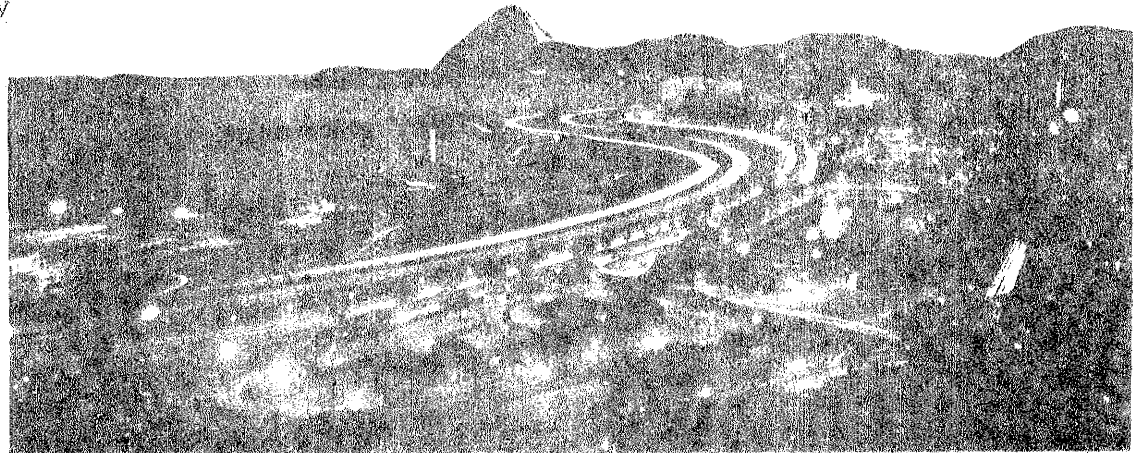
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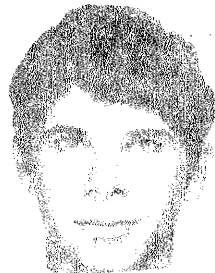
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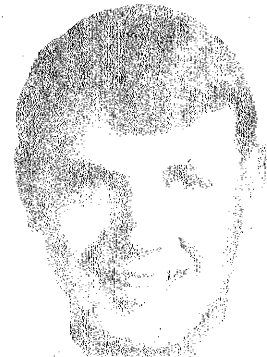
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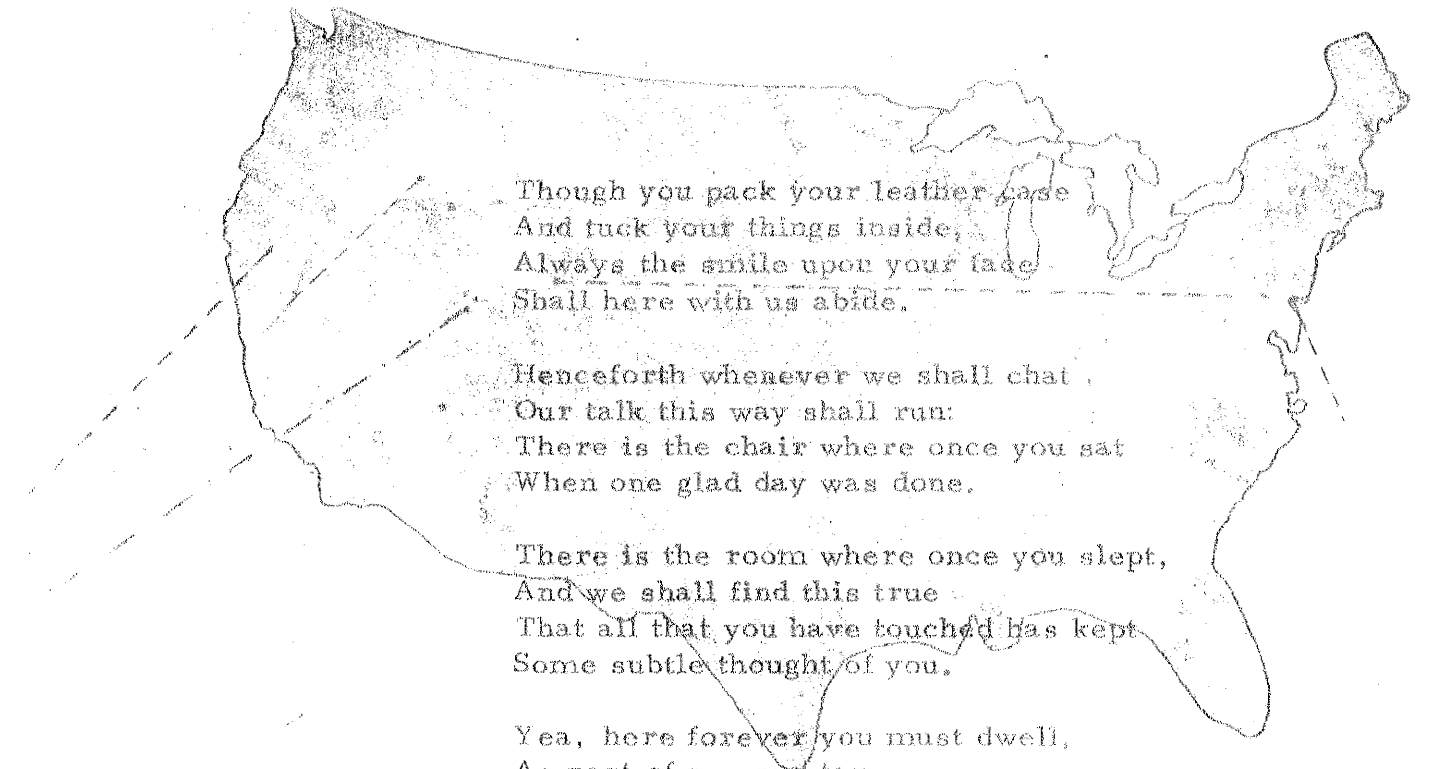
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Release Date:

November 3



Though you pack your leather case
And tuck your things inside,
Always the smile upon your face
Shall here with us abide.

Henceforth whenever we shall chat,
Our talk this way shall run:
There is the chair where once you sat
When one glad day was done.

There is the room where once you slept,
And we shall find this true
That all that you have touched has kept
Some subtle thought of you.

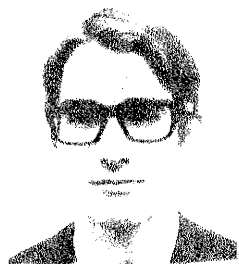
Yea, here forever you must dwell,
As part of us you stay,
And though too soon you say farewell
You do not go away.



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Olsen DLZL Roberts

Mills, Davis, R

Grajaú

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Barzee, Dyches

CAPIXABA

Vitória

Thiriote DLZL Brannen

Smith, Sargent

CASCADURA

Jacarépaguá

Webb DLZL Dixon

Elggren, Potter

Madureira

Giblette DL Hardesty

Foster, Ennes

ÊNGENHO DO DENTRO

Todos os Santos

Wiggins DLZL Deuel

Silva, Malhorquim

Dias da Cruz

Fackrell DL Arnold

Gaertner, Armstrong

MEIER

São Cristóvão

Hall DLZL Robinson

Forsyth, Hafen

Boca do Mato

Stanger, L, DL Sherman

Swenson, G, Recksiek

TIJUCA

Santa Tereza

Wooters DLZL Hindmarsh

Maughan, Hymas

Saenz Pena

Allison DL Booth

Enger, Cordeiro

REGION TWO

Carver - Assistant

ESTADO DO RIO

Niterói

Proctor DLZL Phelps

Nova Friburgo

Fuzeto DLBP Wangemann

São Gonçalo

Packard DL Reimschuessel

Milner, Warner

Volta Redonda

Robertson, DL Dance

ILHA DO GOVERNADOR

Ramos

Echols ZLDL Kreitlein

Walters, Chatfield

Galeão

Graden DL Clarke

Henrie, Boswell

IRAJA

Penha

Furness DLZL Metcalf

Keller, Wilson

Vila Cosmos

Higginson, Rich

Burton, Potter

JARDIM BOTÂNICO

Botafogo

Chlarson DLZL Baird

McCurdy - Sister's Progr.

McGee - Asst. Sec.

Lagoa

Farnsworth DL Nielsen

Welch, Porter

MINAS GERAIS

Belo

Thatcher ZL Underwood

Prado

Edwards DL Christiansen

Rex, Warcup

Floresta

Ehat DL Larson

Sorensen, Hayes

Sete Lagoas

Wilford DL Bradshaw

REGION THREE

Frei - Assistant

Svedin Co-Assistant

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Asa Sul

Lopes DLZL Biehl

Asa Norte

Gagon DL Richards

Joyner, Lass

Taguatinga

Benedict DL Peterson

Wood, Stanger, D

GOIAS

Goiânia

Thomas DLZL Wyall

Baumgarten, Gilgen,

Anapolis

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Fortaleza

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Wing DLZL Miller

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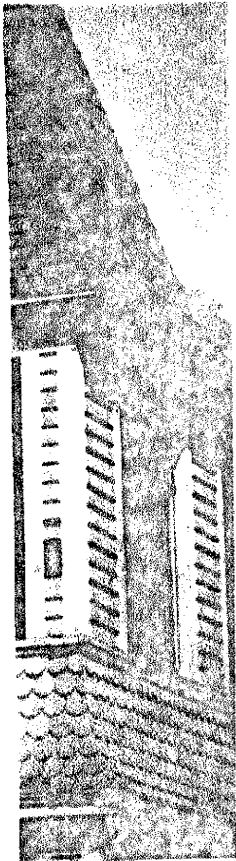
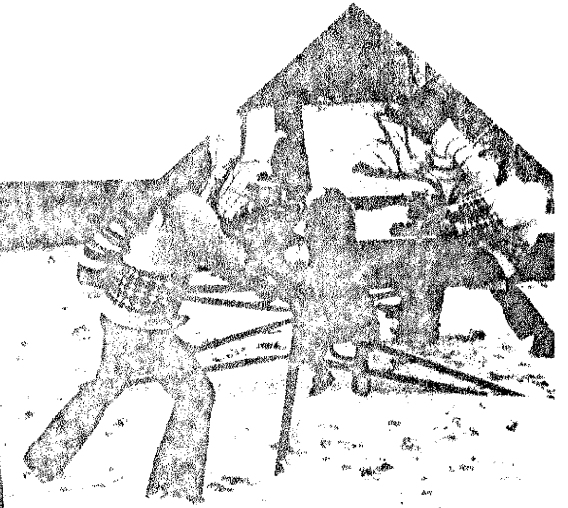
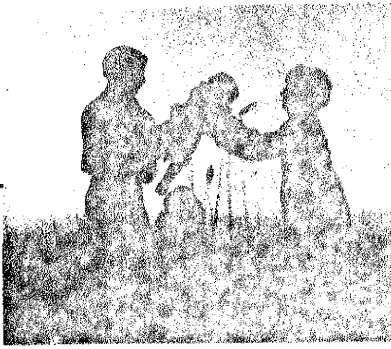
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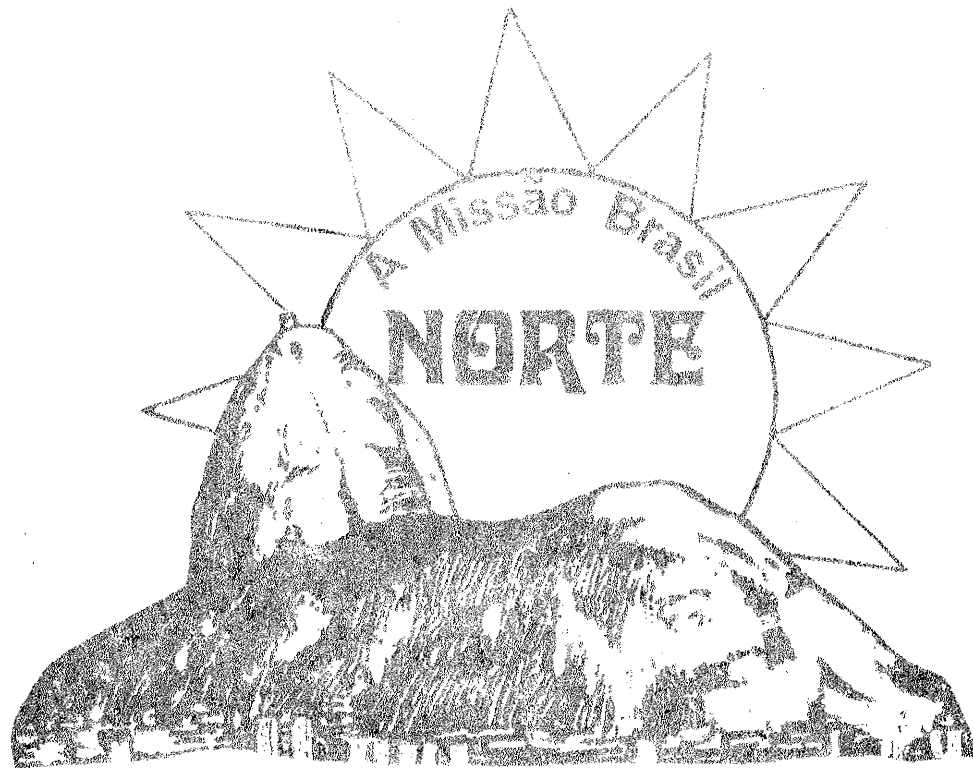




"The focus of our missionary attention is on families--and we do this by working through the father. He is the head of the family. Our message is designed to unify his family. He will be given the Priesthood to bless his family. The Church will give him an opportunity to develop, and it will make him a better man. We want families and we want them through to fathers."

President A. Theodore Tuttle





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