

SEPTEMBER

J F BRANDON BAPTIST MISSIONARY

1942

Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil, South AmericaWheaton Illinois September 1942MISSIONARY J F BRANDON REACHES CRUZEIRO DO SUL

Cruzeiro do Sul, July 27 1942

Dear Brethren:- Finally I am at my journeys end. I arrived on the 22 of July. I found the work in good shape. There were a great number of the believers who came on the boat to receive me, and from there we went to the homes of the ones who could not come, and then to the church for a meeting of prayer and praise to the Lord for the good journey and His manifest goodness while I was away. Yesterday (Sunday July 26) we had a great day. In the A M we had Sunday School with the house full and in the P M we went to the lepers home and had a fine service. I feel that our work there has been greatly blessed. There are many of them who give fruits of salvation. Another prisoner has been converted and is waiting baptism. There have been 30 baptized already this year. I went to the hospital to visit a sick believer and had a small service for him and there were more than 20 who attended. We had services in the home of a believer Thursday night (July 23) and there were more than 50 in attendance. Our church building is not yet complete. We have a business meeting tonight. We are all invited to attend a wedding tomorrow afternoon (Tuesday July 28). After the wedding they want me to preach. As soon as possible I will go on a visit to the other church (Japyni) and the missionary points in the interior and may be gone some time. Grace be with you all, Amen. J F Brandon

GOOD NEWS

We rejoiced and gave thanks to our heavenly Father when we received the above letter. It is good news to all who love and support this mission work. With grateful hearts let us now review the long journey: Brother Brandon left Benton Ky on Tuesday May 5th 1942 for Miami Fla. On Saturday morning May 9th he left Miami by plane and reached Maracaibo, Venezuela that night. The next morning May 10th he left Maracaibo by plane and reached Port of Spain, Trinidad Island that night. After a three days stay in Port of Spain he left by plane on the morning of May 14th and reached Belem, Brazil at the mouth of the Amazon river late that night. He had to wait in Belem 13 days for a boat. On May 28th he left Belem by boat and after a 10 day journey of 1000 miles he arrived at Manaus, Brazil. Here he waited 16 days and left Manaus on June 23rd by boat and covered the 2500 miles to Cruzeiro do Sul in 30 days, arriving there on July 22nd 1942. The journey from Benton, Ky to Cruzeiro do Sul required 79 days. Two days by bus, three days by plane and 40 days by boat. A total of 45 days of traveling and 34 days of waiting between places. The above letter was written 5 days after he reached Cruzeiro do Sul. Analyzing the letter we find that it contains a great deal of news. Thirty have been baptized so far this year. How many churches can you and I name that have had as many? Let us give thanks. In the five days he had been there he had held five services. A prayer and praise service on the day he arrived. The service in a believer's home with more than 50 present. A service in the hospital with 20 attending. Sunday School on Sunday morning and services at the Lep-er Colony on Sunday afternoon. He was to have a business meeting with the church that night and preach at a wedding the next day. Soon he was to leave on the missionary journey to the church at Japyni and the preaching points in the interior. Now read the above letter again.

We had the next two sheets of four pages almost finished and ready for mailing when the letter came telling of the Missionary's arrival at Cruzeiro do Sul. Since it was the news that all have been waiting to hear we are happy to add this sheet of two pages to the September issue. We hope to receive another letter from the missionary for the October sheets, before he leaves for the journey in the interior. This journey will perhaps be of several weeks so it may be a long time before we hear from him again. Let us pray earnestly and definitely for his health and safety and that the Lord will give him many souls for his hire while he is visiting the many mission preaching points. Mission work with J F Brandon is an every day job. I recall reading in the Messenger of Truth one time a letter from Brother Brandon stating that he had worked every day for about 6 years at the mission work except when he was ill with the fever.

HELP IN GETTING OUT THE SHEETS

We are happy to acknowledge receipt of \$1.00 from Brother E B Nall of Paducah Ky to help in the expense of getting out the sheets each month. Brother Nall is a city mail carrier in Paducah and has had a part in the support of Brother Brandon and his work for the past 10 years or more. He says that he reads the sheets and then passes them on for others to read hoping that it will help. Our Brother, Elder Z E Clark sent \$3.00 to help in getting out the monthly sheets. We were badly in need of a new roller for our mimeograph machine, and along came the money from these two brethren. We are reminded that Philipians 4:19 says: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Thank you beloved.

AUGUST OFFERINGS

On page 5 of this issue you will find the list of offerings received for the month of August. It is the best since last April. All who love this mission work will rejoice when you see the report. Each month we have offerings from new supporters. I am sure that all of you join with me in saying that "We are grateful for the fine way in which Pastor Z E Clark is handling this part of the mission work." All of us like to get letters. They bring encouragement to us and help us to carry on. Write to Brother Clark and tell him that you appreciate his efforts. Now is a good time to write to Missionary J F Brandon. If you will write this month he should get it the last of November or early in December. With good boat connections he might get it sooner. Address your letter like this:

J F Brandon
Caixa Postal 212
Manaos, Brazil
South America

A believer in Manaos will get the mail from the P O Box at Manaos and send it the rest of the way by some one going to Cruzeiro do Sul on the next boat. Who will help in getting the Outboard Motor, the Radio and Kodak for the missionary? Write and tell us what you will do.

Send all offerings for the mission work to:

Elder Z E Clark
5216 Concord Ave
Detroit Michigan

ARISE LET US GO HENCE

Manaos, Amazonas, Brazil June 1942

Brethren, Family and Friends: To you, the redeemed of GOD, the beloved treasure of the Lord Jesus, you who were sought and purchased with BLOOD while yet in your sins, look up and give thanks to your Saviour as under the shelter of His eternal promises you abide. May that restful, satisfying peace that assures the faithful abiding of the Holy Spirit be yours by the amazing grace of our glorified Lord and Saviour.

"Arise and let us go hence." John 14:31. No doubt you recall reading this many times but has it ever meant enough to you for you to act upon it? Jesus spoke these words to men who loved Him and had forsaken all to follow Him. It affected them enough that they acted upon it then. The fact that He said arise, reveals an inactive attitude on the part of the believer by nature, this inactive attitude must be overcome, we must be on the alert. He speaks as to the individual "you arise". There is something for you to do and a half hearted service is not going to accomplish very much if anything at all. The ONE whose chain of service remains unbroken commands you, my brother "ARISE".

Then comes the challenge, "Let us go" Now what do you think of that? Would you like to go along in company with Jesus? Would you really? Have you considered the cost, who He is and what he teaches? Who are these who are walking with Him now? How is it going to affect my social standing, my home life? What about the individual sacrifices I will have to make, keeping company with this Man, Jesus? What can the future hold for me if I consecrate my life to this ONE who is despised and rejected of men? Consider "Let us go" a challenge to you my brother. Let "Us" go, an invitation to join company with Him. Now get the thought, the value of two working together, agreed, though little, something worth while accomplished. Companionship with ONE who sincerely seeks yours. Let us "Go". Do you know my brother, whether you give it much consideration or not, it is YOUR business to spread the gospel. Now are you tending to your business, just how much interest are you showing in your business, or do you prefer for someone to attend to your business for you? Does it mean anything to you to be sought by the Master of men, the approved and accepted of GOD? "Arise Brother Let Us Go Hence".

Let us go "Hence" the pleasure seeker would say, "Let us go places" no place in particular, many in general, seeking pleasure that does not satisfy. Not so with the Lord Jesus, ours is an offensive warfare, we must go forward. This is no time to remain seated, we must actually engage ourselves as individuals in an offensive against Satan and sin and the spread of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Make a stand for right, identify yourself with the people who are following Jesus and preaching the gospel. Be outspoken against sin and worldliness. Seek GOD in earnest and ask Him to help you; prove to Him that you mean business and He will help you. GOD loves the individual and is seeking to help you overcome in the present conflict. Now what shall we do, my friend and brother? Shall we be content to loiter by the wayside, serving self with the delightful things of an over ambitious world that frowns upon the sacrifice of GOD for sin? Or shall we heed the appealing call of the Master as He extends to you the most unusual invitation that will change the entire course of your life both here and hereafter "Arise and let us go hence". Amen. Sincerely, J F Brandon

Brazil has declared war on Germany and Italy. Many things have happened in the last month. Many things will happen before you get the sheets next month. Our route of getting mail to Missionary Brandon at Cruzeiro do Sul is by way of Belem which is at the mouth of the Amazon river on the Atlantic Coast of Brazil. This is the route whether it goes by boat or plane. At present it is the only route. Letters by plane go by this means only as far as Manaus Brazil which is 1000 miles up the Amazon river from Belem. The letters stay in Manaus until the next boat leaves for Cruzeiro do Sul. This may be a wait of only a few days and again it may be for weeks and the trip by boat is a long slow one.

AN URGENT APPEAL

We do not know what will happen or when it will happen. But in view of the situation we have commented on above, it would seem well for us to get all the funds that we can to Brother Brandon's account in the bank in Manaus Brazil as soon as possible. It would be a fine thing if we could get enough there to support him for several months in the case of an emergency. This can be done in this way: If everyone who reads this will send an offering the problem will be solved. Several hundred will perhaps read this who as yet have not had a part in this mission work. Let each one send an offering this month, be it large or small. Let all of us who give regularly, give a special offering in addition. Let us pray definitely about this and ask the Lord what he would have us give.

THE WAY OFFERINGS ARE SENT

Perhaps most of you know how the offerings are sent to Brother Brandon but to refresh your memory and for the benefit of our new readers it will be explained again. Brother Clark receives all offerings and deposits them to the mission account in a Detroit bank. To send funds to Brazil he writes a check on the mission account payable to the Detroit bank. The Detroit bank then writes a draft on a New York City bank and forwards this draft to the Bank of London and South America New York City, requesting them to forward the funds by air mail to their branch in Manaus Brazil for credit to the Joe F Brandon account. When the funds are received by the bank in Manaus, they then send a wireless telegram to J F Brandon at Cruzeiro do Sul advising him that he has a certain amount to his account. Although he is 2500 miles from the bank in Manaus that carries his account, he has access to it by merely writing a check. This is a very simple arrangement, yet the best that we know of. Brother Brandon worked out this arrangement several years ago when it was first put into use.

MISSION POSSIBILITIES

The possibilities for mission work in the Amazon Valley of Brazil are very great. The people are there who are lost. Many of them have never heard the gospel. The field is ripe. It is a Baptist opportunity. Brother Brandon said to us before leaving for Brazil: "With a good missionary to work with me and twenty five native preachers, we could evangelize the Amazon Valley in a few years and have Baptist churches in the towns and villages up and down the Amazon river and its tributaries. What are we going to do about it? Shall we begin to pray and plan now or shall we let it slide for years and perhaps lose the opportunity? Let us pray definitely about this. Let us pray definitely about the missionary's health and safety and that the Lord will greatly use him in winning souls."

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 1942

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

Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	\$43.12
Benton Baptist Church-----	" "-----	70.22
Hopewell Baptist Church-----	Trigg Co Ky-----	6.75
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	7.53
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	12.40
North Fork Baptist Church-----	Puryear Tenn-----	4.00
First Baptist Church-----	Wheaton Ill-----	55.00
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	59.17
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	27.20
Mrs Thos H Crider (Scott's Grove)-----	Murray Ky-----	2.00
James Brandon (For his father)-----	Benton Ky-----	5.00
David Brandon " " "-----	Benton Ky-----	4.21
Shela Shepherd-----	Detroit Mich-----	.50
Mrs E H Purdom-----	Elmhurst Ill-----	2.00
Carl Vining-----	Wheaton Ill-----	2.00
Edward Overbey-----	" "-----	1.00
Donald Overbey-----	" "-----	1.00
Ruth Hughey-----	New York N Y-----	3.00
Frances Meyer-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Philip Hughey-----	New York N Y-----	1.00
Fay Wing Jr-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Ralph Claybaugh-----	Union Grove Wis-----	6.00
Dale Overbey-----	Wheaton Ill-----	4.00
Alex Sumpter-----	Union Grove Wis-----	1.00
Bob Campbell-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
A friend-----	Detroit Mich-----	1.00
Donald Grollimund-----	Rockaway N J-----	2.00
Mrs W L Swensen, Miracle Book Club, Wasco Baptist Church		
Wasco Illinois. Designated to Mrs J F Brandon-----		4.00

(Signed) Z E Clark

Total \$328.10

AN ENLARGED MAP OF THE MISSION FIELD

On the other side of this sheet is an enlarged map of the mission field where Missionary J F Brandon labors. It represents the part that is shaded on this map: With the location clear in mind, turn the sheet and note the location of the churches Codajaz, Coary, Boa Fe, Catua, Esperanca, Cruzeiro do Sul and Japyni. They are south of the Equator. Note the length of the rivers. Note the width of the Amazon and Negro rivers and how crooked the Jurua is. Note the Madeira and Purus rivers and their length. Manaus is the capital of the State of Amazonas and Rio Branco is the capital of the Territory of Acre. From Manaus to the mouth of the Jurua on a straight line is about 400 miles. By boat it is 500 miles. From the mouth of the Jurua to Cruzeiro do Sul on a straight line is about 600 miles. By boat it is 2000 miles. "he abode with them and wrought." Acts 18:3



