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J F BRANDON BAPTIST MISSIONARY

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Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil, South America

Wheaton Illinois August 1942MISSIONARY BRANDON LEAVES MANAOS FOR CRUZEIRO DO SUL

Manaos Amazonas Brazil June 23 1942

Dear Brethren: I arrived in Manaos on the 6th of this month but as yet there has been no boat for the Jurua river, however there is one slated to leave tonight and if the Lord wills I will go on it. I hope the delay has not been without the will of the Lord. I have tried to serve Him while here. I have sought Him that I might render service to Him by serving others and the time not spent in vain. I have met some friends of other days who lived in the towns in the interior, three especially are very influential men. All three of them gave me much hope that they were among the little ones of the Lord Jesus. The Lord willing I will have the pleasure of traveling for three days with one of them as we go up river. In talking with him the other day he said: "The gospel comforts me as does nothing else, the explanation of the Bible is balm to my soul." He is the Mayor of Coary, and lamented that the work there was not as it was a few years ago. The Board Missionary who was so eager to take over the work has found that he is not twins and that he does not have time to care for the churches and the result will be fatal if someone does not go there soon. It may yet be given me to return and rebuild the work. The Mayor talked more like a brother than some of the believers and advised me to return and promised to help me in whatever way he could. Another of the men I met was one I traveled with in 1926. He had not heard the gospel since that time but remembered everything so well. He was a great help to me at the time we were together and I tried to be to him. He seemed to appreciate very much that I sought him to preach the gospel to him again. The other is the Mayor of Cauari a small town on the Jurua river. His mother is a believer and his daughter is a friend of Anna. I have been in their home many times and they have all been so nice to me. He assures me that it is well with his soul, praise GOD. I have talked with many others, telling them of the grace of GOD that bringeth salvation. I have visited ever so many friends and preached in all the churches and the Lord has truly blessed my soul. I have written you twice since arriving here, and also from Belem and Port of Spain and have received one letter from Bro Overbey and one from my wife. I have rented a box in the P O (Caixa Postal 212). One of the brethren living here will send whatever they put in the box by someone who is going that way. The postal service in Cruzeiro do Sul has proven quite uncertain. There seems to be some confusion in the minds of some as to where the Port of Spain is. Some people much smarter than I ask me while there why I was returning via Europe, they thinking that Port of Spain was in southern Europe. If you think well you may suggest in the letter that Maracaibo is the principal port of Venezuela and that Port of Spain is the principal city of the island of Trinidad, one of the British West Indies islands and is about 35 miles off the northeast coast of South America. The money Bro Clark sent arrived in good time. I did not have enough to buy passage and after paying my hotel and passage I will have to go on and pay some later. I have never seen such a difference in living as there is now compared with a year ago. I am happy that my family is there where life is better in that respect. I have never seen such need as there is now. The markets are empty and the people are complaining on every hand. I sincerely believe we are approaching a world wide famine. To see the things I have seen in the last few months

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actually frighten me, for when it does come it will be terrible, far worse than we have ever supposed. These things have to be to fulfill the scriptures, when Jesus said they would come He was in Palistine and was speaking to the people who feared GOD, true we have been spared these things to a large extent for many years, but verily they have to come. Brethren I hope to hear from you all often and with regularity. I will send you a revised prayer list for us to remember as often as we pray and hope that we may devote much time in prayer to GOD for our mission work. All here is in peace, Praise GOD. I hope that it is also with you. Now to Him who is able to keep you within the circle of His care, I commit you my family, brethren and friends, even to the grace of our blessed and heavenly Father by Christ Jesus our Saviour and Lord, all that is better in the future be yours by the amazing grace of the Lord Jesus. Amen

Sincerely, J. F. Brandon

YOUNG PEOPLE AT WHEATON

When Brother Brandon was in Wheaton last fall he spoke to the young people's group in the First Baptist Church. When he had finished his message, we challenged the young people to have a regular part in this mission work. We explained that perhaps they were spending 25¢ a week or more for something that they could well do without. The response was good and several of them began to give regularly each month. A few who put their hand to the plow have turned back. We are encouraged because new ones are being added to the list from time to time. Some of these young people live in and near Wheaton. Others are from the various States and are here attending Wheaton College. Some work regularly and help in the support at home and contribute to the support of their church and some work part time to pay their way through college both boys and girls. These are consecrated christian young people who prove their love for missions by giving to missions. Every christian young person should give regularly to missions. Since Brother Brandon spoke to these young people they have given \$127.75 to this mission work

THE SWORD BOOK ROOM

The SWORD BOOK ROOM here in Wheaton has helped by ordering paper and stencils at a saving to us. We consider this a contribution to the work and we are thankful. We wish to remind our readers that this is a good place to buy Bibles and other good books. Just send them your order and they will get the book you want. We acknowledge receipt of \$1.00 from a fine christian woman in Paducah Ky who requested that she be put on the mailing list. Thank you beloved. We have mailed you the sheets for last month. We shall be glad to hear from others.

THE MAPS

The Women's Mission Study Class of Harmony Baptist Church of Detroit Mich have made a study of Paul's missionary journeys comparing them with Brother Brandon's missionary journeys. They report that the maps we sent out last month were of help. This is a fine suggestion for every church. We suggest that you also make a study of these missionary journeys. It will be a profitable study and you will enjoy it. The way to learn about missions is to study missions. The way to get interested in missions is to give to missions. The way to get results from what you give for missions is to pray for missions. We trust that every one who reads these sheets will pray every day regularly for Brother Brandon and his family and the great mission work he is doing in Brazil.

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Report of funds received from July 3rd to August 3rd 1942 for the support of Missionary J F Brandon and family:

South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	\$15.65
First Baptist Church-----	Wheaton Ill-----	62.10
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	26.10
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Rosedale Mich---	19.28
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich---	50.00
Mrs E Womack (Kirkville Baptist Church)-----	Marietta Miss---	2.00
Mrs E H Purdom-----	Elmhurst Ill---	2.00
Astrid Strom-----	Wheaton Ill-----	3.00
Carl Vining-----	" "-----	4.00
Edward Overbey-----	" "-----	1.00
Donald Overbey-----	" "-----	3.50
Naomi Franz-----	" "-----	3.00
Frances Meyer-----	" "-----	2.00
Fay Wing Jr-----	" "-----	1.00
Dale Overbey-----	" "-----	1.00
Betty Day-----	" "-----	2.00
Dorthy Arison-----	" "-----	1.00
Wheaton College Student-----	" "-----	3.50
Oscar Ahlswede-----	Glen Ellyn Ill--	5.00

Sincerely yours (Signed) Z E Clark

Total \$207.13

NEW TESTAMENT MISSIONS

We as Baptists get our authority for missions from the great commission (Matt 28:18,19 and 20). This commission has four alls: (1) All power. (2) All nations. (3) All things. (4) Always. This commission also has four commands: (1) Go. (2) Make disciples. (3) Baptize them (4) Indoctriate them. Teach to observe all things. Jesus gave this commission to the church (to the apostles in corporate capacity). In Matt 16:18 the Lord promised the church perpetuity-"the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." In Matt 28:20 the Lord promised the church that he would be with it "always, even unto the end of the world." Matt 28:18 says that the Lord has "all power" given unto him "in heaven and in earth." Therefore: the church has the promise that the Lord who is all powerful, both in heaven and in earth, will be with it until the end of time. Any missionary that is not carrying out the four commands that the Lord commanded in the commission, is not doing New Testament mission work. Any missionary that is doing something else in the place of any or all of these four commands, is not doing New Testament mission work. Missionary J F Brandon: (1) Goes to Brazil. (2) He makes disciples of lost Brazilians. (3) He baptizes them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. (4) He indoctrinates them by teaching them to observe "all things whatsoever I have commanded you." This is New Testament missions.

MISSION OFFERINGS

Brother J F Brandon is supported by New Testament churches. The offerings are sent to Brother Z E Clark who in turn sends them to the missionary and his family. Philippians 4:16 tells us that when the missionary Paul was in Thessalonica that the church at Philippi "sent once and again unto my necessity." In the 18th verse of the same chapter we are told that this church sent offerings by Epaphroditus: "having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent by you." This is our authority. Here we stand. Will you join with us?

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MISSION MAIL

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The last mail from Brother Brandon was dated June 23rd 1942 at Manaos. You have read the letter on the first sheet of this issue. You will remember that he was to leave Manaos the night of June 23 by boat for Cruzeiro do Sul. We do not know how long the journey will take. Perhaps about 30 days, provided that the water in the Jurua river was not too low. We trust that he reached Cruzeiro do Sul about July 25th and if so will have been there about three weeks when you get these sheets. I am sure that all of you enjoy reading the letters he writes. It will perhaps be several weeks before we get a letter from him at Cruzeiro do Sul. He advised that the mail service at Cruzeiro do Sul is uncertain and that the mail to him should be sent to a P O Box in Manaos. A believer will get the letters from the box and send them by someone in person that is going to Cruzeiro do Sul on the next boat. Address your letters like this:

J F Brandon
Caixa Postal 212
Manaos, Amazonas
Brazil, South America

We suggest that you make it a point to write to him regularly. If you write to him this week the letter should reach him sometime in October. Don't put it off. A letter from you will mean much to him.

KODAK

OUTBOARD MOTOR

RADIO

When the missionary leaves his station for a mission journey he goes up or down the river in a canoe until he reaches the village or community that is to be ministered to. From here he will travel by foot about the forest to meet people to preach to. Or he may go by canoe up a small shallow stream that flows into the main river. You can imagine what it is like to row a canoe for several days under the sun near the equator. Yet that is the only way to get there. An outboard motor of 2 or 3 horsepower would be a great help to the missionary. It would conserve his strength and health and enable him to reach the places much faster. Such a motor would probably cost from \$40.00 to \$60.00 and would be economical to operate. Who has a motor that you would like to give? Perhaps some church would like to make a special offering for such. With a good kodak that would take pictures about two and three fourth inches by five and one half inches he could take and send us pictures of the work such as baptizings etc and we could have a cut made and send them out on the sheets. A good strong radio that would receive by both short and long wave would be a great help to him. He could receive the news of the world and also the gospel in song and sermon. This radio would have to be operated by a battery since electricity is not available to him. Here is an opportunity for some to have a part in the mission work who perhaps have not had a part up to now. Write to us about this and let us know what you have to send or what you can do. These things would have to be sent all the way by boat and would require perhaps at least three month or longer. We shall appreciate an early reply.

A REMINDER

Have you sent for your MISSION BANK? Do you pray each day for the missionary and his family? Do you have a part in this mission work? Do you write to Brother and Sister Brandon? Send all offerings for the mission work to:

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Detroit Michigan

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