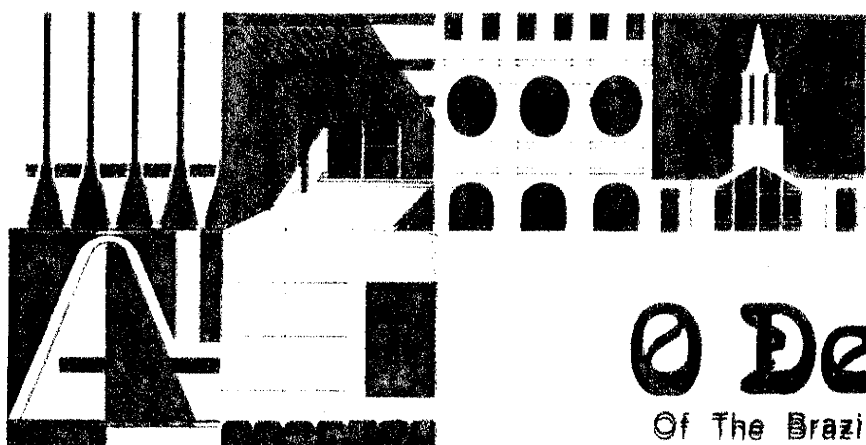


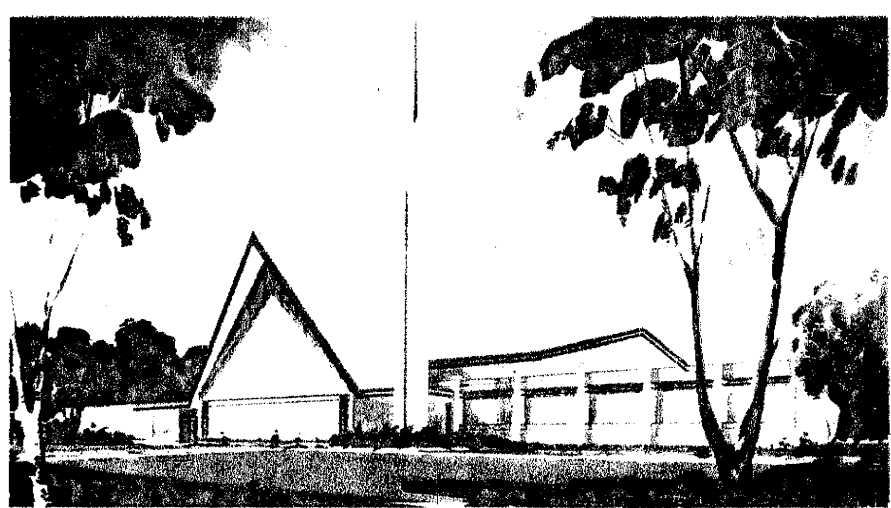
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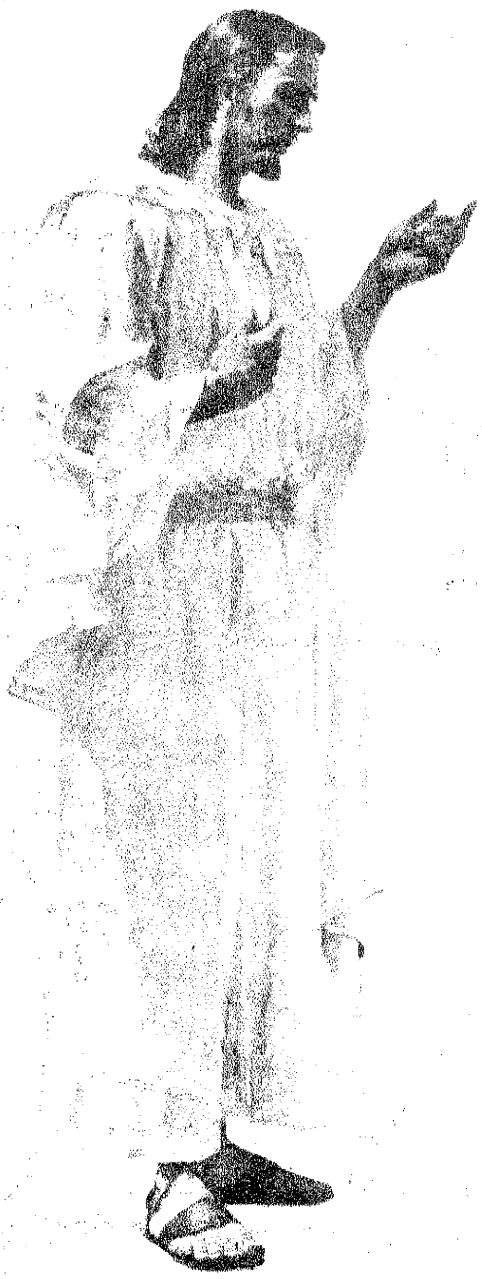
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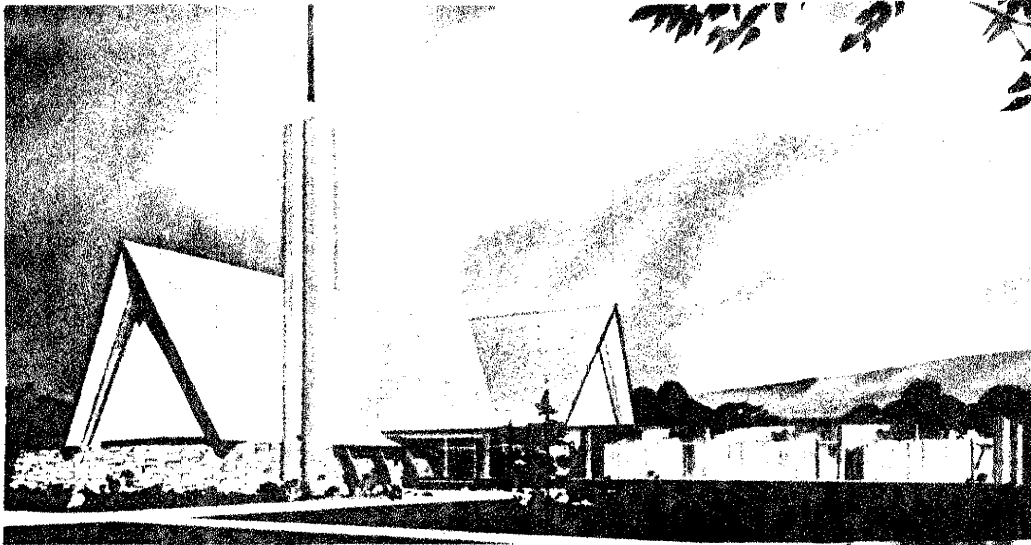
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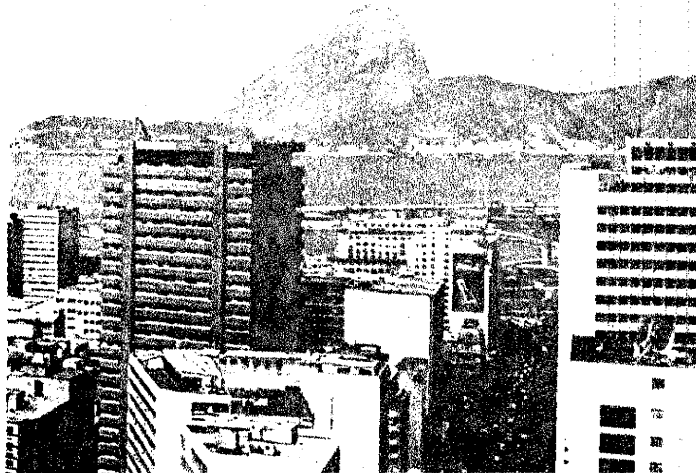
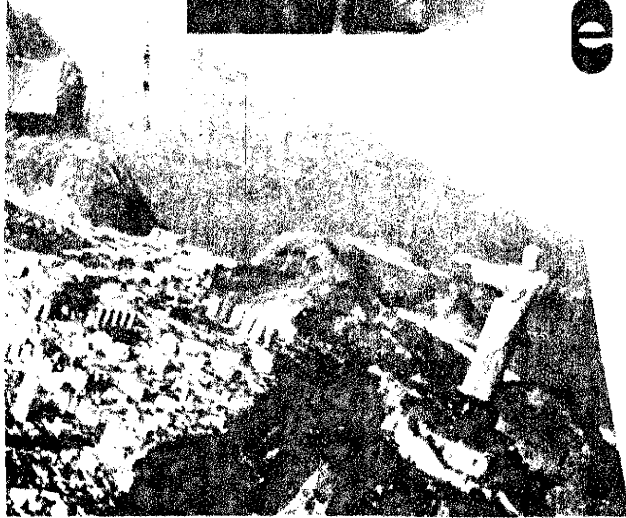
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"For behold the field is white already to harvest; and lo, he that thrusteth in his sickle with his



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might, the same layeth up in store that he perisheth not, but bringeth salvation to his soul;"

(D&C 4:4)

# the President

Dear Missionaries:

With the formation of the Rio de Janeiro Stake, we have great cause to humbly give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His goodness. His blessings have flowed to us without reservation. Our fondest hopes and desires have been answered even more rapidly than we have anticipated.

The Savior revealed to Joseph Smith, Jr. in section 101, verses 20 through 23 that stakes will be formed for the gathering of His saints, so they might prepare for the day when all the earth shall see Him.

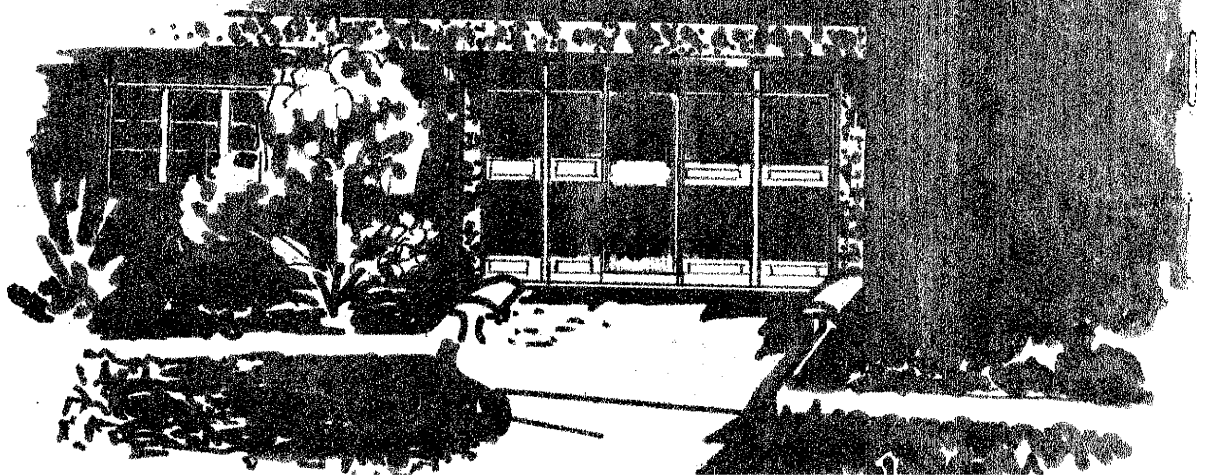
"And prepare for the revelation which is to come, when the veil of the covering of my temple, in my tabernacle, which hideth the earth, shall be taken off, and all flesh shall see me together."

What a blessing for our Brazilian brethren. They now have a gathering place in Rio. One more proof of their acceptance by the Lord. He knows their righteousness. He knows where they can improve and He approves of them and accepts them as His people.

We must help them strengthen their stake. Baptisms, of families where a dignified man leads, are essential. The new stake leaders will need more men to help them build righteousness. May God bless us to fulfill our callings, I pray.

Sincerely,

George A. Oakes



# Sister Oakes

This missionary experience continues to be very rewarding. It's rewarding to see Rio become a stake, it's rewarding to see fine young men and women fulfill honorable missions, it's rewarding to see good people join the church, and to be a member of Christ's church here upon the earth. We must continue to share these glorious experiences with others.

There are many ways to preach the gospel but the best continues to be EXAMPLE.

I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one any day.

I'd rather one should walk with me, than merely show the way.

The eye's a better pupil, and more willing than the ears.

Fine counsel is confusing, but examples always clear.

The best of all the preachers are the ones who live their creed.

For to see the good in action is what everybody needs.

I can soon learn to do it, if you'll let me see it done.

I can see your hands in action but your tongue goes on the run.

And the lecture you deliver may be fine and true.

But I'd rather see a lesson by observing what you do.

For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give

But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

-- Edgar A. Guest

I pray that all of us will strive daily to LIVE SERMONS and therefore preach by example.

Lovingly,

*Jeannette N. Oakes*  
Sister Oakes

# Assistants

"The rise of the Church of Christ in these last days, being one thousand eight hundred and thirty years since the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the flesh, it being regularly organized and established agreeable to the laws of our country, by the will and commandments of God, in the fourth month, and on the sixth day of the month which is called April - " (D&C 20:1)

Shortly after Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery received these commandments, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was once again reorganized on the earth with all the powers, keys and blessings, it had previously enjoyed when Christ first formed it many centuries earlier!

The Church was restored with the promise that it would never again be taken from the face of the earth. And that before the second and final coming of our Savior; the gospel would be preached to "all nations, kindreds, and tongues."

We, as missionaries in 1972, are having the privilege of seeing these promises come true! The gospel has spread a great distance since that day in David Whitmer's home in 1830. Many countries have and are opening up their doors to the ever-lasting gospel! And the Church has seen great growth in these countries.

Here, in this great Brazil North Mission, we have personally witnessed much success and progress. The Church has grown tremendously this past year. At the present time, we are constructing five chapels. The number of branches has gone from 22 to 32 in just 13 months. Since July of 1971, there have been 2,187 people enter into the waters of baptism; 1,414 of which came from the Rio District. Because of this outstanding growth, we will have the privilege of witnessing the formation of stake.

The word stake is of Old Testament origin and literally means the kind of stake that is driven into the ground. It is an anchor for the Church, and Rio will have its first stake "driven-in" within a short time. The Church will be firmly established here in this area.

What a blessing it is to be a part of this growth! All the happiness, all the sweat, all the hard work, all the disappointments of the last few years will have been worth it---The True Church will be firmly established here in this city!

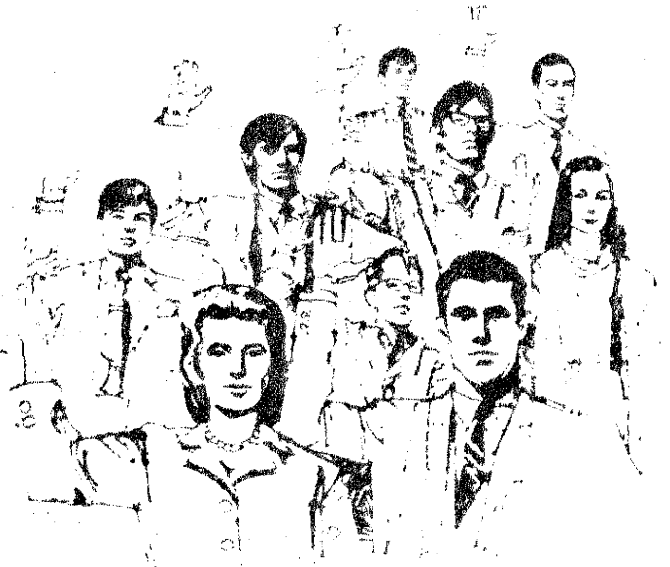
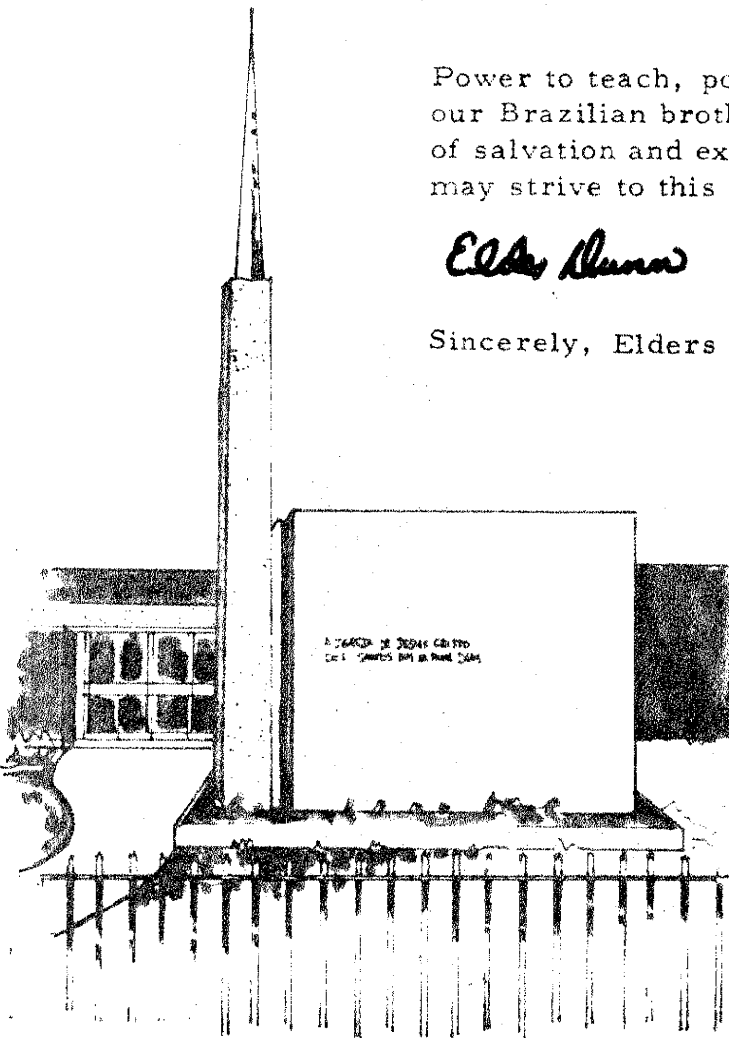
We will have a stake here for two reasons: 1) because the Lord wanted one here, and 2) because of the sacrifice and dedication of the elders. And this is just the beginning! If we continue to dedicate ourselves and to sacrifice for the Lord and His kingdom, we will increase in power and the Lord will "anchor in" another stake and another, not only here in Rio, but in Brazilia and the North. The gospel is true and there are so many people that need and want to hear it!

"Wherefore, labor ye in my vineyard. Call upon the inhabitants of the earth, and bear record, and prepare the way for the commandments and revelations which are to come. For unto him that receiveth it shall be given more abundantly, even power."  
(D&C 71:4-6)

Power to teach, power to convert, power to help our Brazilian brothers be heirs to the blessings of salvation and exaltation. We pray that we all may strive to this end.

*Elder Dunn*      *Elder Swensen*

Sincerely, Elders Dunn and Swensen



# a Letter from the Field

Dear President:

Yesterday, we had a great time with the youth of the church, we had a youth mission party. We started at 4:00 p.m. explaining to them the importance of everyone helping with missionary work. We explained to them that to bring people to the church was not just the responsibility of the American youth but Brazilians too. We gave them several questions to use in talking with the people. Then we sent them out to knock on doors for an hour. It was a lot of fun and they were all super animated. Afterwards we had a Street Meeting in the park, which was a great success with all of them standing around. They really drew a big crowd for us. After the Street Meeting we returned once again to the church and finished the party up with testimonies. I believe everyone really enjoyed it and are anxious to have another.

Well until next week.

Bye for now, Love, Sister Potter



# PARABENS !

## Baptisms

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	TOTAL
Andaraí	14	3	10	14	6	9	12	4	10	82
Cascadura	22	24	10	28	7	19	20	21	5	156
Eng. de Dentro	23	5	7	16	20	6	18	8	16	119
Ilha do Govern.					8	8	4	17	10	47
Ipanema	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	4	2	13
Irajá							20	15	12	47
Jardim Bot.	3	9	9	5	8	4	4	3	13	58
Meiér	16	11	10	19	9	7	11	21	16	120
Niterói	4	3	6	15	8	1	17	1	6	61
Nova Friburgo	0	6	11	3	1	9	11	3	1	45
Petrópolis	5	9	5	5	6	8	3	1	1	43
São Gonçalo	7	14	12	23	10	6	3	1	0	76
Teresópolis	2		1	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Tijuca	24	16	14	24	13	4	15	7	14	131
Villa Velha	1	1	0	3	7	0	4	0	12	28
Vitória	1		4	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
Volta Redonda	0		5	8	5	1	0	0	0	19
DISTRITO DE RIO	122	102	106	164	108	83	145	106	120	1056

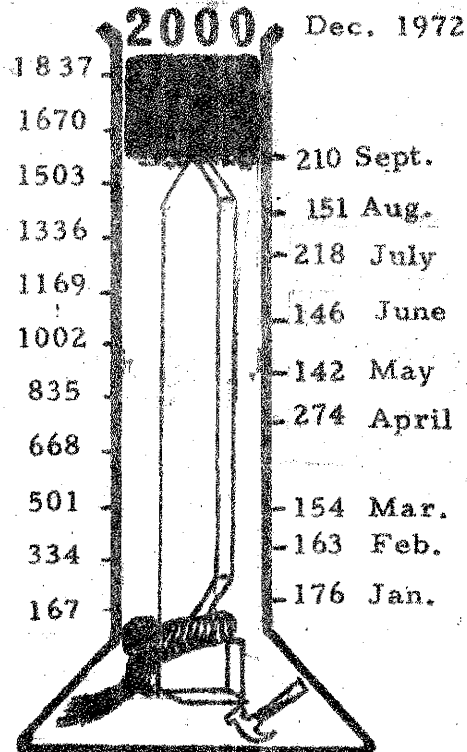
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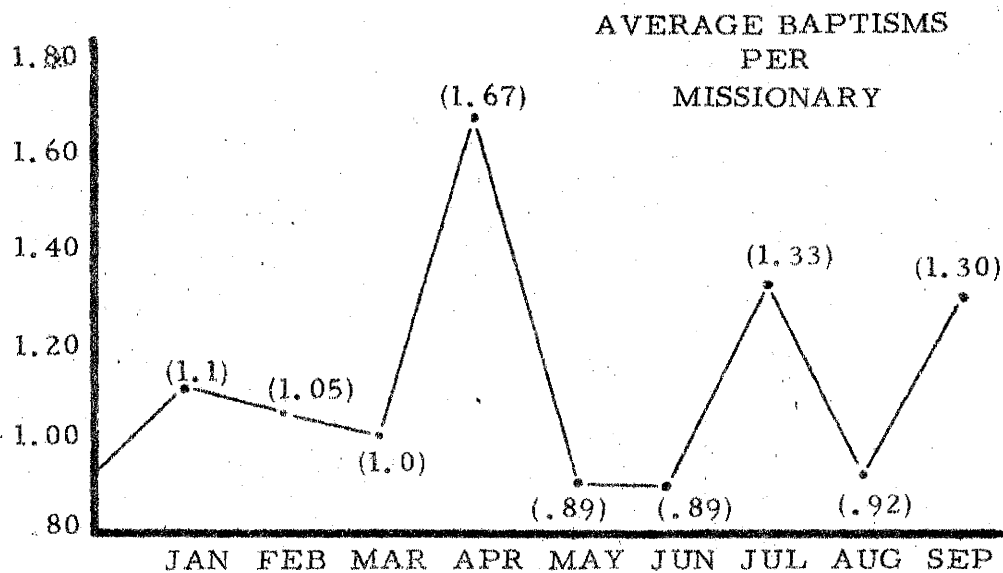
# Baptism Stats

## BAPTISMAL STATISTICS September - 1972

Dias da Cruz	
Boca do Mato	
Todos os Santos	
São Cristóvão	
MEIER ZONE : : : : : 31	
Belo Horizonte	26
Floresta	11
Sete Lagoas	3
MINAS GERAIS : : : : : 30	
Asa Norte	
Asa Sul	
Taguatinga	
DISTRITO FED. : : : : : 27	
Maracanã	
Vila Isabel	5
Grajaú	13
ANDARAÍ ZONE : : : : : 18	
Botafogo	4
Lagoa	2
Laranjeiras	9
JARDIM BOTÂNICO : : : : 15	
Madalena	2
Boa Viagem	1
Olinda	11
PERNAMBUCO : : : : : 14	
Vitória	5
Vila Velha	12
CAPIXABA : : : : : 12	
Penna	4
Vila Kosmos	8
IRAJÁ ZONE : : : : : 12	
Galeão	1
Ramos	9
ILHA DO GOVERNADOR : : 10	
Goiania	5
Anápolis	3
GOIÁS ZONE : : : : : 8	
João Pessoa	7
Campina Grande	1
PARAÍBA ZONE : : : : : 8	

Santa Tereza	7
Saenz Peña	1
TIJUCA ZONE : : : : : 8	
Niterói	5
São Gonçalo	1
Nova Friburgo	1
Volta Redonda	
ESTADO DO RIO : : : : : 7	
Jacarépaguá	1
Madureira	4
CASCADURA ZONE : : : : : 5	
Petrópolis	1
Juiz de Fora	2
Teresópolis	2
MONTANHAS : : : : : 5	
Fortaleza	
CEARÁ : : : : : :	
BNM	210





IN SEPTEMBER:

**210**

#### HOW FOUND

Member Reference	78
Tracting	39
Investigator Ref.	13
Street Contact	8
Bus or Taxi	5
Street Mtg.	1
Business Con	1
Self Interest	2
Unreported	63

#### WHEN BAPTIZED

First Week	33
Second Week	35
Third Week	42
Fourth Week	40
Fifth Week	60

FICHAS NOT RECEIVED 36(as of Oct 12)

#### WHO BAPTIZED

Men over 20	39
Women over 20	54
<u>Total over 20</u> :::::	<u>93</u>
Men 12 to 20	23
Women 12 to 20	27
<u>Total 12 to 20</u> :::::	<u>50</u>
Boys 8 to 12	13
Girls 8 to 12	18
<u>Total 8 to 12</u> :::::	<u>31</u>

# Mission Memos

We have received word from Salt Lake City that we should avoid sending packages and other items through missionary channels in the LTM, or through other church people coming to Brazil. It can, however, be done through private channels that aren't connected with the church. When you ask your parents or relatives to send you a package, please inform them that it should be sent to the Mission Office address in Rio. Don't send it to your mailing address in your present city. We have encountered some problems in the past with packages not sent to the Mission Office. In this manner we guard against the problem of transfer, etc. If you are going to receive an important package from the states, notify the mission secretary personally or by personal mail, and he will make sure you receive it on time.

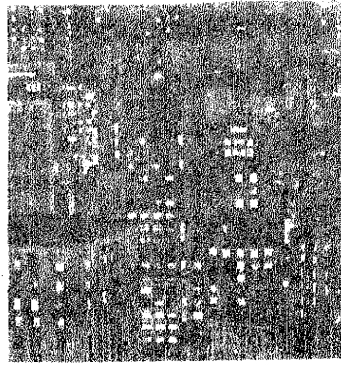
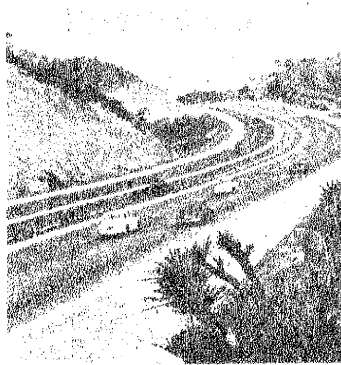
Sincerely, Elder Henrie

## Is there any news? Yes!



After some deliberation, the decision was finally made--missionaries were to be sent for the first time to Belém. Elders Hart and Frei came out of the president's office with broad smiles, anxious at the prospect of opening up a city, especially one so romantic and far away. In spite of the assistant's usual efforts to conceal everything, the news spread fast and soon was the number one topic of discussion at the dinner table among the elders.

Numerous preparations were made. The addresses of members who have moved to Belém were sought out. Numerous branch records were ordered from C. E. B., and Elders Hart and Frei were studying about how to be branch presidents. They prepared Books of Mormon to be given to the city officials. After some difficulty, the bus tickets were finally bought, and all was in readiness.



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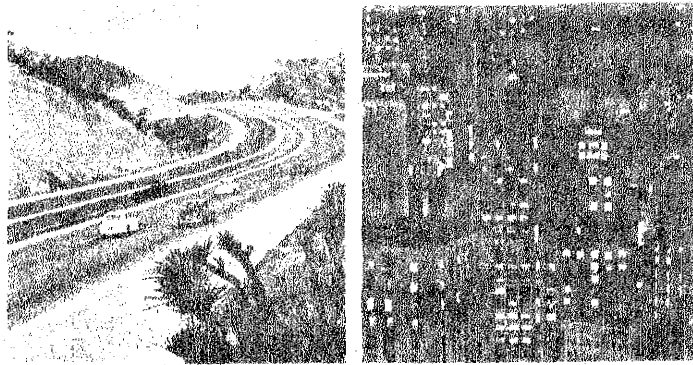
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Dear Elders:

And again I say unto you in relation to the mission's medical policy: when you go to Dr. Kovack's office for medical reasons, take Cr\$80.00 because he'll want it, surely as the sun riseth in the East. If by chance or lack of luck you are hospitalized by doctors orders and it is cleared by the President, the church will assume responsibility for these expenses.



Also, let it be understood that all medical expenses incurred by the missionary which are not paid by the missionary at the time of the visit will be billed to the mission home which, in turn, will bill the missionary, who we hope will be cooperative in paying the bill as soon as possible.

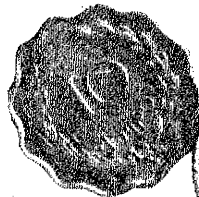
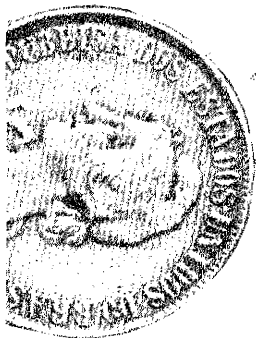
And as a gentle reminder to those who are owing the mission money;

"And again, verily I say unto you, concerning your debts-behold it is my will that you shall pay all your debts.

And inasmuch as you are diligent and humble and exercise the prayer of faith, behold, I will soften the hearts of those to whom you are in debt. . ." (D&C 104:78-80)

Please be prompt in paying your bills.

Sincerely, Elder Taggart  
Accountant

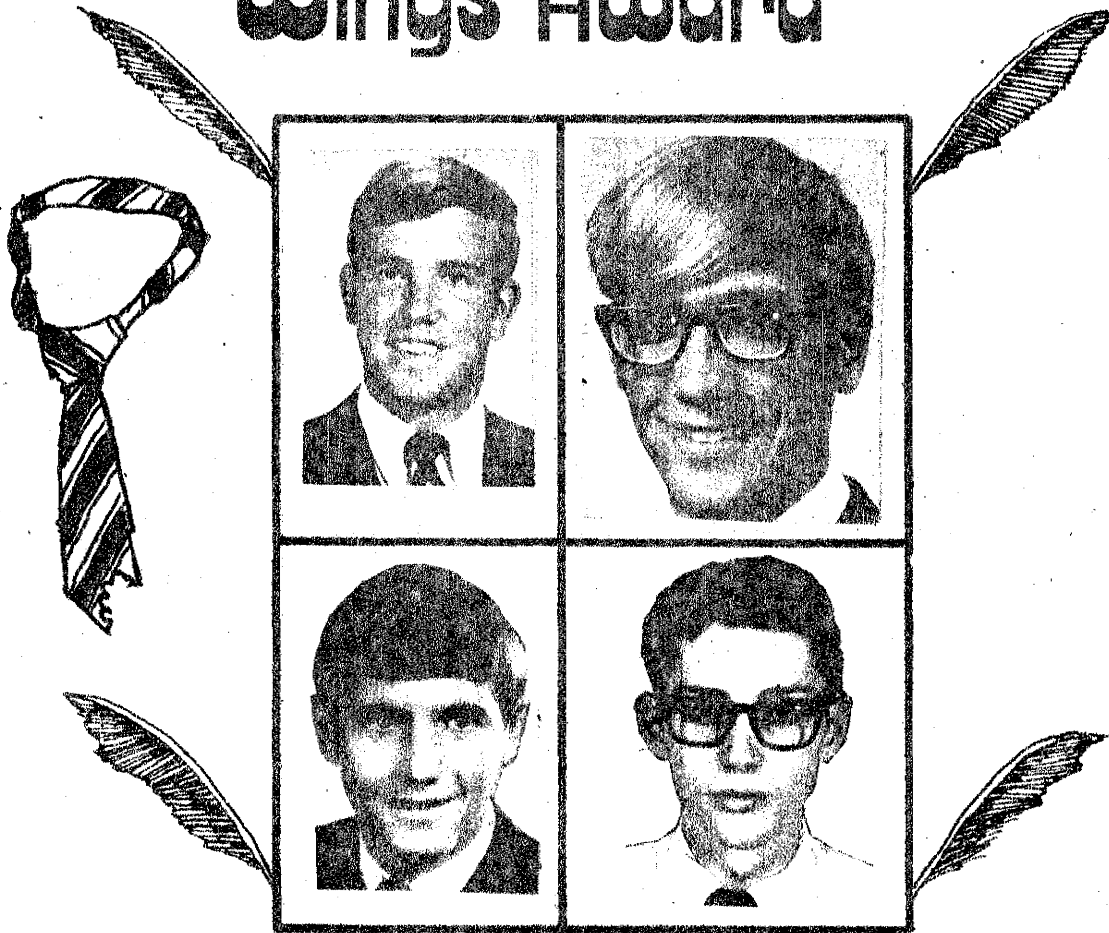


Dear Missionaries:

The missionary fund has been exhausted by the recent purchase of furniture and equipment. Therefore, we are unable to reimburse future expenditure by you for such items. Do not spend money for mission property, in hopes of reimbursement, unless you have specific approval by the president.

Sincerely, George A. Oakes

# Wings Award



## OUR DEARLY DEPARTED (DEPORTED?)

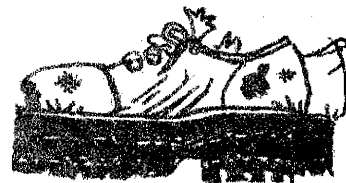
The following Elders were honorably released from the Brazil North Mission on October 16, 1972.

Elder Steven Jack Huffaker  
1500 N. Markdale, Villa 21  
Mesa; Arizona

Elder James Abbott Johnson  
167 W. Bayview Drive  
Farmington, Utah 84025

Elder Philip Arlo Trost  
1128 Crescent  
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401

Elder Dennis Ray Brown  
3655 South 1300 East  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84106



# the Big "G"

The following Elders and Sisters are those who are a month or more late on their GG shots. All other Elders and Sisters who received shots in July are also due this month. Getting a GG shot is a fine example of being obedient to the rules. Please take care of this duty.

Thank you, Elder Wiscombe

Abraham  
Allison  
Arnold  
Benedict  
Burton  
Carey  
Carver  
Dixon  
Echols  
Edwards  
Fuzeto  
Ehat  
Ennes  
Foster  
Gagon  
Gilgen



Graden  
Holley  
Heaston  
Hindmarsh  
Huffaker  
Johnson  
Kreitlein  
Lewis, GE  
Lopes  
Mendenhall  
Malhorquim  
Nassar  
Olsen  
O'Brien  
Packard  
Phelps

Reimschussel  
Rex  
Robinson, E  
Shillig  
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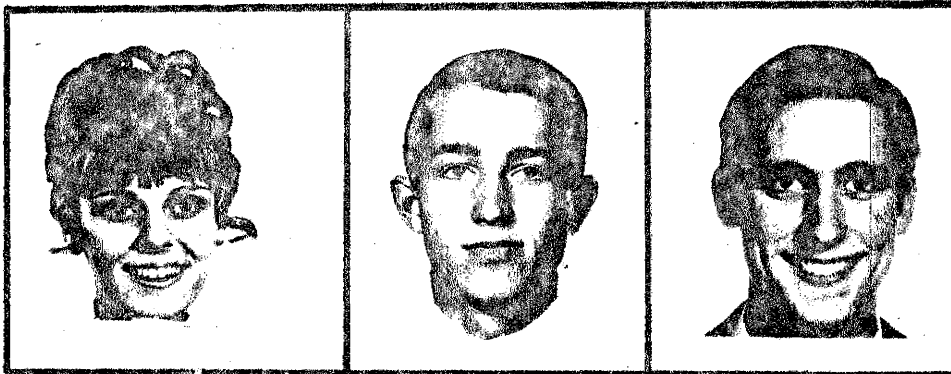
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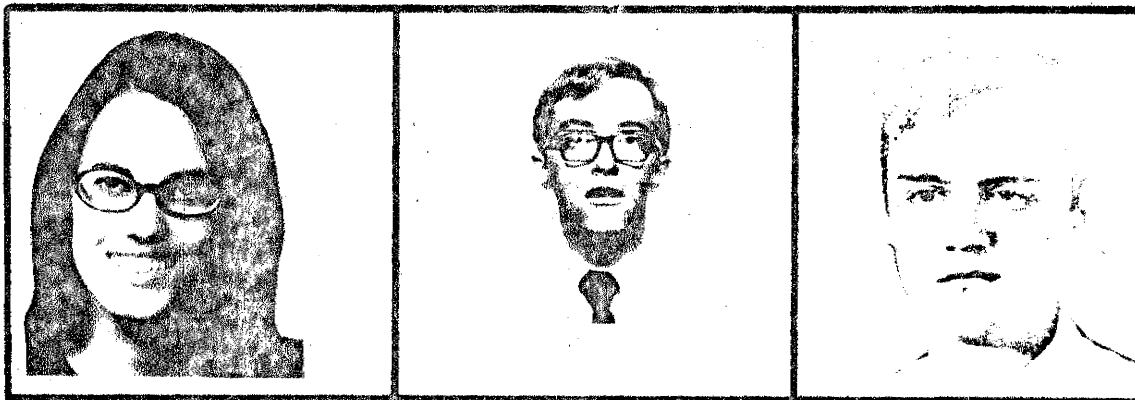
NEWLY ARRIVED

Elder Jairo Cordeiro Gonçalves arrived in the Brazil North Mission on the 9th of October, 1972. Elder Cordeiro is from São Paulo.

# THE STAFF



*Zulita Ennes Alan R. Andersen  
Robin Jund Henrie*



*Gregory Hal Taggart  
Maria Elena McCurdy Paul Wiscombe*

## STAFF

Henrie, Hansen - Secretary (in training)

Ennes - Ass't Sec.

Andersen - Historian

Taggart - Accountant

Wiscombe - Editor/Comm.

Tresnak (in training)

McCurdy - Sister's Programmer

REGION ONE

Speed, Frei - Reg Ldr.

TIJUCA

Santa Tereza

Wooters DLZL Barzee

Maughan, Hymas

Saenz Pena

Allison DL Booth

Enger, Cordeiro

ANDARAÍ

Vila Isabel

Olsen DLZL Roberts

Mills, Davis, R

Grajaú

Woffinden DL Abraham

Broadbent, Dyches

ILHA DO GOVERNADOR

Galeão

Carver DLZL Boswell

Smith, Clarke

Ramos

Packard DL Chatfield

Echols, Kreitlein

MEIER

São Cristóvão

Hall DLZL Robinson, E

Forsyth, Hafen

Boca do Mato

Stanger, L, DL Sherman

Swenson, G, Recksiek

ENGENHO DE DENTRO

Todos os Santos

Wiggins DLZL Deuel

Gaertner, Armstrong

Dias da Cruz

Fackrell DL Arnold

Silva, Potter ✓

CAPIXABA

Vitória

Solomon DLZL Brannen

Robinson, P, Sargent

REGION TWO

Davis, J-Miller - Reg Ldr.

CASCADURA

Jacarépaguá

Webb DLZL Dixon

Milner, Potter

Madureira

Giblette DL Hardesty

Foster, McGee

JARDIM BOTÂNICO

Botafogo

Chlarson DLZL Thiriot

Hunter, Baird

McCurdy, Ennes

Lagoa

Farnsworth DL Nielsen

Welch, Porter

MONTANHAS

Petrópolis

Baldree DLZL Rishton

Juiz de Fora

McIntire DL Hortin

Teresópolis

Amato DLBP Jackman

ESTADO DO RIO

Niterói

Proctor DLZL Phelps

Walters, Lass

São Gonçalo

Graden DL Reimschussel

Elggren, Warner

Nova Friburgo

Fuzeto DLBP Wilson

Volta Redonda

Robertson DL Dance

IRAJA

Penha

Furness DLZL Metcalf

Keller, Hindmarsh

Vila Cosmos

Heaston DL Wangemann

Higginson, Rich

Burton, Malhorquim

ASSISTANTS

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Belo

Thatcher ZL Underwood

Prado

Edwards DL Christiansen

Rex, Warcup

Floresta

Ehat DL Larson

Sorensen, Hayes

Sete Lagoas

Wilford DL Bradshaw

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Hammond Svedin Reg ldr.

DISTRITO FEDERAL

Asa Sul

Lopes DLZL Biehl

Asa Norte

Gagon DL Richards

Barclay, Joyner

Taguatinga

Benedict DL Peterson

Wood, Stanger, D

GOIAS

Goiânia

Thomas DLZL Wyall

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Anapolis

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Wing ZL Crismon

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