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J F BRANDON BAPTIST MISSIONARY
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LETTERS FROM MISSIONARY J F BRANDON

Cruzeiro do Sul, July 20 1943

May the peace of God that passeth all understanding, reign supremely in your life, home and work and all that you do may prosper. Ps 1:1-3. The Lord is among us and the blessing is visible in many ways. Sunday was a good day, our church house was full for the morning teaching service, then in the afternoon the young people as usual had their meeting which was well attended, while I went to the lepers home in company with two brethren and our service there was a blessing. Last Sunday a week ago there were 24 men present and two women and ten people on the outside with us. Last Sunday there were just a few less, but some were listening, in a near by shade, I could not see how many. It makes me so happy to go there and if you could hear our old dilapidated voices praising God in song, you would be happy too. Perhaps you never heard anything like it, for there is nothing on record that I could compare with it I am sure, but I take courage in the fact that the Bible says : "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord", That may be what we do?

SINNERS COME TO HEAR THE GOSPEL

Sunday night in our services there were about 20 sinners and some of them are near the kingdom. A prisoner who had been freed from the jail last week, thought there was no better way to thank God for his freedom than to come to our church and worship, so he and his wife were there. The services in all our preaching points have been better attended lately. Some people who have heard the gospel for years are beginning to show some interest now. Recently in one of the places in the interior, a farmer invited us to go there and pass the day and preach to the people whom he would invite. This was one of the greatest meetings I ever attended. There were 32 families of unbelievers represented, and 37 believers were there. The most of these people live near Cruzeiro do Sul but had never heard the gospel. They all seemed to be very favorably impressed. The man had prepared dinner for everybody, there were well more than 100 people present yet all were well served and the services continued until the late afternoon. These people spare no expense when it comes to entertaining and when they don't, it is because they don't want to. We are hoping for this meeting to be followed by others that will bring lost sheep into the fold of the Good Shepherd.

GREATLY ENCOURAGED IN THE WORK

I wrote to you some months ago about our hope of organizing a church at Morapirango. Something got in the way and until now I do not know what happened, but it seems now that the Lord has removed the hindrance and next month (August) if the Lord wills we will go forward. I am greatly encouraged in the work. The brethren from there said they would come here the first Sunday in August to worship with us and seek their letters of dismissal for the organization of the church there. We will celebrate the supper of the Lord Jesus in our last meeting together as one church. I think it will be a good way to dispatch the brethren in peace. Then as soon as possible we will meet together there (Morapirango) for the organization of the new body, and as many of the brethren from here as can go will attend. They have begun a church building already.

Sincerely, J F Brandon

Cruzeiro do Sul, July 24 1943

The Lord liveth and all is well. Isn't it wonderful to know that He is the One who has helped us until now? I Sam 7:12. And that He changeth not, Mal 3:6. Heb 13:5 and John 13:1. Certainly the One who is responsible for us being here will see us through, Isa 41:8-10 and will yet be glorified in the ones who sought Him, Ps 50:15.

MISSIONARY J F BRANDON IS 48 YEARS OLD

Forty eight years ago tomorrow (July 25) must have been a day of worm-wood and gall for my mother, Lam 3:19. As I recall some of the wide and narrows of life, I conclude that it was. Yet with all the failures of life, that seem to sprout and grow uncultivated, I love the memory of her more than any other person. My soul doth magnify the Lord. In these days I have seen and felt His guidance and seen Him smooth down the rough places. I recall that it was written by one of old: "Every valley shall be made plain." Isa 40:3-8. There has been such an unexpected interest in the gospel, not unsought, for on knees in the secret place and on tiptoes in the public ones, power and wisdom has been sought and used to put the gospel in terms simple enough to be understood and appreciated by all.

SINNERS ARE BEING SAVED

Wednesday night in our prayer service, without any invitation, a man came down front and as he gave his experience he burst into tears. I have never seen people moved more than these were on that occasion. Years ago he married a woman who proved to be untrue to him so they separated and each sought another companion, thus for 13 years he has lived an adulterous life. Recently he began to come to our services where he was convicted of sin and now, by the grace of the Lord Jesus he comes and asks to be baptized, that he may obey his Master. He has given his home and cows to his woman and says that he is going to start life all over again with the Lord Jesus Christ in command. Happily they have no children. The woman is very bitter against the gospel. I have longed to see someone with that much grace and now it seems that I will have the privilege. I am happy to see the love of God so manifest. Another man came to me yesterday, he said he had been living with a woman for years without marriage, they are both very much disturbed and want to know what they must do. In my opinion there is just two things that can be done, separate or marry as the law demands, for adulterers have no inheritance in the kingdom of God, I Cor 6:9-11, Gal 5:19-21, Eph 5:4-6, Col 3:5-7, I Thess 4:3-5, I Tim 1:9-11 and Rom 1:24. You see when men and women enter into unlawful agreements, they are rejected of God to accomplish their own desires. Now if the peace of God should be granted, it will only be when one leaves all to obey the gospel of the Lord Jesus. Compare Rom 1:28 with Lu 14:33. There are five other men with families showing much interest of late and this is a comfort indeed.

MOVES INTO NEWLY BOUGHT HOUSE FOR MISSION BASE

Just a year ago day before yesterday (July 22 1942) I arrived here from America, and on that day a year later (July 22 1943) I moved into the newly bought house. You can imagine how happy I feel. Then late in the P M a boy brought me a telegram from the bank in Manaus, saying they had received, I judge a thousand dollars, it gave 19300 cruzeiros. That is enough to pay all that I owe and keep things running for a while, for I still had eighty dollars when that arrived. (Cont page 4)

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1943

Report of mission offerings received from September 5 1943 to October 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:

Hopewell Baptist Church-----	Golden Pond Ky-----	\$ 6.00
South Side Baptist Church-----	Winter Haven Fla-----	15.00
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	23.29
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	60.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church-----	Tampa Fla-----	11.00
North Fork Baptist Church-----	Puryear Tenn-----	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	7.40
Liberty Baptist Church (B Y P U)-----	Toledo Ohio-----	10.00
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky-----	5.00
Scott's Grove Baptist Church-----	Murray Ky-----	8.00
Oak Baptist Church-----	Royal Oak Mich-----	10.00
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	45.00
Grace Baptist Church (B Y P U)-----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
First Baptist Church-----	Wheaton Ill-----	53.00
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	16.58
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	85.06
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	15.00
Marie Brandon-----	Paducah Ky-----	15.00
Mrs E H Purdom-----	Elmhurst Ill-----	30.00*
Alex Sumpter-----	Union Grove Wis-----	5.00
Carl Vining-----	U S Navy-----	4.00
Donald Overbey-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Dale Overbey-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Betty Day-----	Roodhouse Ill-----	1.00
Holsinger Brothers-----	Wheaton Ill-----	15.00
Mrs Walter Powers-----	Tennessee Ridge Tenn--	3.00
Mrs Rose Bolle-----	Waynesboro Ohio-----	5.00

* \$25.00 of this amount designated
for the loudspeaker

Total 470.33

(Signed) Z E Clark

OAK BAPTIST CHURCH

Another Baptist Church joins the list of supporters of Missionary J F Brandon and his work in Brazil. The W M U of Oak Baptist Church of Royal Oak Michigan sends a fine offering. We are thankful for this offering. Brother Edward Calvin is the pastor of this church. We pray that pastor and people will be richly blessed in their work together.

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Hopewell Baptist Church of Golden Pond Ky has long been a regular supporter of J F Brandon's mission work. This church is now no more. Brother M C Wallis writes: "This is the last money the church will send as we (the church) disbanded on Aug 21 1943. Some of the individuals wherever they go may send direct or influence their church to support Brother Brandon." This church is in the area that will be flooded when the dam at Gilbertsville is completed. The government has purchased their church property and they gave \$305.00 of the money for this mission work. \$150.00 was designated for the support of the native missionaries. We reported this offering in the Mission Sheets for November 1942. We trust that as soon as they are located we will have the new addresses of these good people so that we can continue to send the Mission Sheets to them. When we get to glory we expect to hear the Lord say some kind things about Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church.

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(Cont from page 2) We are to begin service tonight in the new home. Hundreds must have been invited and the room that we will begin with has a seating capacity of fifty, but there is a large outside and sometimes it is better attended than the inside. One of the preacher brethren came from Japyni this week and we agreed on the work for there and had prayer together. Two will remain their and one come here if the Lord wills. That will give two there(Japyni), two here (Cruzeiro do Sul) and two in Morapirango. They are to send from Japyni for the young lady teacher who is to help them, next week, she will live in the home of the pastor and carry on as I have already described. If the Lord wills I will go Monday to try out the motor and if everything works out alright will pay cash for it and put it into action as soon as possible. Must close for night has come. May the unseen hand that guideth the destiny of the nations, uphold, sustain and comfort you, as only One so blessed can do, while the peace and joy that passeth understanding satisfy completely every longing of your soul. Amen

Sincerely, J F Brandon

We received the above letters from Brother Brandon on October 5 1943. We are trying to get the Mission Sheets to you as soon as possible so that you may read the letters. They are encouraging. Souls are being saved. He has the boat and motor and possession of the house purchased for a mission base and was ready to hold the first service in it. When the letters were written in July he had been on the field for one year. The mission offerings that you send, support Mrs Brandon and the children here in the home land and Brother Brandon and the work in Brazil. The work on the field includes the support of the five native preachers as missionaries under Brother Brandon's supervision and also the christian young woman who teaches school at Japyni. The Lord willing he was to organize his eighth church in Brazil at Morapirango. We trust that the next mail will tell about this happy occasion.

A MISSIONARY IN BRAZIL FOR TWENTY YEARS

This month of October 1943 completes 20 years of mission work by J F Brandon in Brazil, South America. The Lord has blessed his labors through the years. J F Brandon has led many hundreds to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour and upon the authority of a New Testament Baptist Church he has baptized them. He has ordained six native Baptist preachers and organized seven Baptist Churches. If the church at Morapirango was organized in August as planned (which is since the above letters were written) it will be the eighth one. This humble servant of God loves to serve the Lord Jesus as a preacher of the Word. There is no substitute for the preaching of the Word at home or on the mission field. When faithfully preached it "Shall not return unto me void--" says Isa 55:11. Our business is to preach the Word and to support preachers who preach the Word. We at our home are happy to have a small part in the support of this mission work with you. We are also happy to have the privilege of editing the Mission Sheets each month that you may be informed as to the progress of the mission work which you support. We are thankful to Mrs Walter Powers of Tennessee Ridge Tenn for \$2.00 and the Ladies Bible Class of the Grace Baptist Church of Detroit Mich for \$5.00 to help in the expense of the Mission Sheets which costs about \$15.00 a month. This twentieth anniversary is a good time for others to begin in the support of this mission work. Send all offerings to: Elder Z E Clark, 5216 Concord Ave Detroit 11, Michigan.