



J. F. BRANDON

Baptist
Missionary

Cruzeiro do Sul
AKRE

Brazil's Only Territory

Wheaton Ill
May 1942

Brother Brandon wrote to me from Miami Fla on May 8th 1942 which was the day before he left for Brazil. Perhaps you would like to know what a missionary called of God thinks about the day before he leaves his home and loved ones and all to follow Jesus. We trust that the letter will touch your heart as it has ours. It reads:

Dear Friend and Brother

Just one year ago today I left Cruzeiro do Sul in company with my family, now I am on the return voyage and so far as I know "all is well" glory be to my blessed Saviour and Lord. I am trusting in the Lord. He already knows what my will is in the matter, but that has nothing to do with it as far as I am concerned, I am willing that His will be done for the eternal praise and glory of His blessed name.

The Lord so endeared Himself to me in the journey down South and everything has been so pleasant while here. I have thoroughly enjoyed my visit to the States, everyone has gone to every extreme to make me happy, and I have nothing with which to repay, but this one thing I do I look to my Father whose resources are without limit and daily ask Him to bless them with the things they need and will make them happy and useful in His service.

My hearts desire and prayer to God for my fellow-countrymen is "All of the things that go to make life on earth worthwhile and happy and they useful in the service of the Lord Jesus with eternal life beyond" be theirs through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. If the Lord wills I will embark in the morning. I am to go for my passport this afternoon and all of the other papers are now ready, my baggage will go for inspection this afternoon so that at an early hour in the morning we may be taking off. The time is 8AM Eastern or 7AM Central. Below is an account of all the money I received for March, April and the first part of May before leaving for Brazil:

... (See financial report on the attached sheet)

I think that is all, if there are any others they have been overlooked and I am sorry. The Lord will take care of all our needs through our Lord Jesus. You see this is His business and he takes care of His business.

I hope you will acknowledge receipt of the offering of Brother Nevil of Union City Tenn. He is indeed a very spiritual brother, doing missionary work there about. I covet the prayers of such men, he is outspoken for the truth.

(over)

The letters from many of the friends deserve a reply but I am exhausted, and will request you to express our appreciation in the next letter. I will write you as soon as I arrive, remember me to all the friends, churches and pastors.

On Monday night before leaving on Tuesday morning, my sister held open house for me as you did there in Wheaton and it was so very well attended, most of the members of the church were there, including the pastor and family, and many others. Each one wrote a passage of scripture with whatever remarks they felt led to write. It is interesting and encouraging now to look over this and see how they all feel about it in the secret recesses of their hearts.

At the beginning of the service I gave the Pastor the Bible and he read a passage from the book of Ephesians and then after some comments he handed me the Book and requested that I read and make some remarks. ~~this I did, turning to the 20th chapter of Acts~~ I read from the 21st to the 28th verses and the Lord was with me. (Read these)

I called their attention to the seriousness of the occasion and they all seemed to realize it. I told them of my call and ask them if they would have me do other than what I was doing, feeling as I did about it, there were only a few but thoroughly agreed with me. I feel that the Pastor himself did for after the service he said to me that he wanted me to pray for him and his church and pledged his word that he would ever keep it before his people and they would pray for me as ever and I believe that he meant it, I gave him my word and I know that I mean it. GOD bless them all.

I hope that you are all well, let me hear from you, a letter a month will be alright, sent as near the first as possible by air. Remember me to your family and all the brethren. Good by and GOD bless you dear brother. Grace, mercy and peace from our blessed heavenly Father be multiplied to you all.

Sincerely

(Signed) J F Brandon

"Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saves a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see."

For information about the
mission work please write to:

Please send all offerings
for the mission work to:

H H Overbey
1629 N President
Wheaton Ill

Elder Z E Clark
5216 Concord Ave
Detroit Mich

Before leaving Miami, Brother Brandon sent the following list of offerings in addition to the ones listed on the attached sheet:

E F Black	\$1.00	J R B	\$3.00
David B	5.00	Mr H R	1.00
Jim B	5.00	Total	\$15.00

FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the past several years the Messenger of Truth edited by Pastor Dewey H Jones of Benton Ky has carried the monthly report of the offerings received for Brother J F Brandon's missionary work in the Amazon Valley of Brazil. The last report was in the February 1942 issue. Here we take up and report for the last part of February and March.

Financial Report For Last Part Of Feb and March 1942

Benton Church	(Ky)	\$11.01	Friend of Work	\$ 7.00
Bellview Church	"	8.35	Mrs Sheperd	3.00
Hopewell Church	"	15.00	* Wheaton Young People (Ill)	16.25
South Union Church	"	9.65	* Wheaton Young People "	17.00
Wasco Church	(Ill)	4.00	Wheaton Church	" 52.00
			Total	\$143.26

(*Listed by individuals in the March and April letters)

Financial Report for April and first part of May 1942

Benton Church	(Ky)	\$23.67	Mt Zion Church	\$10.00
Pleasant Hope Church	"	1.00	W M U Fresno	5.00
Bellview Church	"	15.50	Wheaton Church (Wheaton)	100.00
South Union Church	"	10.75	Oscar Ahlswede	" 5.00
Benton Church	"	76.15	Donald Grollimund	" 1.00
Kirkville Church	(Miss)	1.75	Astrid Strom	" 2.00
Kirkville Church	"	5.00	Edward Overbey	" 1.00
Berea Church	"	9.78	Donald Overbey	" 1.00
Fulton Church	"	11.25	John Babian	" 1.00
Shannon Church	"	2.00	Naomi Franz	" 1.00
Harmony Church	(Detroit)	79.50	Ruth Hughey	" 1.00
Grace Church	"	10.00	Philip Hughey	" 2.00
Pilgrim Tabernacle	"	11.20	Fay Wing Jr	" 1.00
Bethel Church	(Rosedale)	18.51	Robert Reid	" 1.00
Liberty Church	(Toledo)	18.25	John Phenix	" 2.00
Wasco Church	(Ill)	10.00	Dorthy Arison	" 5.00
Mrs E H Purdon	"	4.00	A Young Friend	" 2.00
Friend of Work		5.00	Wheaton Baptist S F	" 5.00
N B Nall		5.00		
W C Nevil	(Tenn)	5.37	Total	\$469.68

Brother Brandon preached in most all of the above mentioned churches during March and April and the offerings received by him while there are listed above as well as those received by mail. These funds were used for the support of the Missionary and family and for the traveling expenses to the churches in the different States, and to Miami Fla where he left for Brazil. The tickets for passage from Miami Fla to Belem Brazil cost \$309.75. The cost for the trip up the Amazon and Jurua rivers for the 3500 mile trip to Cruzeiro do Sul is estimated to be \$150.00.

Since reaching the homeland from Brazil last July, Brother Brandon has sent \$225.00 to the church at Cruzeiro do Sul to carry on the work there and at the church at Japyni which is about 30 miles from Cruzeiro do Sul on the Moa river.

HOW OFFERINGS ARE HANDLED

Before leaving Detroit, Brother Brandon made arrangements with a Detroit Bank for Elder Z E Clark to open an account. Brother Clark will receive and disburse all offerings for the mission work. He is Pastor of the Harmony Baptist Church in Detroit Mich and handles this as a work of love. Remember that all offerings for the mission work are used for that purpose. There are no overhead or any other kind of expenses taken out of the mission offerings.

MIMEOGRAPHED SHEETS

We are to get out a set of mimeographed sheets at least once a month in the interest of the mission work. These sheets will be for and about Brother J F Brandon's mission work in the Amazon Valley of Brazil. This too is a work of love that we thoroughly enjoy trying to do for the honor and glory of our blessed Lord and that lost Brazilians may have the gospel preached to them. We here acknowledge the receipt of \$10.00 from the Harmony Baptist Church of Detroit to help cover the expense of mimeographing and mailing these sheets. Thank you beloved.

MISSION NEEDS

The needs are a minimum of \$250.00 a month that the work may be adequately supported. This is used to support Sister Brandon and the children here in the States and Brother Brandon and the work on the mission field. Keep in mind that funds sent to Brother Brandon are used for his support and the support of the native preachers who work with and under his direction. Brother Brandon said to a small group in Brother Clark's home the day he left Detroit; "I can go to the field without a worry or care if I am assured that my family will be cared for, and if there is not enough in offerings received at the end of the month for both of us, I want it all given to her." Sister Brandon replied "I cannot agree to that, it must be divided, because when he is there without funds there is no way to get them and I know what it means to be there without any." One time upon returning to Brazil with his family, when they reached their destination they had a total of only \$17.00 left to live on until the next offering reached them from the States which was too long a time in getting there by a slow journey up the river.

GOING ON FAITH

True Brother Brandon is going on faith, but just as God uses him to preach the gospel to lost Brazilians, He uses you and me to support the preacher of the gospel. Acts 10:14&15 in asking some questions, literally says this: "They can't call on him in whom they have not believed, and they can't believe in him of whom they have not heard, and they can't hear without a preacher, and the preacher can't preach to them except he be sent." ICor 1.21 says in part "it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." It is up to us who profess to believe in missions to see that the gospel is preached to the lost. Please send all offerings to: Elder Z E Clark, 5216 Concord Ave Detroit Michigan.

Sincerely
H H Overbey