

JANURARY

J F BRANDON BAPTIST MISSIONARY

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Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil, South America  
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### A 68 DAY JOURNEY

Cruzeiro do Sul, Nov 4 1942

Last week, Oct 28 I received two letters from you, two from Brother Clark and one from my wife, one from my sister and two from John. You have heard it said that all things come to those who wait. Well I waited almost four months for these letters. They were dated in July and received the last of Oct. I was away in the journey for 68 days. There were some things to encourage and others to take all the joy out of life, the better things of course I will try to relate that you too may rejoice with me and if I must weep, God give me grace to weep alone. I am very tired, I worked every day and preached every night while away. Yesterday afternoon I arrived too late to have services here and called on the deacon and we conversed and praised together until a late hour. This morning a boat came into our port but I have not gone to the Post as yet. I hope there are some letters for me. While I was away the pastor bought himself a farm and moved on it, so when I came there was no place for me to hang my hammock, so I went to the church building and here I am in the midst all alone but the Lord is with me and I am happy. The churches I left so strong have weakened and are weaker than I ever saw them. We are being persecuted as never before and if ever a people did need the prayers of others, we do now.

### BITTER PERSECUTION

I journeyed far and labored brother to get to a people where I could minister the Word of the Lord but there was so much persecution that I was deprived the privilege. There is a colony of people living on the Moa river that has more than a thousand souls, the most of which want to hear the gospel, but the priest is German and has so fanaticized the others that there remains little hope to preach to them. We were invited there by one of the leading families who are interested, and were driven out in the most disgraceful manner. I had in mind a journey in the far interior when I left here but it seemed impossible to make it. Later if the Lord wills we will go.

### EIGHT SOULS SAVED

The Lord was gracious to us through it all and there were eight (8) souls saved that professed faith in the Lord Jesus, seven of which were buried with the Lord in Baptism, some of the happiest I think I have ever seen. There is one thing that I wish to keep before you all at all times and that is to continue in prayer daily, not that I fear you will not pray but the devil is loose in the world and he is trying in every possible way to hinder this work. I have never seen such trials as are appearing. If the churches will continue in prayer, then the contributions will be wisely used to the glory of the Lord Jesus. Our church building as yet is incomplete and it will be necessary for me to help them some more, but it is so difficult to buy lumber here now and every thing is so high. I begun this letter yesterday but I was not well and had to wait until today and today I don't know whether I will be able to finish or not. Last night was the night of prayer and the house was about full, we had a good meeting. I am encouraged in seeing the interest growing among the young people of Wheaton, I believe them to be sincere lovers of the gospel, and they have been an inspiration to me. I remember Brother Ahlswede and am very grateful for his fellowship in the gospel.

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I liked the cut of maps that you furnished, they were well made and very interesting. I am hoping the war will close soon if the Lord wills, there are so many things that we are deprived of. Kerosene here is \$7.50 for five gallons, it makes it so hard on the poor. Gasoline for motors is almost impossible. True I have no motor now but hope to have some day. You can see if I did have one it would be impossible. We have had no bread, that is wheat bread for more than two months and the order came yesterday that no more white sugar would be sent. A ten cent box of oats sells for 75 cents, meat is almost impossible, perhaps twice a month and a small can of corn beef sells for 50 cents and most every thing in proportion.

#### LIBERTY TO PREACH NOT GRANTED

The people who were persecuting us in Japyni sent one of their leaders to Cruzeiro do Sul to complain to the police that we were insulting the Catholic people in Japyni by having street services near the church. The services were held with much difficulty while they beat on tin pans and yelled like deamons and came upon us with clubs and knives. We continued the service and were orderly dismissed and left. We had been invited to the home of a friend for the service. I was not called as a witness. They don't want to know the truth. The German priests are behind it all and the people in this interior are at least two thirds German sympathizers. The self appointed leaders of Japyni threatened the police who had been sent there and informed him that the priest was the authority there and they would recognize no other, also that it mattered not to them what the Constitution said, they would not permit the Baptists to preach the gospel there. The authorities knowing all of this, make no effort to enforce the law, when there are at least one third of the people who want to hear the gospel.

#### PRAY FOR AN OPEN DOOR

For one to relate the immoral conduct of these priests that so often has been made public, would hardly be advisable, yet the people because they are priests believe they are inspired of God and have the right to live as they do. I didn't want to trouble you with this but things are tightening up so, it will be well for us to understand better the situation that we may pray better for an open door and liberty to preach the **word of the Lord** and see souls converted. I hope you will call the brethren and churches to prayer for this matter. I know that the solution of it all is with God and He hears and answers prayer. I hope you are all well and the work prospering. God bless and keep you all. Remember me to all of the brethren and friends. I am enclosing a letter for John, please hand it to him. May the grace of the Lord Jesus our Saviour be with you all both now and forever, Amen. J F Brandon

#### A CHALLENGE TO US

The above letter from J F Brandon is a real challenge to all of us who love and support this mission work. It is a challenge to earnest prayer.

Pastor Z E Clark wrote to us about this letter as follows: "The news in Brother Brandon's letter presents us with a challenge, and I feel that the churches and individuals are going to meet this challenge with prayers and offerings." We share in Brother Clark's belief. Brother Brandon's request was: "I hope you will call the brethren and churches to prayer for this matter." Brethren let us respond to this request and go to Him who is on the throne of grace and He will not deny us.



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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1942

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Report of offerings received from December 3rd 1942 to Janurary 3rd 1943  
for the support of Missionary J F Brandon and family:

Bellview Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	\$ 14.00
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	17.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church-----	Lewisburg Ky-----	40.00
North Fork Baptist Church-----	Puryear Tenn-----	3.50
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	35.00
Grace Baptist Church----(B Y P U)-----	" "	10.00
New Cypress Baptist Church-----	Greenville Ky---	25.00
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	78.25
Fenton Road Baptist Church-----	Flint Mich-----	50.00
First Baptist Church-----	Wheaton Ill-----	60.00
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	57.23
( \$30.00 of this was given by the Women's Missionary Class )		
Marie Brandon-----	Paducah Ky-----	20.00
W L Hickman-----	For Outboard Motor-----	Fresno Cal-----
Mrs Thomas H Crider of Scott's Grove Bap.Ch.	Murray Ky-----	5.00
Paul I Paris-----	Marion Ky-----	5.00
Mrs Anna Coulter-----	Greenbrier Tenn--	1.00
Dr Paul G Culley---Dean of Wheaton College--	Wheaton Ill-----	50.00
Carl Vining-----	" "	5.00
Donald Overbey-----	" "	1.00
Naomi Franz-----	" "	1.00
Fay Wing-----	" "	2.00
Oscar Ahlswede-----	" "	5.00
Dale Overbey-----	" "	1.00
Betty Day-----	" "	1.00
John Brandon-----	" "	3.00
James Brandon-----	Benton Ky-----	4.00

(Signed Z E Clark)      Total      \$503.98

#### TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

It is a time of rejoicing at our house when we receive the monthly report from Brother Clark. We rejoice and give thanks to our Lord for the offerings from the churches and individuals. We rejoice that we are permitted to have a small part in this with them. Then we rejoice over the offerings from new sources. We are happy to add the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Lewisburg Ky to the list of churches who support this Mission Work. Brother M W Hall is the pastor of Tabernacle Baptist. He is also the editor of the TABERNACLE TESTIFIER which is printed twice a month. He has been giving good space in his paper for several months to this work and all who love and support it are grateful to him. And now we are grateful to him and his people for their fine offering. You can get the TABERNACLE TESTIFIER a year for only one dollar. It is a good Baptist paper and will feed your soul. Brother Hall sends us two copies of this paper, one of which we send with our letters and the Mission Sheets to J F Brandon at Cruzeiro do Sul. Those who live close enough will want to listen to Brother Hall preach over Radio Station WHOP, 1230 kc, Hopkinsville Ky.

#### HELP ON THE MISSION SHEETS

We are happy to acknowledge receipt of \$1.00 from Mrs. Gust of Elmhurst Ill to help in getting out the MISSION SHEETS. Marie Brandon of Paducah Ky also sends \$2.00 for the same purpose. She also sends \$20.00 for the support of her father's mission work in Brazil. Thanks kindly.

Another church to the list of new supporters is the New Cypress Baptist Church of Greenville Ky. By the hand of their Treasurer they have sent a fine offering of \$25.00 as shown in this issue. Brother V A Turner is their new pastor. The support of this mission work is not new to Brother Turner. He has been having a part in it for a long time. We have never met him, but feel as we know him. We have heard Brother Brandon mention him by name together with a long list of others when we would pray together. We have a copy of J F Brandon's "LIST FOR DAILY PRAYER" and on it one line reads: "Brother Turner and family." When he gets this report some two months from now he will rejoice and add New Cypress Baptist Church to the list of churches and pastors whom he calls "by name no less than twice daily" before the throne of grace. Thank you beloved for your fine offering. May it bring honor and glory to our blessed Lord in the salvation of the lost in Brazil.

#### MISSIONARIES AND THEIR CHILDREN

No one knows better what a missionary goes through with to preach the gospel to the lost on a foreign field than his own family or another missionary. Missionary and Mrs Brandon's children spent years in Brazil with them on the field. Now that he is there alone it is gratifying to note the way his children help in the support of their father's mission work. Others of his relatives support the work regularly also. Perhaps no one has given more sacrificially through the years than has the missionary's brother James R Brandon who is Sunday School Supt of the Benton Baptist Church. Two of the children who returned from the foreign field last year sold papers and each of them gave their father \$5.00 just before he left for Brazil again last May. The report in this issue shows that three of his children gave \$27.00 in December besides \$2.00 to help send these Mission Sheets to you. Dr Paul G Culley a Baptist Medical Missionary from New Guinea (where we are now fighting the Japs) is the Dean of Wheaton College. He teaches a class in Missions at Wheaton College. Brother Brandon spoke to his class last year when he was here. Dr Culley knows mission from experience on the field. All are grateful to this missionary for his fine offering. It is our happy privilege to know him personally and we can say that his offering was "heartily as to the Lord."

#### MISSION SHEETS ONE YEAR OLD

In Janurary 1942 we sent out the first issue of the MISSION SHEETS in the interest of J F Brandon's mission work in Brazil. The first issue was of one page and went to about 30 young people in Wheaton Ill. This issue of the MISSION SHEETS is our first anniversary issue and goes to about 750 homes. The Lord has seen fit to bless our humble efforts that this great mission work might be carried on. To Him be all the honor and glory. Our sincere thanks to those who have helped us in this part of the work. We can only say "this work was wrought of our God."

#### THE OUTBOARD MOTOR

In response to our appeal for help to get an outboard motor to attach to the missionary's canoe, Brother W L Hickman of Fresno Cal sent \$10. This brings this fund up to \$20.00. Thanks brother. With gasoline high and almost impossible to get, it is better to make the journey with a motor attached to the canoe than it is for him to stand in it and push it upstream with a long pole for 30 miles in three days under a tropical sun and be worn out when the journey is finished. Send all offerings for the mission work to Elder Z E Clark, 5216 Concord Ave Detroit Mich.