

Wheaton Ill.
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Dear Christian Friends:

Attached is the Feb letter from our missionary, J F Brandon. The picture is of one of the Sunday Schools on the mission field. Brother Brandon says that there are many community preaching points as well attended as this one. This picture is a glimpse of what your money and ours is doing in Brazil.

Little things in the hands of God accomplish much. Read his letter to you while you are alone in your quiet time. Read the scripture passages in connection with it and then pray for the missionary and his work. You will profit by reading it again.

We are trying to get at least one hundred people who are not already giving, to have a part in this work. We now have a list of seventeen some of which are giving regularly each month. Remember that all that is given goes to support missionary J F Brandon and his family and the work on the mission field. The cost of mimeographing, postage etc is paid by some who love and support the work and is over and above what they give for the missionary. Brother Brandon left Brazil with his family last May for a year in the States. He has been laboring in Brazil since 1923 (18 years). He expects to return as soon as the arrangements can be made. He is an independent Baptist Missionary and is supported entirely by those who give as the Lord leads. He is out on faith and faith alone. We thank our Heavenly Father that he is able and will lay it upon the hearts of many more to help support this man called of God to preach the gospel to lost Brazilians.

Hudson Taylor's shibboleth still works: "God's man in God's place doing God's work in God's way for God's glory never yet lacked God's supplies". Since we have a part each week in the support of this work we do not hesitate to invite others to have a part also. The Lord will greatly bless you for so doing. Listed below are the offerings given to us for forwarding to Brother Brandon during the month of January 1942:

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| Jan 1942 | Jan 1942 |
| 11 Donald Grollmund \$1.00 | 25 Frances Meyer \$2.00 |
| 7 Astrid Strom 2.00 | 11 Philip Hughey 1.00 |
| 11 Carl Vining 1.00 | 11 Dorothy Saxby .50 |
| 25 Edward Overbey 1.00 | 11 Fayette Wing Jr 1.00 |
| 25 Donald Overbey 1.00 | 23 Ralph Claybaugh 2.00 |
| 18 Naomi Franz 1.00 | Total \$14.50 |
| 18 Ruth Hughey 1.00 | |

Perhaps many who are not giving to this work, spend at least 25¢ a week for something they could well do without. This would be \$1.00 a month. Why not lay aside a certain amount each week and help support this mission work. We challenge you to try it regularly. A good way to give, is to give something. A better way to give, is to tithe. The best way to give, is to give more than the tithe.

If you would like for us to send these monthly letters to someone you know, just give us their name and address and we shall be glad to place them on the mailing list. Now let us pray for the missionary and his family, the churches at Cruzeiro do Sul and Japyni and the native pastors.

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A WORD OF EXPLANATION

The writer and family have had a part in the support of Missionary J F Brandon for about 6½ years. It is now our happy privilege to have a greater part. Those who help support the Missionary, like to hear from him and also to get news from the mission field itself. It would require almost all of Brother Brandon's time to write each and every one a personal letter.

We have a Mimeograph Machine that will run letters on sheets the size of this one. We also have a typewriter with which to do the typing. We have promised Brother Brandon that if he will write a letter once a month to those who have a part in his support, that we will mimeograph and mail the letters out.

Attached hereto is the first letter from him that we have mimeographed. The Lord willing we shall send out these letters about the 15th of each month. Of course you understand that when the Missionary sends letters from Brazil, we may not get them on time and there may be delays. The picture on the letter from him to you, is of the Sunday School at Cruzeiro do Sul which was taken while Brother Brandon was away. There are also several preaching points as well attended as this one, he advises.

We are members of the First Baptist Church at Wheaton Illinois and send our offerings for Brother Brandon's work through our church. We teach a class in our Sunday School of young people who attend Wheaton College. Some of these young people as well as several others who live in or near Wheaton give regularly to the support of this mission work. We hope that the list of young people having a part in this cause will grow to reach one hundred. Perhaps you should like to read the letter that we sent out to these young people. If so, attached is a copy.

You will note that these sheets are punched so that they can be filed in note book backs. May I suggest that you get a set of backs and begin to keep these letters. By keeping them in this manner they will not get lost and you will have an up to date record of Brother Brandon's mission work in Brazil. If you know someone that would like to receive these letters each month, just send us their name and address and we will put them on the mailing list.

The cost for paper, postage and mimeographing these letters does not come from mission funds. If you should like to share in this monthly expense, over and above your mission offering, it will be greatly appreciated. Beloved pray for us.

Yours in Him

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