

OCTOBER

J F BRANDON BAPTIST MISSIONARY
Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil, South America
Wheaton Illinois October 1942

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Jurua River Brazil, July 13 1942

Dear Ones in the service of the Lord Jesus:- Grace mercy and peace be multiplied unto all who love Him and are awaiting His glorious appearance. To those who hail the eternal and meritorious name of that peerless ONE whom the heavens received with the applaud of the innumerable host of celestial and glorified creatures; who with unequalled grace and dignity unsurpassed, sat down at His Father's own right hand; to you by reason of your faith in the Lord Jesus, have become sojourners in a desert land, I greet you as the lesser of your heaven bound comrades. I admonish you to a higher standard of moral living. Exercise yourselves more thoroughly in the virtues that distinguish the Lord's servants from the common class of worldly men. The challenge of life is inviting great are your opportunities to do good, the promise being made to the overcomer, he that endureth to the end shall be saved. If you are saved you possess the virtue that, when cultivated, will enable you to endure as well as help a stricken brother you may encounter along the wayside of life. The promises of the Bible, in which we do so love to glory, are found only along the highway of "obedience". This highway is unknown to the self-willed, impatient and worldly brother who seems more desirous of employing worldly methods, with short cuts to victory, the end of which is failure and despair. Be calm as you go about the business of the Lord, "remember the rock from whence you were hewn" remember "thou God seest" and be content to do the little thing well, that the Lord has entrusted you to do today. Ours ought to be a sacrificial life and will be if we submit to the will of our Saviour, for this purpose we were made partakers of divine grace. Don't think at all that His will was to call you into a life of worldliness and ease. You may do well to check up on yourself, lest you should be becoming conformed to the ways of this present world. Oh! May the "better" blessings of life be yours together with a greater capacity from God to enjoy them, and divine wisdom to apply yourselves properly in every good work and deed. To be happy, contented and blessed amid this lustful, impatient generation of sin-lovers, without you compromising the truth you have already treasured in your heart, is the blessing my soul desires for you today. To eat the hidden Manna, to freely drink from the crystal waters of the healing that flows by grace from Calvary, to recline upon the restful, soul inspiring promises of the ONE whose grace is greater than your cross, is truly a boon that comes from above to the people whom the Lord has loved and redeemed with an eternal salvation. May the Lord endear Himself to you and the journey of life become sweeter each day. Amen.

J F Brandon

The above message was written by J F Brandon on the Jurua river nine days before he reached Cruzeiro do Sul. This message came with the letter telling of his arrival, which was sent to you on the first page of the September sheets. Alone on a river boat still nine days from his destination, with only the Holy Spirit to admonish him, he writes admonishing us to a higher plane of living. We with our loved ones and friends ever near need to get a clearer vision of missions and what can be accomplished by the grace of God. We need to ask ourselves if we are playing at the job of giving to missions. We need to ask the Lord to tell us what He would have us give, and then trust Him to supply the amount He names. Dare we ask Him "How much Lord?"

The TABERNACLE TESTIFIER is printed twice a month at Lewisburg Kentucky. Its Editor is Elder M W Hall, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Lewisburg Ky. This church is four years old this month of October 1942. Free of all debts and obligations the Tabernacle Baptist Church will celebrate its fourth anniversary with a dedication service on Sunday October 18th. According to the announcement of the number present at a recent Sunday night service, the auditorium of this church will seat more than 1500 people. Pastor Hall preaches each Thursday 1:30 to 2:30 P M over Radio Station WHOP, 1230 kc, Hopkinsville Ky.

We received a letter from Brother Hall dated Sept 3 1942 in which he requested an article for publication concerning the mission work of J F Brandon in Brazil. The article was run in The TABERNACLE TESTIFIER issue of Sept 18 1942. The headline "INTRODUCING J F BRANDON, BAPTIST MISSIONARY" reached half across the top of the front page. A large group picture of the Missionary, Mrs Brandon and all their children was run on page two above the article. Brother Hall gave about one fourth of the space in his paper to this article introducing Missionary J F Brandon's mission work to the readers of The TABERNACLE TESTIFIER. All of the supporters of this mission work join me in hearty thanks to Brother Hall for this fine contribution of publicity in his paper. He kindly sent us 25 copies of this paper and we sent one to Brother Brandon at Cruzeiro do Sul in Brazil, one to Sister Brandon at Benton Ky and we are sending one to each of the churches that help support the mission work. Everyone will want to see the picture of the Brandon family and read the article which is a brief history of the mission work. Send M W Hall \$1.00 for a years subscription to this paper requesting him to begin it with the September 18th issue.

19 YEARS IN BRAZIL

On Oct 3 1923 J F Brandon and family left for Brazil to preach the gospel to the lost in the Amazon Valley and the Territory of Acre in Brazil. This month of Oct 1942 completes 19 years of missionary service. This the 19th anniversary is a good time to give thanks to our heavenly Father for His manifold blessings upon the labors of the missionary and his family and all who help in their support. J F Brandon has preached the gospel to the best of his ability during these years and it has pleased the Lord to bless his labors to the salvation of many hundreds of the lost. He has organized 7 Baptist churches, baptized over 600 believers, ordained 6 native Baptist preachers and established many mission preaching points. He has ministered to the poor, sick and dying and shared his all with the ones to whom he ministers. If you love New Testament Baptist mission work, this anniversary time is a good time to join with us in its support. Just send your offering to Elder Z E Clark 5216 Concord Ave Detroit Michigan.

THE MONTHLY MISSION SHEETS

Again we acknowledge receipt of funds to help in the expense of the getting out the monthly mimeograph sheets. Since the September issue we have received \$2.00 from John Brandon of Wheaton College, \$1.00 from Mrs Gust of Elmhurst Ill, \$1.00 from Mrs S D Austin of Detroit Michigan and \$9.50 from Harmony Baptist Church of Detroit Michigan. We are indeed thankful beloved. From time to time we are ask what it cost to get these sheets out each month. For September the cost was \$9.64. Remember that all offerings for the mission work go for that purpose and that alone. The money used for the expense of the monthly mission sheets is designated for that purpose. Our Lord is able. His grace is sufficient.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1942

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

Mt Zion Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	\$25.00
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	11.59
Fenton Road Baptist Church-----	Flint Mich-----	15.00
Kirkville Baptist Church-----	Fulton Miss-----	12.00
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	38.62
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	8.00
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	65.55
First Baptist Church-----	Wheaton Ill-----	77.00
Mrs E H Purdom-----	Elmhurst Ill-----	3.00
Donald Grollimund-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Astrid Strom-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.50
Carl Vining-----	Wheaton Ill-----	4.00
Donald Overbey-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
John Babian-----	Wheaton Ill-----	2.00
Naomi Franz-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Fay Wing Jr-----	Wheaton Ill-----	2.00
Dorothy Arison-----	Wheaton Ill-----	2.00
Dale Overbey-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Betty Day-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Harold Elliott-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
John Brandon-----	Wheaton Ill-----	4.00
Bill Mull-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
W C Nevil-----	Gainesboro Tenn-----	5.00
Gordon Ceperley-----	Dallas Tex-----	5.00

(Signed) Z E Clark Total \$288.26

DETROIT RIVER ASSOCIATION OF MISSIONARY BAPTISTS
VOTES TO SUPPORT MISSION WORK OF J F BRANDON

The first annual session of the "DETROIT RIVER ASSOCIATION" of Missionary Baptists was held in the Grace Baptist Church of Detroit Michigan December 13 1941. At this meeting the Association was organized with five churches as members:

Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Michigan
Fenton Road Baptist Church-----	Flint Michigan
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Michigan
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Michigan

The second annual session of this Association was held with the Liberty Baptist Church of Toledo Ohio, October 1st, 2nd and 3rd 1942. At this session the Ryan Road Baptist Church of Detroit Michigan was admitted to the Association. It was our happy privilege to attend the last session on Saturday night Oct 3rd. Pastor Alton Morgan met us at the station and we had a fine time of fellowship in his home. The report on Sunday Schools by a young man from the Ryan Road Baptist Church was very good. Brother David Boaz of the Harmony Baptist Church preached the Doctrinal Sermon and it was the best we had heard in many a year. Brother Z E Clark was to preach the Mission Sermon. He very kindly gave us his time and we had the great joy of speaking on missions and presenting the mission work of Brother J F Brandon in Brazil. Brother Alton Morgan made a motion that the DETROIT RIVER ASSOCIATION of Missionary Baptists support the mission work of Brother J F Brandon and the motion was passed unanimously. "For the people had a mind to work."

After the Association meeting at Toledo Ohio was adjourned Saturday night October 3rd we went to Detroit Michigan and spent the rest of the night in the home of Brother David Boaz. We had a good time of fellowship with this young Baptist preacher and his good wife. They have a three months old son. On Sunday October 4th we spoke to the saints of the Harmony Baptist Church both morning and night. It was a great day for us. At the evening service there were four professions of faith. It was a joyous occasion. This church of about 40 members is a real missionary church. The total offerings for the day were \$87. of which \$32.00 was for missions. The Junior girls of the B T U had saved up about \$8.50 for a picnic. Just before the night service began they brought the money to the church Treasurer and said that after the morning service they had decided to give the money to missions instead of using it for a picnic. In proportion to its number of members we do not know of any church that is doing more for missions than this one. ~~We need not say that pastor Clark leads the way.~~ Our stay in the home of pastor and sister Clark was one to be long remembered.

A MAN OF PRAYER

A few months before leaving for Brazil Brother Brandon was in our home for almost a month. When we would get home from work we would discuss the mission work and its possibilities until a late hour at night and then he would say "Let us pray." These times of prayer I shall never forget. I can still see in my mind's eye J F Brandon kneeling beside a chair long past the midnight hour. I learned as never before what is meant by "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16). In child like faith he would give thanks to God for His many mercies. He would plead with God as though he were literally before the throne of grace with Jesus at the right hand of the Father and with the Holy Spirit interceding with every word. He would plead for those who had loved the mission work so much in the past and now had cast it aside. He would intercede on the behalf of church after church and their pastors and many individuals mentioning them by name. He would plead for the churches in Brazil that they might be encircled in the Lord's care. He would pray about his passport and passage back to the mission field. He would remind God that He had called him to go to the mission field and that the call had not been withdrawn. He would ~~ask for the care of his loved ones and for grace to bear what ever~~ come his way. As he prayed one could not help but believe that the Lord was hearing and would answer. He took Matt 18:19 literally. He told the story in our prayer meeting one night of the time one of the children was born in Brazil and Sister Brandon took the fever and the baby could not keep the milk on its stomach. There was no Doctor to go to. He got in his canoe and made a trip to meet a native preacher. Together they read "That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." Then they claimed this promise and prayed to the Great Physician. He got in his canoe and came back to find that the fever had left the mother and the baby could now keep the milk on its stomach. Just before leaving for Brazil he mailed us a copy of his prayer list. It has the names of more than 20 churches and their pastors and a great number of individuals. At the bottom of the list he wrote: "I call all of these by name no less than twice daily and many others who live in Brazil." We are thankful that our name is on this list. Now let us pray for him.