

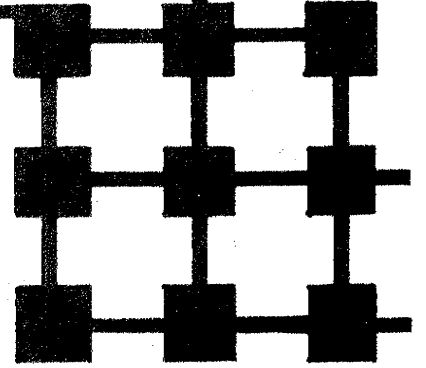
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of the Brazil North Mission
January 1973

Annual

Stanley Joseph Preston
Delco, Idaho

January 11, 1973



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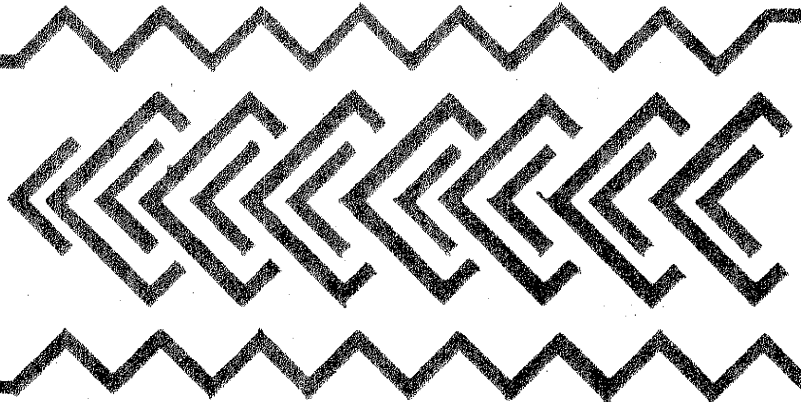
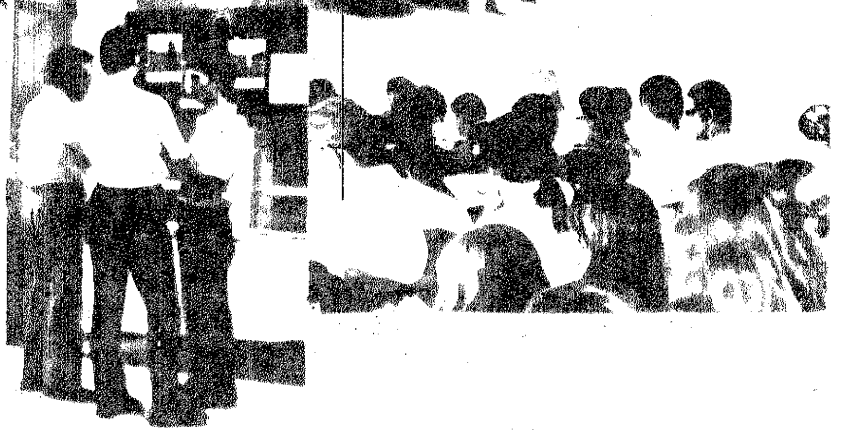
Year Full of Opportunity

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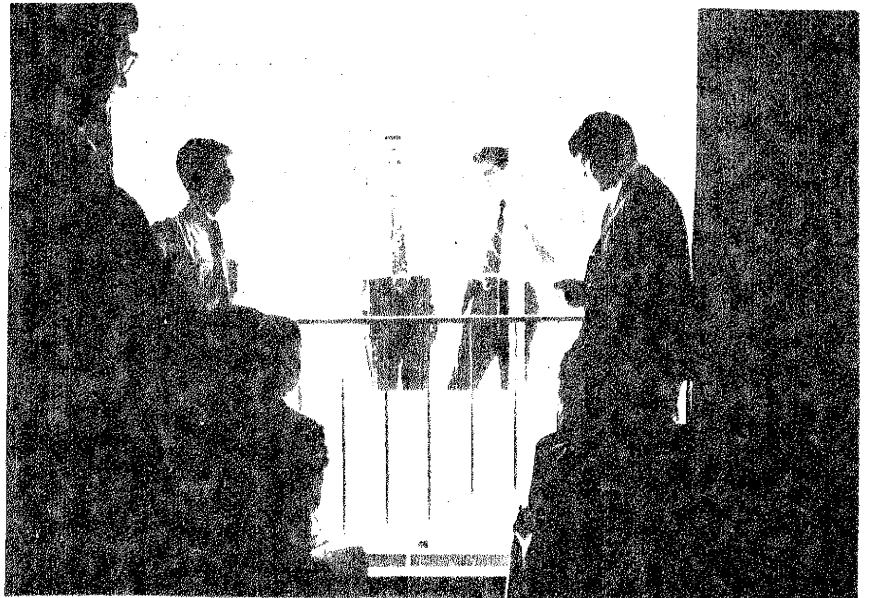




to teach



and
to baptize



Dear Missionaries:

We speak with the lip, and we dream in the soul
Of some better and fairer day.
And our days, the meanwhile, to that golden goal
Are gliding and sliding away.

Anonymous

1973 brings us many new days and hope that they will not glide and slide away unused or misused. Our resolve for this year is to make every day, hour, minute and second purposeful. We hope to place our love, confidence and efforts in the Lord and at his disposal. We wish to be effective instruments in his hands. Thus, we must repent of the sins which weaken us. We must take inventory of ourselves and decide what should stay and be increased and what should go, never to return.

It is an exciting and inspiring thing to have a whole new year, with bright and shiny new days. It is wonderful to live, breath, think and act freely, making each day what we want to make it. How sad it is if we are prisoners of sin, bound by unwise words and actions. If we find ourselves bound, we must free ourselves from the grasp of Satan and we must freely give ourselves to the Lord, who is the author of free agency in this world and many others too.

It is my desire that we can make the best use of our time and talents in the Lord's work so that we may bring joy and happiness into the homes of the people we love and serve. As we give ourselves in service to them, we will find our true self and we will be free to enjoy all things the Lord has for us. But, if we selfishly hide our talents and waste our time, we will not fulfill the covenants we made with the Lord, and thus, he is not bound. What a loss, to lose the blessings of the Lord because we were unwise servants. I continually pray that this will never happen to you or me or another member of our family. I pray, as the days pass we will not let them slide and glide by, but that we will use them up in service to others.

Sincerely,

George A. Baker



Dear Missionaries:

The year is closed, the record made
The last deed done, the last word said,
The memory alone remains
Of all its joys, its griefs, its gains
And now with purpose full and clear,
We turn to meet another year.

As we missionaries begin a new year in the greatest work on earth we need to evaluate our success and failures of the past. This is a good time to "take stock" or make an inventory of the past twelve months. The Lord has blessed us beyond our natural abilities. Irregardless of heat, the high lineage, etc. there are many new and fine families in the Church.

May I remind you that in order to achieve success this coming year... once again we must unite, all together, every single one in the purpose of bringing the Gospel to families. Each one of us must strive to gain power through righteousness, through obedience by practicing the principles that we know to be true.

Over a year ago Elder Boyd K. Packer visited Rio for a day on his way to South Africa. I had the occasion to take him downtown to Rio Branco during the noon hour. As we walked through the crowd he stopped to just observe and then he said, "These people seem to have lots of urgent business." The men were darting here and there, almost running, hardly waiting for signals to change. Then he said, "These people have snap."

This ought to be said about all of us. From 6:30 a. m. when we rise to 10:30 p. m. when you go to bed, you've got to have snap. "Snap" is purpose. It is seen in a person who has a well-planned, efficient day. I can say that the

Church has given me many purposes each day. A number of years ago I began using a daily reminder to list the things I had to do. As each job is done, I check it off. It's fun to dart from one job to the next, it's fun to see the list diminish, it's rewarding to go to bed knowing I've accomplished each day.

Use your planning session time well. Use your planning cards, use your black books. Fill your days with purpose. A snappy mission



is one full of missionaries on the move, with assignment challenges, self-set goals and a desire to please the Lord. Even when this type of missionary just sits around, it's with a purpose, he is meditating. Preparation day also must reflect snap or planned activities.

And now, with these things in mind...

With purpose full and clear,

We turn to meet another year.

I love you,

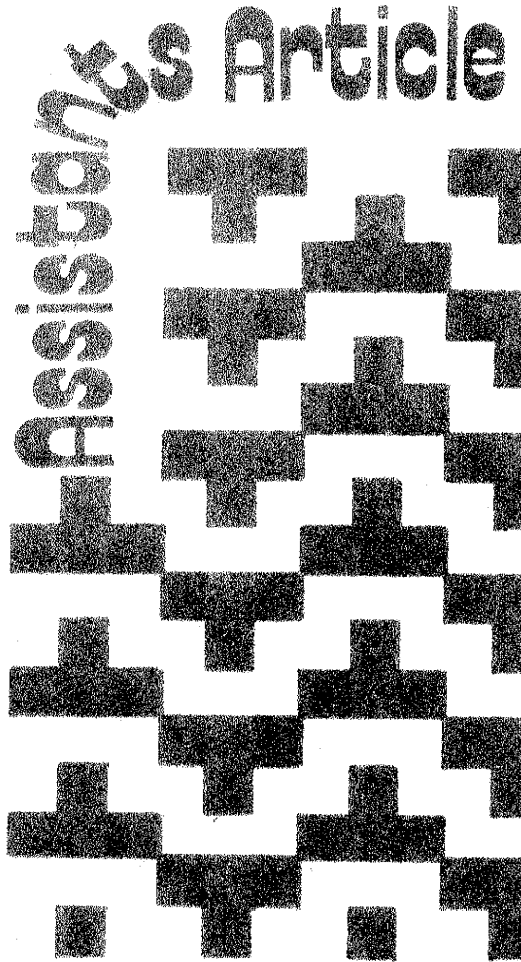
Jeanette N. Oaker

Dear Elders and Sisters:

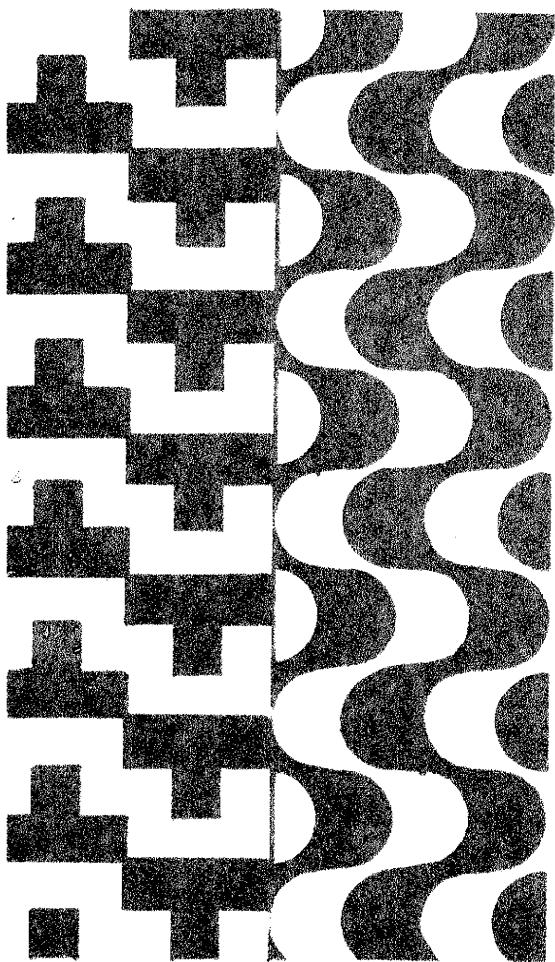
During the 1972 year, we, the servants of the Lord, witnessed one of the greatest miracles ever performed in missionary work. The Lord led this mission is attaining our baptismal goal of 2,000. We ended the year with a total of 2,020 baptisms. This was better than the mission has ever done and is right in line with the progression of the mission. In 1970, the mission baptized 772 people and in 1971, 801. So we can see that we are a progressing mission.

Our mission is based on true principles as set forth in the Doctrine and Covenants. We believe in the promises which the Lord has given us in the scriptures and more important we hold the Lord to his promises through our actions. We work hard when it's time to work and we play hard when it's time to play. We have learned the be "CRUSTY" or diligent under all conditions. By doing this we have proven the Lord and seen him work mighty miracles among ourselves and our brethren, the Brazilian People. In the Book of Mormon we read the conditions necessary for God to work these miracles.

And who shall say that Jesus Christ did not many mighty miracles? And there were many mighty miracles wrought by the hands of the apostles. And if there were miracles wrought then, why has



God ceased to be a God of miracles and yet be an unchangeable Being? And behold, I say unto you he changeth not; if so he would cease to be God; and he ceaseth not to be God, and is a God of miracles. And the reason why he ceaseth to do miracles among the children of men is because that they dwindle in unbelief, and depart from the right way, and know not the God in whom they should trust. Behold, I say unto you that whoso believeth in Christ, doubting nothing, whatsoever he shall ask the Father in the name of Christ it shall be granted him; and this promise is unto all, even unto the ends of the earth. (MORMON 9: 18-21)



Here we read that God is unchangeable and that he is capable of working miracles if we will believe in Christ, and not doubt that we shall receive. Whether we realized it or not at the time, we fulfilled the conditions of this promise during the past year and in doing so, we were able to receive answers to our prayers because we had faith that we would receive.

Now if we look at the baptismal figures for the last few years in this light, we see a continual increase in faith instead of only an increase in numbers. This being the case, we should have no problem in continuing to build the faith and power necessary for reaching the 1973 goal of 2,400. I know that we can reach this goal if we will continue the hard work, and continue always to consider the will of the Lord in all the things which we do. I hope that we will be justified in all our actions so that we can be sanctified by Christ. Remember that one of Christ's greatest teachings is "The Kingdom of God is within you."

"The world stands out on either side
No wider than the heart is wide;
Above the world is stretched the sky;
No higher than the soul is high."

Millay

I pray that we as a mission will open our minds and continue reaching out to help our brothers for the glory of God.

Sincerely,

John Carver

REGION ONE

Hall - Assistant
 Boswell - Co-Assistant
 ANDARAÍ

Vila Isabel
 Shillig DLZL, Warcup
 Grajau
 Walters DL, Brannen
 Phelps, Krietlein

CARIXABA

Vitória
 Hunter DL, Dyches
 Smith BP, Hymas

CASCADURA

Jacarepauá
 Dunn ZL, Sargent
 Madureira
 Robeck DL, Hayes
 Ennes, Malhorquim
 Vila Vaqueira
 Dance DL, Peterson
 Silva, McGee

MEIER

Boca do Mato
 Allison DLZL, Gilgen
 Sherman, Larson
 São Cristóvão
 Welch DL, Lewis, GM
 Mills, Deuel

TIJUCA

Santa Tereza
 Edwards DLZL, Hindmarsh
 Maughan, Recksiek
 Saenz Peña
 Gaertner DL, Rich
 Joyner, Cordeiro

Wangemann, recuperating

STAFF

Hansen, Secretary
 Thiriot, in training
 Andersen, Historian
 Taggart, Accountant
 Tresnak, Editor/Comm.

Thatcher, Programmer
 Milner

REGION TWO

Carver - Assistant
 Dixon - Co-Assistant
 ESTADO DO RIO

Niterói
 Packard DLZL, Porter
 Nova Friburgo
 Fuzeto BP, Lewis, GE
 Volta Redonda
 Roberts, Biehl

ILHA DO GOVERNADOR

Ramos
 Farnsworth DLZL, Potter
 Galeao
 Barzee, Chatfield

IRAJA

Penha
 Furness DLZL, Christiansen
 Nielsen, Wilson
 Vila Cosmos
 Keller DL, Crismon
 Burton, Andrade

JARDIM BOTANICO

Botafogo
 Dissel DLZL, Svedin
 Lagoa
 Enger DL, Arnold

MINAS GERAIS

Floresta
 Olsen DLZL, Reimchussel
 McCurdy, Marcia
 Prado
 Rex DL, Hardesty
 Robinson, Underwood
 Sete Lagoas
 Armstrong DL, Bradshaw

MONTANHAS

Petropolis
 Echols DLZL, Jackman
 Clarke, Marsh
 Terezopolis
 Nassar BP, Rishton
 Juiz de Fora
 Booth, Preston
 Foster, Potter

REGION THREE

Lopes - Assistant
 Grimm - Co-Assistant
 DISTRITO FEDERAL

Asa Sul
 Benedict DLZL, Lass
 Asa Norte
 Abraham, Baird
 Taguatinga
 Wood DL, Richards
 Stanger D., Davis

GOIAS

Goiânia
 Stanger DLZL, Wyal
 Baumgarten, O'Brien
 Anapolis
 Barclay DL, Warner

PARAIBA

João Pessoa
 Fuhriman DLZL, Hafen
 Elggen, Burlingame
 Campina Grande
 Amato DL, Hortin

CEARA

Fortaleza
 Metcalf, Carey

PERNAMBUCO

Olinda
 Wing ZL, Miller
 Recife
 Barney DL, Holley
 Mendenhall, Robinson
 Boa Viagem
 Wilford DL, Quinn
 Wiscombe, Barnes

THE B.N.M.

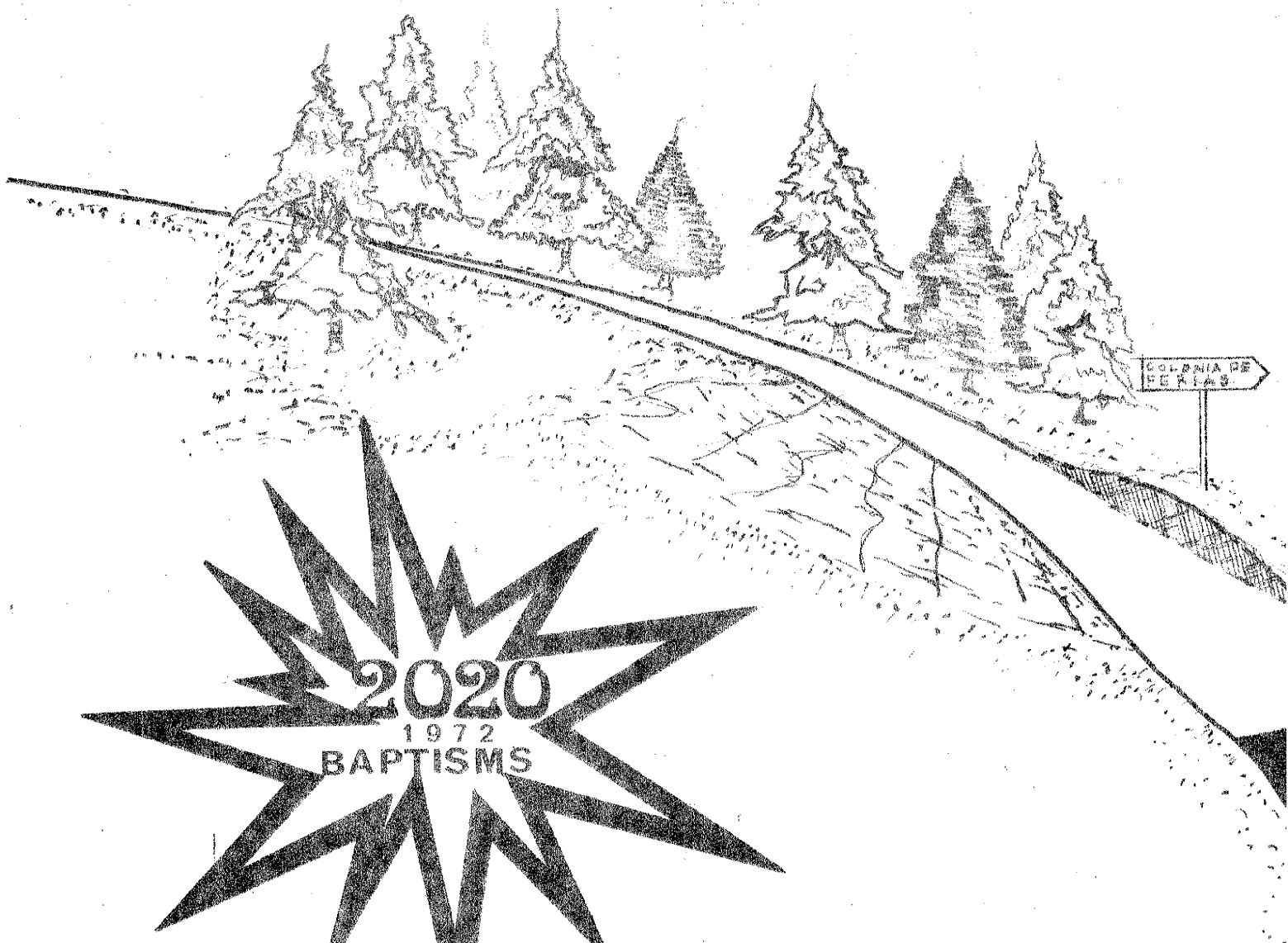




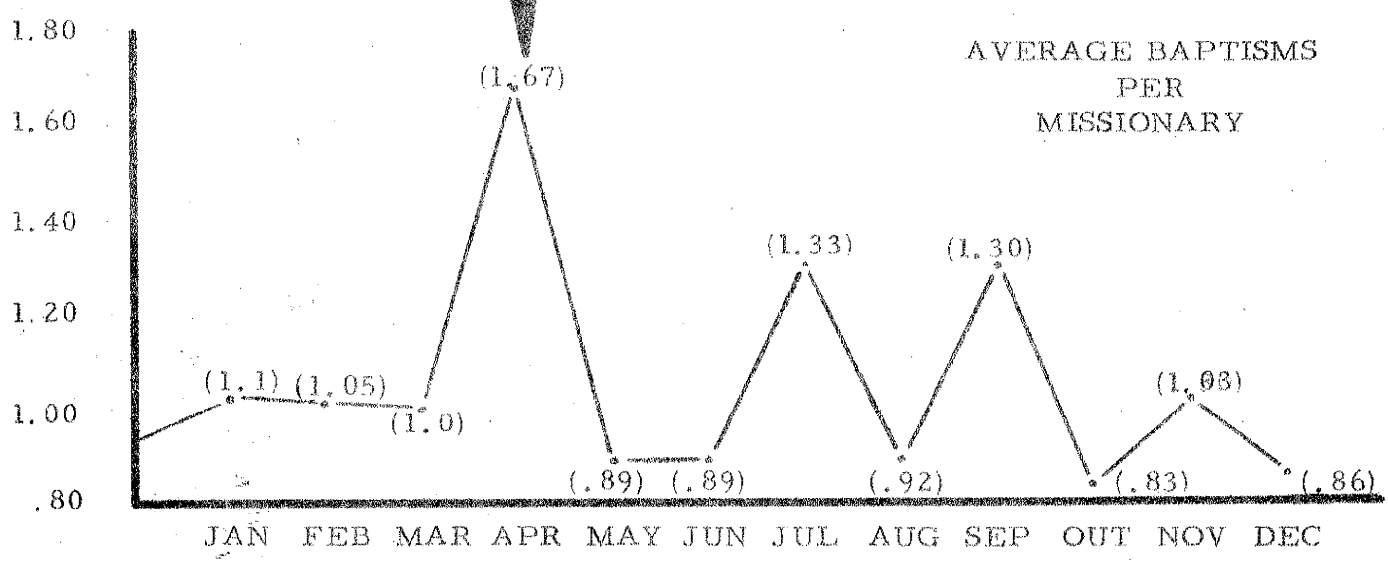
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IRAJÁ	16
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Vila Isabel	3
ANDARAÍ	10
Taguatinga	7
Asa Norte	1
Asa Sul	1
DISTRITO FEDERAL	9
Goiânia	6
Anápolis	3
GOIÁS	9
Floresta	5
Prado	3
Sete Lagoas	0
MINAS GERAIS	8
Botafogo	5
Lagoas	2
Laranjeiras	0
JARDIM BOTANICO	7
São Cristóvão	6
Boca Do Mato	1
MEÍER	7

Saenz Peña	6
Santa Tereza	1
TIJUCA	7
Vitória	4
Vila Velha	0
CAPIXABA	4
Campina Grande	4
João Pessoa	0
PARAÍBA	4
Ramos	1
Galeão	0
ILHA DO GOVERNADOR	1
Petrópolis	1
Juiz de Fora	0
Teresópolis	0
MONTANHAS	1
Boa Viagem	1
Recife	0
Olinda	0
PERNAMBUCO	1
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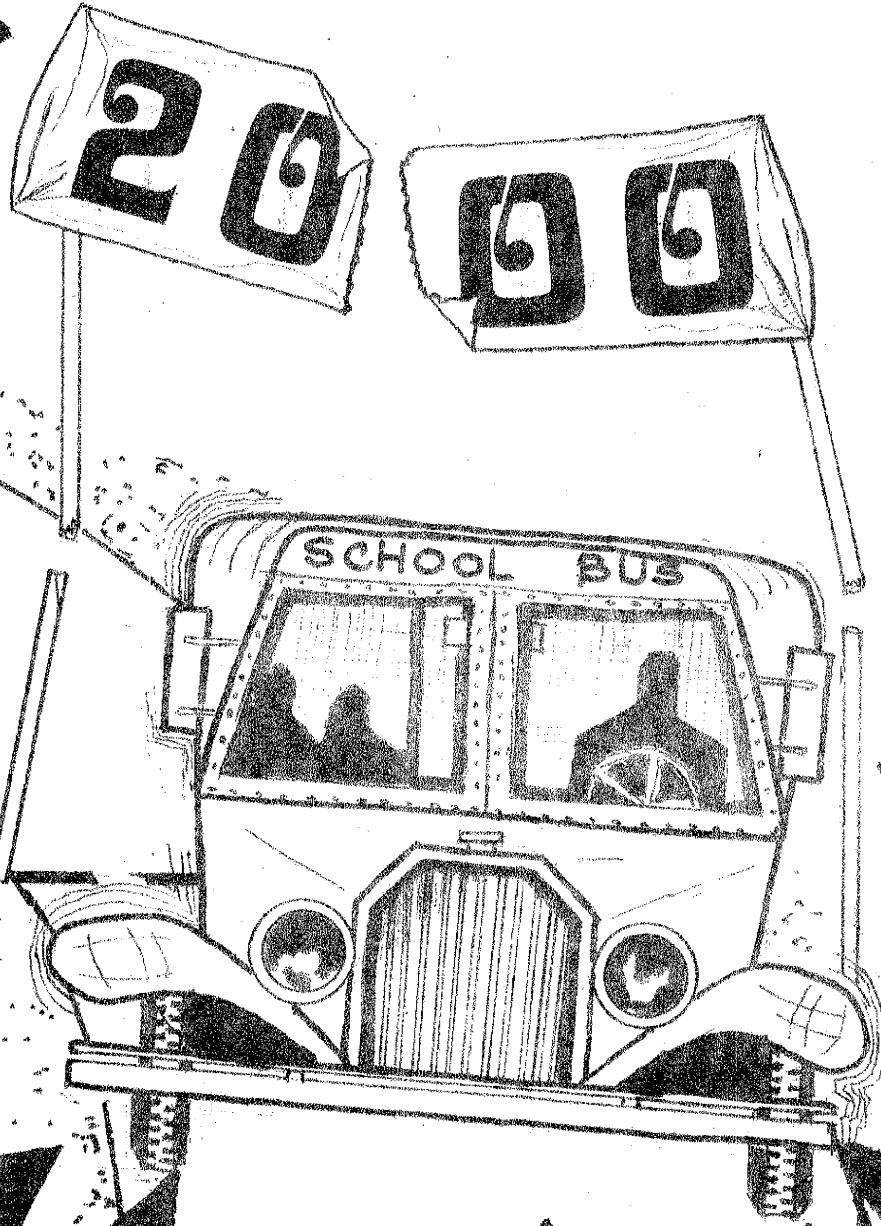
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BAPTISMS



(As of Jan. 12)

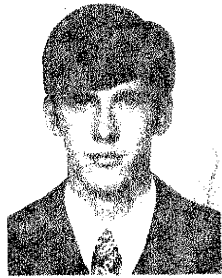
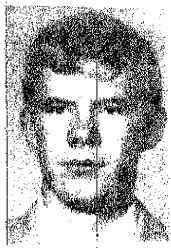
Men over 20	23
Women over 20	32
<u>Total over 20</u>	<u>55</u>
Men 12 to 20	18
Women 12 to 20	18
<u>Total 12 to 20</u>	<u>36</u>
Boys 8 to 12	10
Girls 8 to 12	9
<u>Total 8 to 12</u>	<u>19</u>

WHO BAPTIZED



WHEN BAPTIZED

First Week	16
Second Week	24
Third Week	16
Fourth Week	32
Fifth Week	24



100% IN PROGRAMS

(Level III, Book of Mormon,
and Nov. pass-off)
Elder Farnsworth
Elder Baird
Elder Arnold

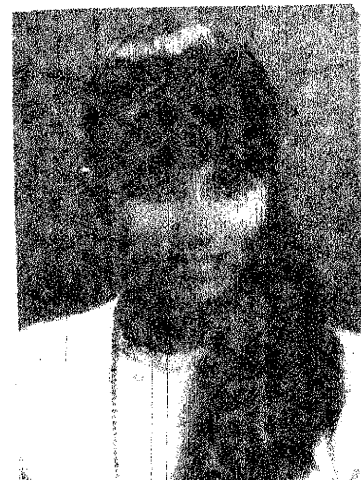
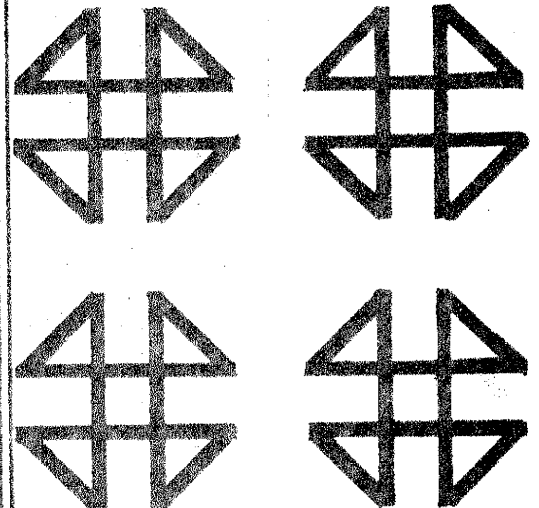
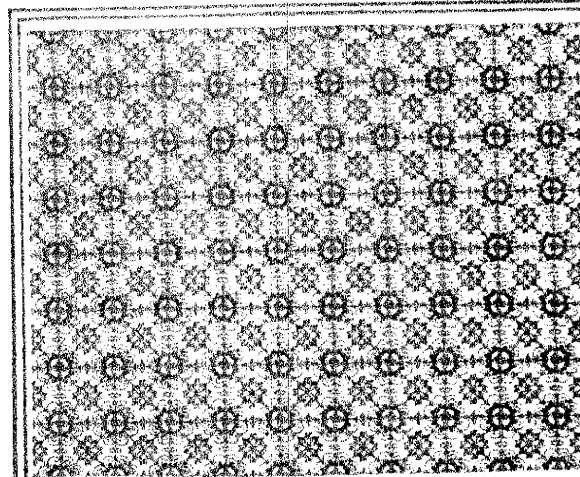
HOW FOUND

Tracting	36
Member Reference	32
Investigator Reference	7
Street Meeting	6
Stake Miss. Reference	5
Ref. (from other)	
missionaries	5
Business Contact	3
Street Contact	1
Not reported	17



BEST HOURS

Elder Dunn	400
Elder Elggren	396
Elder Deuel	392
Elder Welch	392
Elder Gaertner	389
Elder Metcalf	388



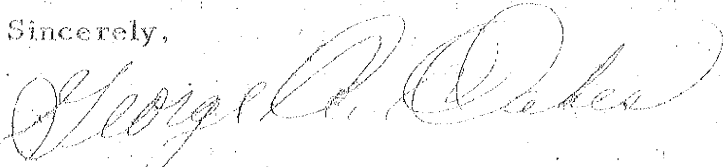
BEST LESSONS.

Sister Silva	111
Sister Malhorquim	111
Elder Dunn	106
Elder Elggren	85
Elder Deuel	83

Dear Missionaries:

I would like to bring your attention to a rule which concerns missionary dress on preparation day. On preparation day we are to wear the usual missionary clothing, white shirt and tie or dress for sisters, unless we are going to work or play in some activity which requires other clothing. If we are going to work or play in such an activity, we should take the appropriate clothing with us to the place of the activity and change there. There are only two exceptions to this: 1.) when there is not any place to change, we may change at home before leaving for the activity and 2.) exceptions cleared by the mission president.

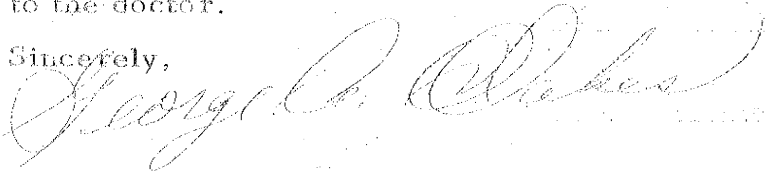
Sincerely,



Dear Missionaries:

Please remember to call into the mission office before coming in so that we may expedite the time you take. Also call the doctor before going to visit him to assure that your time in travel is not wasted. Pay your bills at the time of your visit to the doctor.

Sincerely,



FLASH

IT'S A GIRL! We have a new baby sister:

DEBRA ELIZA OAKES born January 11, 1973
in Nova Friburgo, Estado do Rio, Brasil
at 2:45 PM. Weight: 5 lbs 11 ozs Length: 19 inches

Brethren,

"Make every occasion a great occasion for you know not when someone is taking your measure for a higher place in life."

I would like to remind you once again that bounced checks mean wasted time for you, me and the New York City Bank. Since last month four more checks have bounced because of lack of funds or bad signatures. This can't continue. It reflects badly on the Church, causes unneeded confusion and may eventually lead to losing the many privileges we enjoy at City Bank. For example, in Belo and Brasília the elders are charged NC \$10,00 for each check cashed. We don't have that charge here in Rio, YET. Also we have arrangements with City Bank so that elders, when returning home, can purchase American currency. We only have to take our passport and cambio slips to the bank and if you desire you can purchase



memos

currency on this basis: 80% of currency in travelers' checks and 20% in greenbacks. Remember that this is a courtesy provided by the bank and is not a common practice. Also, next time you are at the bank, note how much trouble most other people go through to cash a dollar check. There is a difference. When it comes right down to it, we have a pretty good set-up. Please don't be the "straw to break the camel's back". If you're in a bind, contact the mission office and we'll do our darndest to help you.

Here are three precautions that should be taken: 1. Have your parents set up your account so you will always have this month's check + US\$120 (or whatever you cash for per month). 2. Never write a check hoping that the money will be in the bank when the check gets there. Make sure it's there first. 3. Make sure the check is filled out right, signature and everything else. These steps will save you a lot of trouble. And once again, please be carefull.

New Policy: From now on you will be required to show your carteira when cashing at the bank, so they can tell from which mission you came.

Same Old Policy: The mission pays NCr\$100,00 on all LEITO trips to and from the north, no more, no less.

Rejuvenated Policy: No elders' checks will be cashed at the mission home, from our safe. It is against church policy. (You may, however, pay bills by check.

Fire Sale: We have new "pastas" in stock going at "baratinho" prices.
NCr\$178 for the large expandable type
NCr\$176 for the attache case
NCr\$136 for the small zip-around style

All have maps of Brasil. Hurry while the supply lasts.

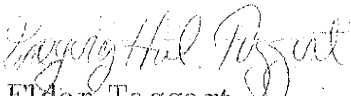
From Salt Lake: "Sales of literature and supplies from the mission commissary should be on a cash basis only." Which means that from now on all money due will be in our hands before any piece of literature, Book of Mormon, or special book leaves the office, this includes packages also.

Mais Um: You still must have authorization from President Oakes to buy bedding, etc. for the mission. We must receive 2 bids or "orgamentos" before any authorization to buy will be given.

E Mais: When paying a debt by check, make it payable to George A. Oakes.

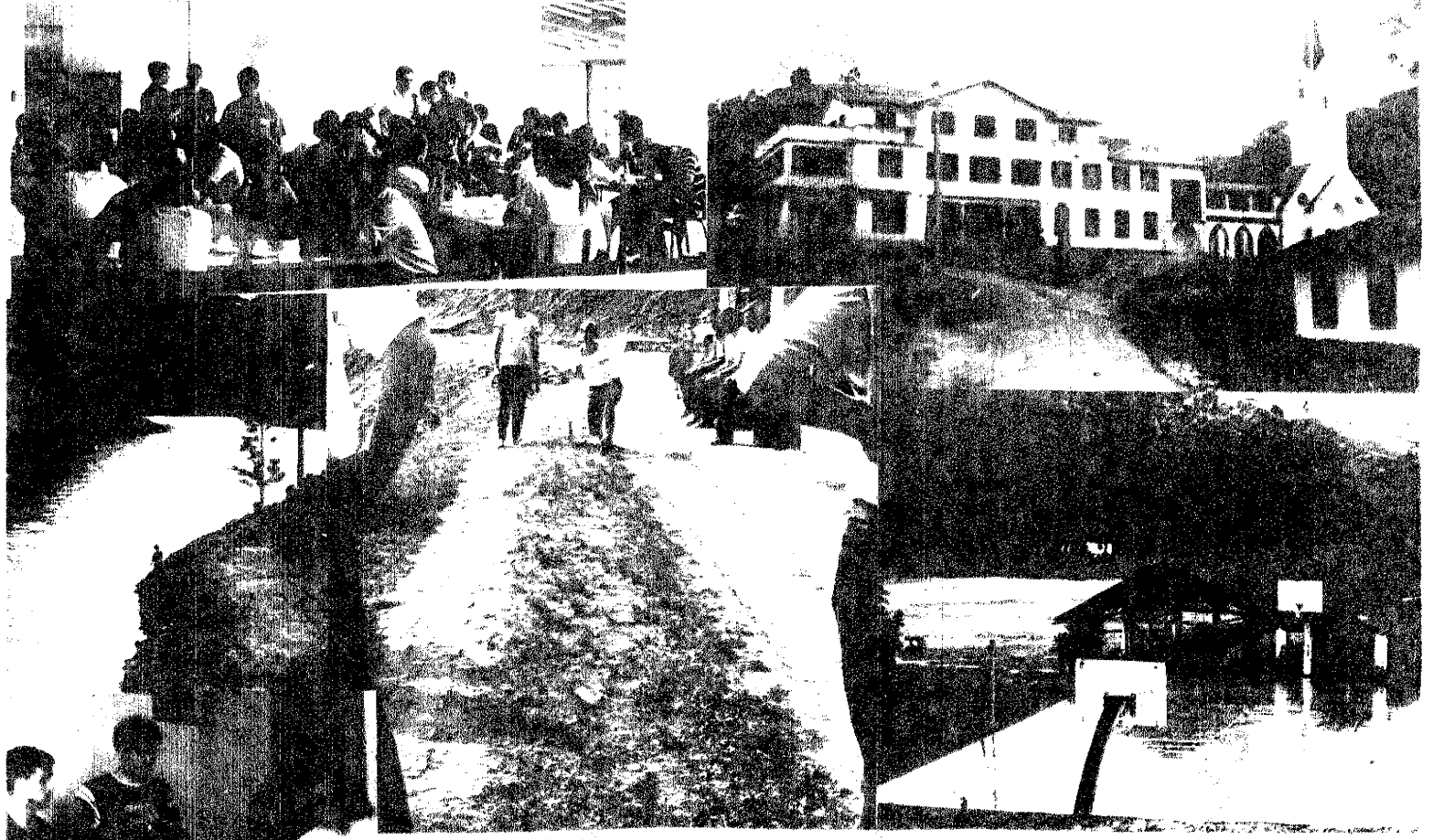
Thanks for your attention.

Love,



Elder Taggart

Accountant



Conference

True Crust... that's the only way to describe the January 1st Missionary Conference held at the Colonia de Ferias Santa Barbara in the Estado do Rio. An evening of rededication and self-evaluation was highlighted by President Oakes' talk about the life of Jesus Christ and a special sacrament meeting. A baptismal goal of 2400 was accepted. The rustic chapel and hotel surroundings provided the ideal atmosphere for the crusty Brasil North missionaries. The Assistants felt that the straw mattresses and straw pillows were a welcome change from the hard-wood floors they sleep on while working with their zones. Everyone enjoyed the quiet peaceful night in the mountains. The next day's activities included horse-shoes, fishing, ping pong, chess, and futebol de salão. Elder Olsen, Elder Walters, and the Oakes children proved their angling ability by catching several "whoppers" with nothing but a bamboo pole. Elder Kreitlein serenaded us. Elder Dance demonstrated Brasil North Mission persistence as he accidentally fell into a pool of water while fielding a fly ball during a game of over-the-line. Patience with a smile was shown by all when the food was late. And the spirit of "Crust" culminated in a "Mud Bowl" football game including President Oakes which ended in a 26 to 26 tie. After a day and a half of conference and activities, we all walked to the buses which were stuck in the mud down the road. A crusty ending to a perfect conference.





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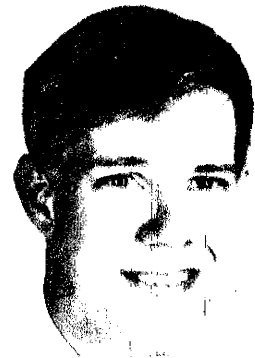
Wings Award



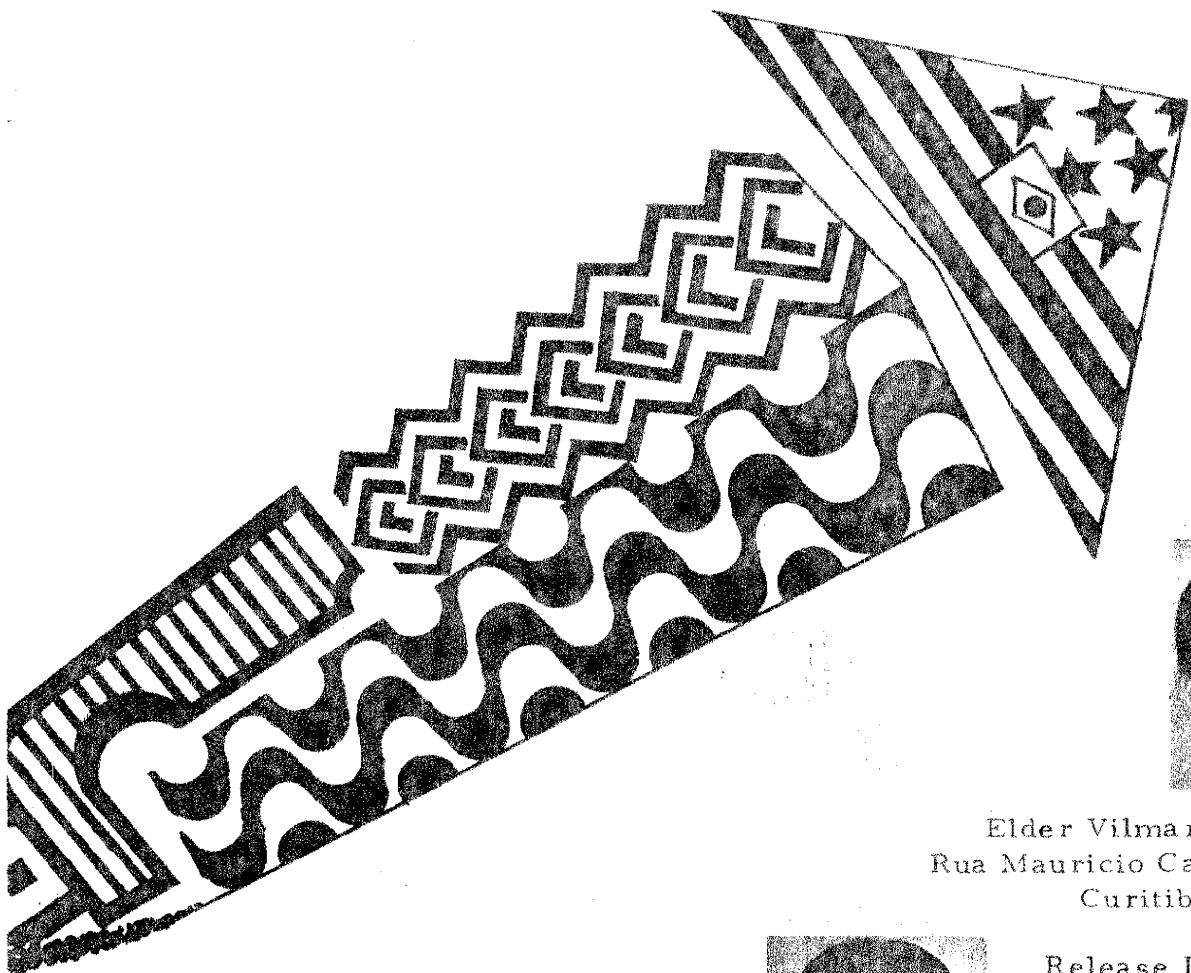
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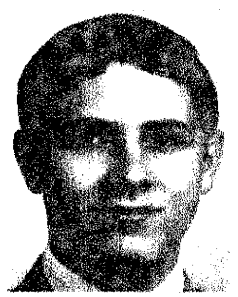


Elder Donald Gay Echols
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Release Date: January 22, 1973



Elder Stephen Kent Ehat
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A Igreja de Jesus Cristo dos Santos dos Últimos Dias

Missão Brasil Norte

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