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J F BRANDON BAPTIST MISSIONARY
Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil, South America
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MISSIONARY J F BRANDON AND FAMILY

First row, left to right: Betty Brown, Missionary J F Brandon, Mrs J F Brandon and Rebecca. Second row, left to right: Joe Jr (U S Army) John (U S Army) James, Edith Marie, David and George (U S Army).

Dear Anna and children:-

Cruzeiro do Sul Jan 2 1943

This is the beginning of a new year and I wonder just what there is in store for us all. I was so encouraged with the letters from my darling little ones, you will never know the joy and happiness your letters bring, they seem to arrive just in time, so it was yesterday when I received them. I realize far more seriously than I can express that I am responsible for you and you may be sure that I am cooperating in every way that is possible. I call God to witness that I love you with all the sincerity of my heart and that I do not understand why my love for you all is called in question at this time. I have not recommended myself at any time as being faithful, yet at the same time the God I serve with my whole heart is my witness that I am the means in His hands in providing for you the years of your existence. Life has been trying on you at times I know, but I also know by the experience gained that you will have lost nothing when the final count is taken for the trials you have undergone, for I have seen you everyone overcome and I know that you possess the spirit of final victory. Endure with me little folks, for I am your earthly father and have not neglected you at any time. My prayers are ever and have been sacrificially for every

member of my family. My thoughts are of you all continually, in each moment of life I consider your happiness and welfare. In the songs of the night I hear your voices and when sleep flees from me, my prayer to God has been for you and when overcome by sleep my spirit wanders to your bedside and more than once little Betty's dream has been recorded as truth. The result of life without a struggle would be like a banquet without an appetite or the comforts of a restful bed when sleep has been rejected. My dear children, I do not ask for myself or my loved ones that we escape God's difficult way to happiness (there is no short cut) but this I do ask for you as for myself, grace and courage, endurance and determination, willing hearts, humble and submissive, sacrificial in that which is right. Fear not says the King of the nations for I am with thee, and where He leads do not fear to follow. He is the comforter of men and He among the trials and bewildering problems of life give thee rest and help thee to carry on. The self same One who saved me and through the years has conserved my life and inspired me to hope for a better day, has assured me that my family will lack for nothing while I am away. I am His servant (unworthy though I be) and you are the sons of a prophet. Now take your Bible and make the references in the Old Scriptures where God in infinite grace has cared for the sons of the profits, often long after they were gone and forgotten. There is no reason because of my faithfulness why God should do that for you, but just remember this, that the God who separated your father from the worldly life and sent him into this, one of the earth's remotest bounds, will provide for everyone of you in every attitude of life, for this is His promise to me and He will keep His promise. Be courageous and be faithful, do right and the blessings of Him whose love is unchanging will ever comfort and encourage you till we meet again, and if we do not meet on this side of Jordan, remember I will be waiting there for you. May the better blessings of life comfort you all the way. Contentment with Godly fear is great gain. 2 Kings 4:1-7. 2 Kings 4:38-41 and 2 Kings 6:1-7. Love to all, J F Brandon

(This letter from Brother Brandon to his wife and children is sent to you with their permission)

We have not heard from Brother Brandon in quite some time. The last letter received was dated January 13, 1943 which we sent to you in the April Mission Sheets. You will recall that he mentioned in that letter that he expected to make a long journey "to the confines this time and may be that I will delay." We need to pray much and definitely for him every day. We need to pray for his health and safety. We need to pray that the Lord will fill him with His Spirit that he may preach with power so that the lost will be convicted and converted. Let us pray that others may not be permitted to interfere with his work. He needs a missionary to go from the States to work with him. Let us ask God to call the one he would have go. It may be that the one the Lord would have go is in your church.

A PICTURE OF THE MISSIONARY AND FAMILY

We are happy to be able to send you a picture of Missionary J F Brandon and his family on the first page of this issue of the Mission Sheets. We are also happy to be able to send you once each month a letter from him with news direct from the mission field. We do not believe that there are any who support missions that are better informed about their mission work than are those who support Brother Brandon and the great mission work that he is doing in that destitute part of Brazil.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 1943

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Report of mission offerings received from April 3 1943 to May 5 1943 for the support of Missionary J F Brandon and family and the mission work in general in Brazil under Brother Brandon's supervision:

Boyd's Hill Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	\$ 13.00
Bellview Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	8.22
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	9.77
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	57.00
Grace Baptist Church B Y P U-----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	34.00
Hopewell Baptist Church-----	Mayfield Ky-----	6.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	11.97
Fenton Road Baptist-----	Flint Mich-----	15.35
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky----	5.00
Hopewell Baptist Church-----	Golden Pond Ky----	10.00
First Baptist Church-----	Wheaton Ill-----	61.50
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	58.04
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	34.89
Richland Baptist Church-----	Calhoun Ky-----	76.07
Tabernacle Baptist Church-----	Lewisburg Ky-----	41.00
Mrs Anna Coulter-----	Greenbrier Tenn----	1.00
Edith Maria Brandon-----	Paducah Ky-----	5.00
Alex Sumpter-----	Union Grove Wis----	5.00
Mrs L S Hanna-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Carl Vining-----	Wheaton Ill-----	2.00
Donald Overbey-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
John Babian-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Oscar Ahlswede-----	Glen Ellyn Ill-----	5.00
Dale Overbey-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Betty Day-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Holsinger Brothers-----	Wheaton Ill-----	15.00
Jerry Elder-----	Wheaton Ill-----	3.00

(Signed) Z E Clark

Total \$492.81

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Hopewell Baptist Church of Golden Pond Ky has long been a supporter of J F Brandon's mission work in Brazil. We are happy to add the Hopewell Baptist Church of Mayfield Ky to the list of Baptist Churches that support this work. Brother Artell Wright who is their pastor was until recently a member of the Grace Baptist Church of Detroit Michigan. Several men of the Grace Baptist Church have answered God's call to preach the gospel. Grace is one of the great churches of the land.

RYAN ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

The Ryan Road Baptist Church of Detroit Michigan was admitted to the Detroit River Association of Missionary Baptists at their second annual session which was held with the Liberty Baptist Church of Toledo Ohio Oct 3 1942. We are happy to add the Ryan Road Baptist Church to the list of supporting churches. Brother Roy Shepherd is their pastor. There are six churches in the Detroit River Association. All of them support the great mission work that J F Brandon is doing in Brazil. Many will rejoice upon reading these lines to learn that these two Baptist Churches have been added to the list of supporters. "And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily." Acts 16:5. We rejoice with you beloved.

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GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

The B Y P U of the Grace Baptist Church of Detroit Michigan are regular supporters of the mission work. In addition to their offering for April they sent us \$10.00 to help get these Mission Sheets out and sent to you. The W M U of the same church also sent \$5.00 for the same purpose and Mr and Mrs W L Hickman of Fresno Cal sent \$2.00. We are grateful beloved. These people are missionary by practice as well as by belief. The Grace Baptist Church was organized with a few members only a few years ago. They now have about 1000 members and a new church building all paid for. The Auditorium seats about 900 people. It is very plain yet one of the most beautiful auditoriums that we have ever seen. The baptistry is built in and is high enough so that all the audience can see the candidates as they enter to the left by walking down gradually into the water until waist deep in the center. The front is glass and the candidates can be seen under the water when the pastor baptizes them. They then leave the water gradually by walking up the incline on the opposite side from where they entered. Brother B G Arterburn is the pastor and is being greatly used of God. In addition to pastoring his church he preaches over the Radio Station in Royal Oak Michigan early each Sunday Morning and is in great demand for meetings. The young people of this church are doing a great work.

ONE YEAR

Missionary Brandon left the homeland for the mission field one year ago this month. You will recall that he left Miami Fla on May 9 1942 by way of Pan American Airways. He reached Maracaibo Venezuela the same day and left the next day May 10 and reached Port of Spain, Trinidad Island the same day. He had a wait here of three days. He left Port of Spain on the morning of May 14 and reached Belem Brazil at the mouth of the Amazon river late that night. He waited in Belem until May 28 and took a boat up the Amazon river arriving at Manaus on June 6. He stayed in Manaus until June 23 and left by boat for Cruzeiro do Sul arriving on July 22. This journey from his home in Benton Ky to Cruzeiro do Sul required 79 days. Two days by bus, three days by plane and 40 days by boat and 34 days of waiting between places. On August 24 he left Cruzeiro do Sul and made a 68 day journey into the interior where he visited the church at Japyni and many preaching points. On this journey there were eight souls saved. The persecution while on this journey was very great. We do not know how long he will be on the journey that he was to leave on in January. We are trusting that we will soon have a letter from him with good news. Pray earnestly.

THE OUTBOARD MOTOR

We went to Chicago some time ago and looked for an outboard motor. We were advised that none have been made for about two years and that the army had been trying to buy some and could not find any new ones. We found a rebuilt one of 9 horsepower which was several years old. Perhaps some of the more than 1000 who will receive these sheets will know where we can get a good Johnson Outboard Motor of 5, 7 or 9 horsepower. A Johnson is requested because the parts can be secured in Brazil. We shall be obliged if you can help us. Considering the difficulty in finding a motor and then in getting the permission from the Government to ship it and the difficulty in shipping by boat etc we have thought that the Missionary might be able to buy one at Manaus or somewhere in the Amazon Valley. Send all offerings for the mission work to Elder Z E Clark, 5216 Concord Ave, Detroit Michigan.