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J F BRANDON BAPTIST MISSIONARY
Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil, South America
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Dear Brethren:

Cruzeiro do Sul, Aug 4 1943

The last two Sundays have been ever so much better than usual, the Lord has blessed the work in all of the preaching points, last Sunday the house was fuller than I have seen it since I returned. The last two weeks, at our prayer meeting services there have been conversions, each time a man, last week it was a married man with nine children. The family is now becoming interested and I hope that the children will soon be in our Sunday School. There seems to be a number of others interested and I am hoping that the Lord will bring into the kingdom a number of the lost ones.

MISSION BASE HOUSE BECOMING MOST POPULAR PREACHING POINT

Our new home is becoming the most popular preaching point, last Saturday night (Saturday is the night we have worship here) there were fifty men and women and a number of children. The room where we have worship was formerly a school room but it is not big enough, so as soon as possible we will remove the walls and make a good sized one that will accommodate 150 people. We will have to have more benches made, and now there are so few people who will work and the price is so much higher than it was that it seems ridiculous. Saturday night a man came, an unbeliever, he has some knowledge of medicine, but not a doctor, he treats people when they are sick, he brought news that a patient of his was very sick and that he had recommended to him that he send us word to pray for him that he might recover, and he did, and invited us there on Monday night to have preaching in his home. We went, had prayer and preached to more than forty people. He lives two miles away and when I returned I was tired but the next day I was happy to hear that he was better and wanted to hear some more of the gospel. It does encourage when the Lord extends His hand.

PREACHING IN THE HOMES

Last night (Aug 3) we had a fine service in rather a quite home, there were five young men who seemed to be very much interested. A young man just called on me, and as I presented the Saviour to him again, I ask him if he thought it too great a sacrifice to leave all and follow Jesus, he replied, "No I don't but the business I am in demands that I lie so much that I hardly think it worth while to begin." I opened anew at John 8:44 while he listened attentively, as he left he said he would go to the church building tonight to hear some more, he seemed to like it.

BRETHREN FROM MORAPIRANGO GET LETTERS TO ORGANIZE CHURCH

The Brethren came in from Morapirango Saturday (July 31) and spent two days with us. They could not all come but the ones that did come brought a letter requesting the church to grant them a letter with which they could organize a church there. It was granted and they returned happy. If the Lord wills we will proceed on the third Sunday in August (Aug 15 1943). There were 39 lettered out for this reason. There are some to be baptized there but I do not know how many. There is an increased interest there and the Lord is blessing. The work is in progress at Japyni, the school teacher has begun her work among them and they are happy. I hope to go there when the church is organized at Morapirango and spend a few days. I do not want to be away from here long at a time any more, the work suffers and this is our base.

The mother church must not become weaker than the newly organized ones. The work is small and so little accomplished but at the end of the day I am weary. We have a mens prayer meeting that meets once a week that seems to be gaining ground. The Lord is blessing the work and I believe that it is partly due to the faithful, humble prayers of the brethren.

MONEY TO PAY FOR MOTOR, BOAT AND MISSION HOUSE

Yesterday I went and paid for the motor and boat and there is enough money in the bank to finish paying for the house. I do thank the Lord for the bountiful provision. I thank my brethren too. Last Sunday when I arrived at the lepers home there were twenty men waiting in the yard; soon another came, there was also a woman outside with a number of children. Our services were very fine and the Spirit that prevailed was soul satisfying. The way to health and happiness is, to serve the Lord with your whole self the way that you can do it best and Jesus will take care of every need and heal every pain except the ones that must be endured to glorify Him and of course we do not want them removed but grace to endure. If Psalms 25:14 will comfort you as it has me, then it will certainly be a blessing. What could deepen my love for Him more than to know that He has singled me out from many more worthy than I and revealed a secret to me so amazingly great that it has confused the minds of multitudes in all past ages, who never seemed to understand. Yes the Lord has confidence in His people. We so often prove to be unworthy yet He is faithful to encourage us along the way. May His grace, love, mercy and peace be multiplied unto you all and His way be your way for His glory. Remember us to all the friends brethren and loved ones. Sincerely, J F Brandon

In the August issue of the Mission Sheets we told about Rebecca and Betty Brandon being saved at the Grace Baptist Church in Detroit Mich during their week of Daily Vacation Bible School. Pastor B G Arterburn baptized them on Sunday night July 18 1943 and then the church sent a cablegram to their father Missionary J F Brandon in Brazil telling him the good news. In a letter to his wife and children which was dated four days after the one above, Brother Brandon tells about receiving the good news. With Mrs Brandon's permission we send you a part of this personal letter. It will make your heart glad. It reads in part:

Cruzeiro do Sul, Aug 7 1943

Dear Anna and children:- There are times that are more difficult than others, when perplexities arise that seem invincible but so far in such times the Lord Jesus manifests Himself in the most unexpected ways. After much prayer and hesitation this house was bought and it seemed after the deal was made that an abyss had been abridged and I still feel that there was. Another victory seemed to be gained when I accepted the offer of Louis and bought the motor without having the money to pay for it. I felt such a relief of spirit and was so happy over the trade, I can not express the joy I felt, still I knew not how the payment would be made. Since leaving there I have felt such an anxiety for the little girls and have lived in constant prayer to GOD for their salvation, and as it happened on the day that I received the telegram that the Lord had saved them, I was extremely sad, standing in the door of Pedreiras store, the boy brought me the message and when I read it my eyes as well as my heart overflowed. The attention of those nearby was attracted and thus an opportunity was offered to tell others of the amazing grace of the Lord Jesus that saves sinners from their sins and

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1943

Report of mission offerings received from October 5 1943 to November 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
New Cypress Baptist Church-----	Greenville Ky-----	27.00
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	11.50
Mt Zion Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	37.00
Arlington Street Baptist Church (W M S)-	Akron Ohio-----	20.00
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky-----	5.00
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	70.00
Grace Baptist Church (B Y P U)-----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	41.84
Scott's Grove Baptist Church-----	Murray Ky-----	40.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	29.88
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church-----	Tampa Fla-----	29.00
Bellview Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	20.00
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	15.00
First Baptist Church-----	Wheaton Ill-----	59.50
Ethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	27.11
A Supporter-----		11.00
Don Grollimund-----	Wheaton Ill-----	2.00
Carl Vining-----	U S Navy-----	2.00
Donald Overbey-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Oscar Ahlswede-----	Glen Ellyn Ill-----	5.00
Dale Overbey-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Holsinger Brothers-----	Wheaton Ill-----	26.00
Fannie Beer-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Mrs Anna Coulter-----	Mt Vernon Ind-----	2.00

(Signed) Z E Clark

Total -- \$508.83

ARLINGTON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Again it is our happy privilege to list an offering from a Baptist Church which has given for the first time to the support of the mission work that Brother J F Brandon is doing in Brazil South America. A fine christian woman from Benton Ky who is a supporter of this work, visited relatives and friends in Akron Ohio. While there she told them of this New Testament Baptist Faith Mission Work and had several of them put on the mailing list to receive the monthly Mission Sheets. The results from this one woman's interest in missions has led the W M S of the Arlington Street Baptist Church of Akron Ohio to join the list of supporters. We are thankful to them for their offering and we can say that we believe with all our heart that they could not give to a needier mission work nor to one that is doing a greater work in a field as destitute and difficult and the one in which J F Brandon has been laboring for the past twenty years. It is the same kind of mission work that the first Baptist Missionary Paul did in the first century. It is the same kind of mission work that the Lord Jesus commissioned the churches to do in Matt 28:19-20. Nothing plus and nothing minus. If every one who loves and supports this mission work will do as this woman has done we will have many new supporters. Send all offerings for the mission work to:

Elder Z E Clark
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Detroit 11 Mich

(Continued from page two) gives eternal hope and joy to all who receive Him by faith as their Saviour and Lord. Just a few days before I had received a wire from the bank saying that they had received 19300 cruzeiros which represented one thousand dollars, thus all the financial burden has been relieved and my soul is at rest with GOD my Saviour. To say I am happy with the news of the conversion of my babies would be to express it in its mildest form. Praise GOD, He has blessed my home. -----Love to all, J F Brandon

FOUR SONS IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY

Missionary and Mrs J F Brandon now have four sons in the armed forces of the United States. Crp George and Sgt Joe Jr are overseas fighting against Germany. Prvt John is in the Southwest Pacific somewhere and Private James who is just 18 years old left home for training on Oct 28 1943. James was born and raised on the mission field in Brazil and returned with the family two years ago. The other boys spent their boyhood years on the field in Brazil. Before sailing John was stationed at San Luis Obispo, California in the army camp there. The Pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Luis Obispo, Cal wrote Mrs J F Brandon the following letter: Sept 9 1943. Dear Mrs Brandon:- You'll be interested to know that as a church we have been in contact with your son and we feel that he is one of our boys. The fact that he was at prayer meeting last night, speaks well for him. We have a fine bunch of boys coming to our church and John is one of them.

Sincerely, Ralph N Rowe

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WHEATON ILLINOIS

We at our house are members of this church and send our mission offerings through her. Recently this church extended a call to Brother John H Ashley to be our pastor. He comes from a successful pastorate at the Eighth Ave Baptist Church in Terre Haute Indiana. He began serving this church with a Spirit filled message on Sunday morning Nov 21 1943. Brother and Sister Ashley have three daughters, Dottie Joyce, 14 Marlyn Ann, 10 and Nancy May 4. We firmly believe that their coming is of the Lord. We trust that this relationship of pastor and people will be to the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus who purchased the church with His own blood. We pray that the Lord will save many and that the saints will be built up in the faith.

THE MISSION SHEETS

These Mission Sheets are sent out once a month free to all. We mailed out 30 copies of the first issue 23 months ago. We now send out more than 1100 copies each month. The ones sent to the churches go in a large envelope by parcel post. Several hundred go out to individuals by first class mail. We prefer to send these by first class mail because we believe that a greater interest will be taken in them. The cost for postage is now about \$10.00 a month and the cost of paper, ink etc is in addition. Our mailing list is still growing and since this is over and above our regular mission offerings we feel that we must now send these Mission Sheets to you at the lowest cost possible. If your copy does not come by first class mail you will understand. We are thankful to those who have had a part in sharing this expense with us and have listed all offerings for help received. We are thankful to Mrs J F Brandon for \$2.00 to help send these Mission Sheets this month. Pray that the Lord will use us to His honor and glory.