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J F BRANDON BAPTIST MISSIONARY  
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MISSIONARY BRANDON AT JAPYNI

Japyni, Acre, Brazil, May 13 1943

The time has passed so rapidly, it seems but a watch in the night since I told you good by in Wheaton and it is already more than a year. A year ago today was the last day I spent in Port of Spain. I have been here two weeks (Japyni); have been preaching every night and working among the people in the day time, but there is such bitter opposition the last few days that I don't know if any good is coming out of it or not. The worker who was so anxious to come here to work; well he did not remain a week, as soon as I left him with the work and he began to feel the opposition, he returned to Cruzeiro do Sul and as things were in such a way, we thought it best for me to come and spend some time with the church. There is much interest and it is manifested in that the men listen with eagerness when we encounter them in the stores and market places. They ask questions and are seemingly satisfied with the reply from the bible. But there is so much opposition that they will not come to the church house for worship, yet they do congregate nearby and listen.

UNDER A PALM TREE NEAR BY

Not long ago there was a man came in and gave a profession of faith, he spoke so clearly that I marveled for I had not seen him at a service. I ask him to consider what he was doing, that he make no mistake and his reply was that for about a year he had not missed a single service, he with others was under a palm tree near by. He says he knows the Lord and wants to be baptized. The priest and some of his faithful sheep are working overtime, trying to keep the people from hearing the gospel. Last night we walked two miles into the country to preach in a farm house. There were but few present but very attentive; our service was spiritual for there were a dozen or more believers with me. One of our brethren here (Japyni) says that the Lord has put it in his heart to carry on the work when I am not here. That is one of the things we were asking the Lord to provide.

THREE FULL TIME NATIVE WORKERS

We now have threeworkers working full time and another half time and still another, I would say very active but I doubt if he gives half of his time to the Lord's work as yet, but soon I am sure that he will. He loves the Lord and is trying to do right; so if he is one of the called he will soon come out and declare himself. I was hindered from writing you as I desired; the boat remained in port a week. I was called away before it left however, there was so much to do and so little time to do it, I could not carry on as I wanted to. Yesterday when least expected the congregation of Parana sent for me to come there and if the Lord wills I will go tomorrow. Our plan is for me to pass ten days there and two of the brethren come for me and we will continue the journey up river for another fifteen days by canoe to visit about ten preaching points that are very difficult to get to. If the Lord wills we will make this journey and in case we do, don't expect a letter until we return and that may be more than a month. I have had more heart to heart talks with people recently than ever before. Have you ever been to the place where you felt that you stood between the living and the dead?

LED MANY TO THE CROSS ROADS OF LIFE

I have led many to the cross roads of life this year that is now in the past and have watched them make their decision, some perhaps for eternity. Jesus said repent and believe the gospel. We can do no more than to show them their need and the glories and beauty of the Lord Jesus and His willingness to save, and if they repent and believe they are saved, but if they refuse to repent, how can they believe? Seeing that repentance is a separation from sin and certainly one must separate himself from sin if he is to follow Jesus Christ, for the Lord Jesus is not a minister of sin but the sinless Master Man who penetrated the heavens after a complete and undeniable victory over death, sin and the grave. God alone can save repented believers through Jesus Christ, the preperation of the heart being also of the Lord Jesus which comes through the preaching of the gospel. God bless you brother and yours. Grace mercy and peace be multiplied unto all who love the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen. I will write as often as possible. I received only one letter this last mail, the Feb Mission Sheets. I enjoyed them, the Lord is blessing our work, praise His blessed name, for worthy is the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world and through His blood is remission of sins. Sincerely, J F Brandon

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THINGS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER

We do not know of any who are kept as well informed as to what their missionary is doing as are those who support J F Brandon and his great mission work in Brazil. You will note that when the above letter was written on May 13 that Brother Brandon had been with the church at Japyni for two weeks. He had been preaching every night and doing personal work in the stores and market places during the day. He organized this church at Japyni twelve years ago (1931). Japyni is up river 30 miles from Cruzeiro do Sul. The opposition was so great that the native brother remained less than a week and that Brother Brandon returned to carry on. A man listened secretly under a palm tree to the gospel at each service for about a year and was saved and came in the church to confess the Lord as Saviour and ask for baptism. A native brother at Japyni believes that the Lord has put it in his heart to carry on the work there when Brother Brandon is away. Three native preachers are now working full time and another half time and still another part time. The congregation at Parana had sent for the missionary to come and that he was to go spend ten days with them and then be met by two brethren for a fifteen day journey up river to visit about ten preaching points. He had more heart to heart talks with people recently than ever before and had led many to the cross roads of life and watched them make their decision, some perhaps for eternity. God alone can save repented believers through Jesus Christ and the preperation of the heart being also of the Lord Jesus which comes through the preaching of the gospel. Brethren this is New Testament Mission Work as the Lord commissioned the churches to do it. If the Lord leads you to have a part we shall give Him the praise. We hope to see many of the readers of the Mission Sheets at the Mission Institute at the Harmony Baptist Church in Detroit, August 3, 4 & 5. See the announcement on page four of this issue. Send all offerings for the mission work to:

Elder Z E Clark  
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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 1943

Report of mission offerings received from June 5 1943 to July 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 Side Baptist Church-----	Winter Haven Fla---	\$15.00
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	26.20
New Cypress Baptist Church-----	Greenville Ky-----	20.00
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky----	5.00
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	32.58
Hopewell Baptist Church-----	Golden Pond Ky-----	8.00
First Baptist Church-----	Wheaton Ill-----	62.75
Crace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	71.86
Grace Baptist Church (B Y P U)-----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	7.50
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	21.03
First Baptist Church-----	Hoopeston Ill-----	15.00
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	95.00 *
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	25.70
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	11.82
Edith Marie Brandon-----	Paducah Ky-----	5.00
A Friend-----	Paducah Ky-----	11.00
Alex Sumpter-----	Union Grove Wis----	2.00
Fayette Wing-----	Chicago Ill-----	5.00
Mrs Anna Coultier-----	Greenbrier Tenn----	2.00
E B Nall-----	Paducah Ky-----	5.10
Don Grollimund-----	Rockaway N J-----	1.00
Mary Robertson-----	Houston Tex-----	1.00
Donald Overbey-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
John Babian-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Dorothy Arison-----	Wheaton Ill-----	6.00 **
Oscar Ahlswede-----	Glen Ellyn Ill-----	5.00
Dale Overbey-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Betty Day-----	Roadhouse Ill-----	1.00
Paul Holsinger Jr-----	Wheaton Ill-----	10.00
Charles Holsinger-----	U S Army-----	10.00
Allen Illick-----	U S Army-----	10.00

\* \$80.00 of this amount for the church building in Cruzeiro do Sul. Total \$504.54

\*\* \$5.00 of this amount for the loudspeaker. (Signed) Z E Clark

SOUTH SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

The South Side Baptist Church of Winter Haven Florida sends a fine offering by the hand of their Treasurer, Brother H M Owen. Each month when we receive the report of the offerings we rejoice with all who love and support J F Brandon's great mission work in Brazil. We have reason to rejoice because so many churches and individuals give liberally and regularly. We have reason to rejoice because of the offerings from churches and individuals who have sent offerings for the first time. We feel that this is an answer to the prayers of many who remember this mission work before the throne of grace each day and some many times each day. We do not have the name of the pastor of this church at this writing. Let us add this church to our prayer list and remember both pastor and people when we pray. Thanks beloved for your fine offering.



BENTON BAPTIST CHURCH

The Benton Baptist Church of Benton Ky has called Brother Charles F Hines as pastor. This is J F Brandon's home church. His wife and children are members and worship God there. We have known this church as a praying church and a mission loving church. She has proved her love for missions by her offerings for missions over a long period of years. The Benton Church is a well doctriated church and loves the truth. When dark clouds have hung low and she has been on the defense for her faith and stand for the truth, a prayer answering God has heard and delivered. This church has been blessed with God fearing, God called and truth loving men as pastors. The few times we have had the privilege of worshipping with this people have been ones in which we received great blessings and shall ever remember because we felt the very presence of the Holy Spirit. We have had many reasons for loving this church and we have rejoiced when she has rejoiced and when she has had cause to sorrow we have sorrowed with her. May pastor and people be greatly used of God for the honor and glory of our blessed redeemer.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HOOPESTON ILL

Brother John W Salzman is the pastor of the First Baptist Church at Hoopeston Ill. Through his kind invitation we had the joy of speaking to his people both morning and evening on Sunday June 13th. They received us graciously and certainly made us feel at home. We are thankful for the offering sent by their treasurer Brother L H Davidson.

MISSION INSTITUTE

The Harmony Baptist Church of Detroit Michigan will hold a Mission Institute for three days, Tues Wed and Thurs, Aug 3, 4 & 5 1943. The morning services will begin at ten oclock, the afternoon services at 2 oclock and the night services at seven thirty. The general theme will be New Testament Mission Methods. All who read these sheets are invited to come. We do not have a list of the preachers and the subjects they will speak on at this writing but we can assure you that there will be a blessing in store for you. We hope to see many friends there and meet many that we have not had the privilege of meeting. Come and learn more about the great mission work that Brother Brandon is doing in Brazil. You will love missions better for having attended. We realize the difficulty for those who live long distances to come but we trust that many can. All members of the churches in the Detroit River Association should plan to be there. Those who come from out of town can come to Pastor Clark's home at 5216 Concord Ave or call him on the phone and he will direct you where to go. His phone is Olive 8116. Remember the place and dates, Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit Michigan, August 3, 4 & 5. Plan to come. Pastors please announce.

LETTERS

Everyone likes to get letters. The soldiers in the service on the battlefield of a foreign country or the sailor fighting on the high seas or those in camps in the homeland. Yes and missionary J F Brandon likes to get letters too. He does not get many except those from his family. This is a challenge to you. Please write to him.. Address your letter like this:

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