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J F BRANDON BAPTIST MISSIONARY
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LETTERS FROM MISSIONARY BRANDON

Cruzeiro do Sul, March 27 1943

Your letters 14 and 15 came a day or two ago, I was so happy to get them, they were so encouraging. The one from Brother Nevil was just what I needed, surely the Lord uses the willing hearted and that dear Brother seems to be, God bless him. I must say that I am encouraged with the new churches and brethren. The Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved. I feel that He is adding to us such as are of a willing heart and content to do little things. We have had nothing but rain since I last wrote you, I have preached but little, rain and mud, dark nights and no one will go. I have been active in the street work but that at times does not turn out right, there have been no conversions now for about two weeks. This is Saturday, I do hope to have a good week end if the Lord may therein be well pleased. I fear the devil has of a truth been cast down among us, it is awful here, I have never had such experiences with evil spirits, I John 4:1-3. If you don't understand that passage as you like, say so and I will give you my idea. I have never seen such rebellion on the part of people who say they fear God and such resistance on the part of unbelievers. Unclean spirits are manifesting themselves among us in ways that it is hard for me to believe, but I know them and some of the believers are becoming affected. We do so need the prayers of lovers of truth, we are so weak and unable to stand, new in faith and tempted on every hand.

BUYS BOAT AND MOTOR

Brother you and Clark have done more than your part and so well is it done that I am ashamed that I have done so little. You all inspire me to a more active life, still I am handicapped, as yet no motor, one bought but not sure that it will be sent, bought a boat the other day but cannot receive it however until June, maybe the motor will arrive by then. Brother I have worked hard and accomplished so little, I marvel at the unbelief of the people. There is so much sickness I am as yet unable to get away, smallpox, fever and chills, I never saw so much.

BUYS HOUSE FOR PASTOR AT JAPYNI

I bought a small house for the pastor at Japyni, it cost \$105.00 and is next door to the church, he has not moved yet but hopes to soon. I have not paid for the boat yet, it was bought for \$200.00 and is well worth it the way things sell here. The motor I ask for is a 16 H P Johnston, they are selling at Manaos for about \$350.00 but don't know whether I will receive it or not. Have the money in the bank in Manaos for this, and I do hope the Lord will send them without anymore delay. Now for a loud speaker for rainy days, early market hours and other occasions when the people are in the street. The house I want to buy is the best location in town for a preaching point, and if the work continues we will need it later as much as now, it is not too high for fifteen hundred dollars. I hope you are all well and enjoying the better blessings of life, deep and precious fellowship with the Lord, our heavenly Father, with the Lord Jesus as the man of your council and the Holy Spirit as your comforter and friend. Be courageous and bold, have faith in God, be patient, don't get in too big a hurry, you seem to live a week while I live a day. Maybe you are just wound up a little tighter than I am, but God bless you brother, fight on. (over)

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I have received all but two of your letters and I do not remember the numbers of them now. Grace, mercy and peace be multiplied unto you all who love the coming of the Lord Jesus from heaven. Amen. 2 Tim 4:8.

Sincerely, J F Brandon

The above letter was dated March 27 1943 and was received in the same mail with the ones dated April 28 and 30 1943. (Mailed one month apart)

Cruzeiro do Sul, April 28 1943

The Mission Sheets for February came today and that was all that I received in the mail, yes I did receive some song books that have been on the way for four months, I was about to think they were not coming. I hardly know how to comment on the Mission Sheets, they are so well made up and the faithfulness of the brethren is also revealed in that the cooperation continues to increase. I believe that all the things needed will in time be supplied. I am glad to see that some are interested in the loud speaker. The rubber movement is increasing down river and will eventually arrive here they say. When direct communication with the States is established it will be better no doubt. The government is sending men from the south up these rivers to be employed in the rubber cutting business, many have arrived here and are being sent to the interior. The most of them are good listeners and many of them are from believers families, yet no believers among them that I have seen. I think I wrote you about the sickness of the brother who was left in charge of the church here while I was away in January. Well I was called in on account of his sickness and he would have died but the Lord would not let him. Now he is much better and seems very much more consecrated to the work than before.

PRAYER OF FAITH

Two weeks ago while I was yet occupied with him in prayer, some of the brethren from Japyni came, bringing the man who for sometime had been active in the work there, he had completely lost his mind. We did everything possible for him and worked with him for a week here but he grew worse and became dangerous so it seemed better to return to Japyni with him, and that we did. I remained with them ten days and returned Saturday night. You may think it is an easy thing to carry a crazy man that distance in a canoe, him tied and using all of his force to loose himself, but it is not. I felt that if we could get him there, the church could unite every night in prayer for him and he could be relieved to a great extent at least. Well we left here at dawn and arrived there at dark, there were six others with us and the canoe was well loaded. He did well for sometime but soon became weary and all but overturned the canoe several times, we had to tie him and he remained in the floor of the canoe most of the day. When we arrived at Japyni, the brethren came together and we placed him in the jail and we went to the church building and had worship and special prayer was made for him. The Lord heard us pray, for we were heart broken and the promise is to such people. Ps 34:18. The next morning he was much better. Every night we had prayer for him and he was regaining his strength but there are so many things to happen that it wasn't for long. They are now preparing a room for him in his mothers home. The Lord blessed the preaching of His word while I was there. There was one woman waiting to be baptized when we arrived who had been saved the other visit.

A BAPTIZING AND FOUR CONVERSIONS

On Sunday afternoon we had a baptizing which was well attended and for the night service we celebrated the Lord's supper. It was one of the best days I ever experienced, I can't express the joy I felt all through the day. Later in the week there were four other conversions, the services being well attended, the believers themselves being more active than usual, visiting the lost among their friends and inviting them to the services. I left early Saturday A M because there was need for me to be in Cruzeiro do Sul to spend Sunday. I left a pastor in charge of the work and the church happy. The four that were converted are to be baptized as soon as possible. In the return I learned that some of the believers are being sorely tried, the holy rollers are a pernicious set of heretics and do more to hinder the work than all of the others, they err greatly not knowing the Scriptures neither the power of God. Matt 22:29. They have no comfort for the sinner but hinder a great number who would be useful to the cause of the Lord Jesus. Since I returned we have had 35 professions of faith, 26 of which have already been baptized and have celebrated the supper of the Lord 12 times. The Lord has recently joined two men to me to work in the gospel and another who is giving a part of his time. We need many more, if the Lord will raise them up, the field is ripe and but few are able to see the need.

J F Brandon

Cruzeiro do Sul, April 30 1943

I wrote you day before yesterday but will add a little to it because I will have to go up river tomorrow and the time is short. The work is being blessed, our activities in the streets have increased in the past few days and the Lord is blessing the work. I only received one letter from you and that was the Mission Sheets for February. I enjoyed them ever so much. God is blessing you and Clark too, I know you both are happy in the work and I am too. I lament that I am so unfaithful and unworthy and when I see the faithfulness of you two brethren displayed before all of us, I can only find criticism for myself, for my progress is so slow that I suppose there will be nothing visible until I am gone but the glory be to the Lord Jesus, for He is worthy of all honor, glory and praise. I wrote to you sometime ago about a house I want to buy, it means more to our work than anything else at present, there are some others who are trying to get it but I believe the Lord has reserved it for us.

PLANS SERVICES EVERY NIGHT IN THE WEEK

My plans are the following: buy this house and open services every night in the week, the house is in four blocks of the market house and ten blocks from our church building, it is the most favorable place in town. I feel that if I can turn the work here and at Morapirango over to the pastor and one other worker, they can take care of it and I can begin on the other side of town with another worker and soon we will have something visible the Lord willing. Twenty minutes walk out a country road is a small place something larger than a city block, an ideal location for a small building to preach the gospel, in a community of perhaps a thousand people. The other day I bought it for about \$50 with the intention of making a church house there and having daily services or perhaps two or three times a week. If the Lord will give us a worker for there, then it will be better. (over)

THREE NATIVE MISSIONARIES AT WORK

I have a man working with me now and with the pastor and the man working with him, you may say that we have three workers on the job. We are praying for the Lord to raise up others. I hope that the Loud Speaker will be on its way before long. I feel that it will help us more than anything else. I am trying to get a motor here and if at all possible will. These Johnston 16 horse power are good and will just fit the boat that I have contracted. Your cooperation and Brother Clark's are better than my work Brother, but from now on I don't intend for it to be that way, still I don't want you all to diminish your efforts. I am not entirely well, if I had a place to rest for about 15 days I would be glad but I don't know where that would be, not on this side of Jordan I am sure.

TWELVE LEPERS SAVED

The conversions that I spoke of did not include the work among the lepers. There have been no less than a dozen professions of faith there and the interest grown among them, I feel that there will be fruit there someday that will be a surprise to many. Now may the peace of God that passeth all understanding fill your hearts and the condescending love of Christ guard the entrance to your hearts free from the lustful passions of an ungodly generation and may the consoling words of the Saviour ever be the Man of your counsel and He, the Lord Jesus, the idol of your hearts, the things that are better in life be yours with Christ by his amazing grace. Rom 8:17. I hope your family is well. Remember me to all of them, and God bless them, well do I recall the days spent there with you all, how happy they were indeed. Remember me to the dear young people there. I think they are about the dearest body of youngsters I ever met, God bless them. Remember me to all the friends and brethren who might inquire, peace be unto all of them. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all who love in sincerety His glorious coming. Amen
J F Brandon

A REPORT FOR NINE MONTHS

The above three letters from Missionary J F Brandon give us a great deal of information. These letters give a good report of what he has done during the nine months that he has been back on the mission field. Being an humble servant of God he comments as though he has not accomplished very much. Let us look at the results. A total of 47 conversions in nine months (twelve of these were lepers) of which 26 have been baptized. The lepers are in a leper colony and of course he can't baptize them; he has to preach to them at a distance on the outside. He has purchased a house at Japyni for the pastor there to live in. He has purchased a plot of ground larger than a city block in a community of about 1000 people outside of Cruzeiro do Sul to establish a preaching point. He has contracted for a boat that he is to get in June and he hopes to get a motor at Manaus (which is 2500 miles from Cruzeiro do Sul). He has three native preachers now working with him in preaching the gospel. He has been planning for several years to get a certain building in Cruzeiro do Sul. This is a good building and is in the best location in town. It is large enough for a church with three rooms for living quarters in the rear. He plans to have services every night in the week. We hope to hear soon that he has been able to get this building in the most favorable place among 6000 people.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 1943

Report of mission offerings received from May 5 1943 to June 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:

South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	\$ 16.00
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky-----	5.00
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	116.18*
Grace Baptist Church (F Y P U)-----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	17.67
Bethel Baptist Church (B Y P U)-----	Roseville Mich-----	7.06
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	74.53
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	65.00
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	10.56
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church-----	Tampa Fla-----	30.00
First Baptist Church-----	Wheaton Ill-----	60.10
Mrs E H Purdom-----	Elmhurst Ill-----	14.00**
Mrs Anna Coulter-----	Greenbrier Tenn-----	2.00
Alex Sumpter-----	Union Grove Wis-----	2.00
Mr and Mrs Roy Lee-----	Almo Ky-----	4.00
Mrs Rose Bolle-----	Waynesville O-----	1.00
Donald Drollmund-----	Wheaton Ill-----	2.00
Mary Robertson-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Harry Erwin-----	Akron Ohio-----	4.00
Carl Vining-----	U S Navy-----	3.00
Donald Overbey-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
John Babian-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Dorothy Arison-----	Wheaton Ill-----	5.00
Dale Overbey-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Betty Day-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
John Brandon-----	U S Army-----	10.00
Bill Mull-----	Wheaton Ill-----	5.00
Mrs Walter Powers-----	Tenn Ridge Tenn-----	2.00

* \$2.25 of this amount for outboard motor Total \$471.10

** \$10.00 of this for outboard motor and speaker

(Signed) Z E Clark

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

A Daily Vacation Bible School will be held at the Grace Baptist Church in Detroit Michigan the second week in July 1943 (July 12th to 18th) and all the churches in the Detroit River Association are expected to participate. Also any other church desiring to do so. Some preachers and workers from other States will speak. Mrs J F Brandon and daughters Rebecca and Betty Brown will be there to represent the mission work in Brazil. Mrs J C Dance of McKee Ky will be there and also Elder Jacob Rosentha. Mrs Brandon and Mrs Dance will work with the W M U and B Y P U girls class and children. Plan now to participate in this spiritual feast. This is your invitation.

Please Note: The government requests that we add the station number to Brother Clark's address for the convenience of the new postal employees. When you send your mission offering or write to Brother Clark, please address your envelope: Elder Z E Clark
5216 Concord Ave
Detroit 11 Mich

OUTBOARD MOTOR AND LOUD SPEAKER

In the March (1943) Mission Sheets we reported \$257.81 in the fund for the outboard motor and loud speaker. In the April issue we reported receipts of \$30.00 and in this issue \$12.25 making a total to date in this fund of \$300.06. You will note elsewhere in this issue that the Missionary has purchased a boat to be delivered in June and that he hopes to get a motor from Manaus. The Lord willing we hope to be able to get a loud speaker on the way to him before very long. If you would like to have a part in this just send your offering to Brother Clark.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND MISSION WORK

In the April issue we listed an offering of \$8.50 from the Liberty Baptist Church of Toledo Ohio. This should have been for the B Y P U of this church. Please forgive us young people for our error. The B Y P U's of the Grace, Harmony, Bethel and Liberty Baptist Churches help support this mission work. Young people in Wheaton Ill and in Wheaton College support the work regularly. Several who are in the Army, Navy and Air Force support it liberally. Other young people from many States help also. Dr William Pettingill once said: "Get your young people on fire for God and your young people's problem will be solved." Brother Brandon has mentioned many times his appreciation of the interest of the young people. We trust that more and more young people will become interested in this mission work and will support it with their prayers and offerings.

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

In his letter to his wife and children, that we sent to you in the last issue, Brother Brandon told of God's promise to provide for them in every attitude of life. Each month Brother Clark sends Mrs Brandon a check for the support of her and the children. After the May issue of the Mission Sheets was sent out last month, Mrs Brandon received a letter postmarked Paducah Ky. This letter had a second envelope inside with the words: "In appreciation of the work you and your husband have done for others." This second envelope contained \$70.00 in bills. The letter was not signed. Another letter from a young man in the Coast Guard contained \$5.00 with the words; "To help on the home front." Yes God keeps his promises to his prophets of today the same as He did to those of ages past. Blessed be His holy name.

THE MISSION SHEETS AND YOUR HELP

These Mission Sheets are sent out once each month. They are sent free to all. If you would like to be on the mailing list to receive them just send us your name and address. J F Brandon's mission work is a work of faith. These Mission Sheets are a work of faith. Giving God the honor and glory we acknowledge with thanks help from the following: Mrs Walter Powers, Tennessee Ridge Tenn \$2.00. Mr John Hancock, Plymouth Mich \$1.00. "Paducah Ky" \$2.00. Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton Ky \$3.00 and Mr and Mrs Roy Lee, Almo Ky \$1.00.

Please mail your offering so that Brother Clark will receive it by the 5th of the month. If you would like to have a part in a Baptist faith mission work that is done in the same way that the Lord commissioned the churches to do it, we welcome you to have a part with us. Send all offerings to:

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