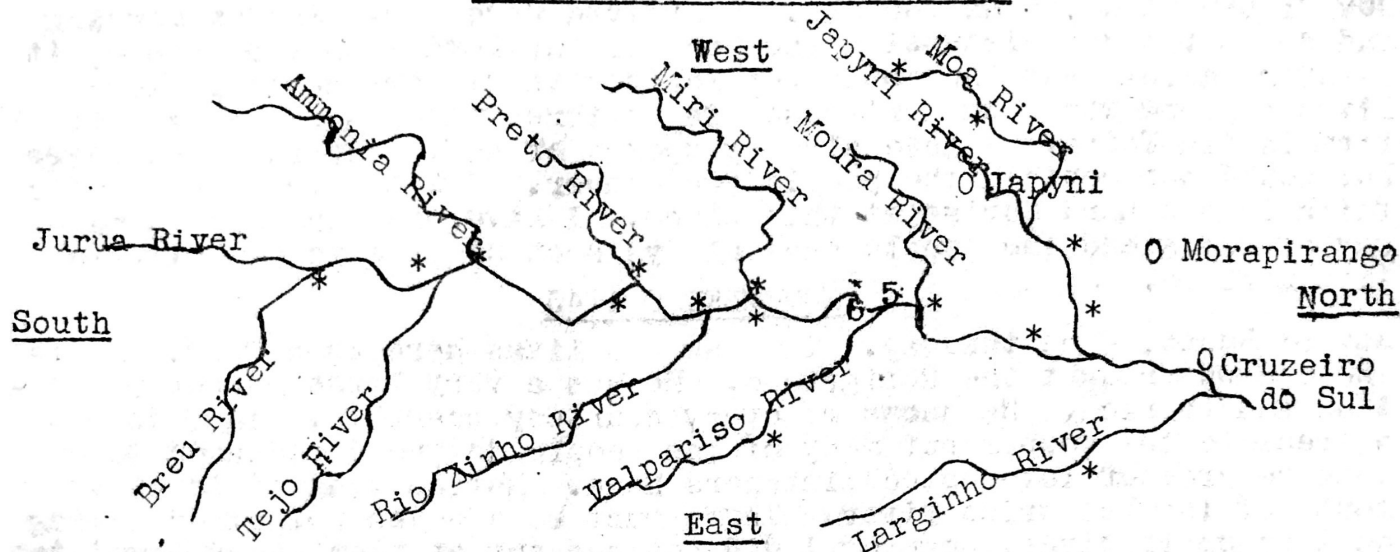


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J F BRANDON BAPTIST MISSIONARY
Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil, South America
Wheaton Illinois March 1944

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This map shows the field in which Missionary J F Brandon now labors. It shows the location of the three churches in the Acre Territory. They are Cruzeiro do Sul, the mission base, Japyni and Morapirango. Some of the mission preaching points where there are believers are marked *. The Jurua river runs North and from Cruzeiro do Sul to the mouth of the Breu river is about 255 miles. This is the missionary journey that he spoke of in his letter in the last issue of the Mission Sheets. He sent a map that was marked by name and number but it was taken out of the letter by the censor. To make this journey required 48 days. He visited 21 preaching points and preached to 2833 people. We have been able to locate some of the points--Urubutano marked 5 on the map and Russo marked 6 on the map. He left Cruzeiro do Sul on Nov 4 1943 and started up the Jurua river in his outboard motor canoe the Betty Brown. Start at Cruzeiro do Sul and follow the missionary journey as you read about it in Brother Brandon's own detailed report given below.

Dear Brethren:

Cruzeiro do Sul, Dec 29 1943

On the 5th of Nov 1943 we were in the home of a friend and had a preaching service well attended. The name of the place is Treze de Maio. There seemed to be much interest and I was greatly encouraged. This man and his wife have heard the gospel for years, his wife was the table waiter who served me when I arrived in Cruzeiro do Sul in 1926 and was one of the first to hear the gospel. On our return I was sick and we did not hold services but he promised to let us preach there when we could. He has a daughter in the convent here. The place is 3 on the enclosed map.

NOVEMBER 6 1943

Nov 6; Carlota, 4. This place is a spiritist stronghold, actually infested with unclean spirits. The owner invited me to preach there and Brother I had power, the demons were rebuked and such a calm service, all appeared interested, a goodly number were present. Recently in this place one of the young men went crazy and in his fury killed one of his companions. When I spoke of the Holy Spirit and His peace, and of eternal life in the future world, their interest grew and it was quite late when we swung our hammocks.

NOVEMBER 7 1943

Nov 7; Urubutano, 5 on the map. I arrived here early Sunday morning and spent the day discussing the Word of the Lord with the people, it is near Carlota and the young people from there came up too. Here lives a young woman who professed faith three years ago and is still firm in the Faith. I have already spoken of her. The room was large but would not contain the people for number. Two more professed their faith in the Lord Christ at this place. I have preached here a number of times and the people have always been so nice to me but this time more so.

NOVEMBER 8 1943

Nov 8; Russo, 6 on the map. The man who lives here is a Turk. He is the one who bought the Perigrinho. He has a very large rubber plantation and is rich. He shows me every courtesy possible. They do not appreciate the gospel but many of the people do and I preached to an immense crowd of interested listeners here. Notice that it is at the mouth of the Valpariso river. There must be a dozen believers living on this small river, however I did not see any of them, they lived too far to attend.

NOVEMBER 9 1943

Nov 9; Logar Novo, 7 on the map. Here two very large families lived together in one large house, a neighbor lived about a hundred yards away. The neighbor's wife was a witch. We slept in their home, there was not room for us to sleep in the other home. At six o'clock in the afternoon she put lighted lamps in each door to drive out the evil spirits. You see she was grieved because we were there. I assured her that the Spirit that accompanied us was the Spirit of the Lord but she did not believe. By the light of the new day we were up and gone, I had all of that place I wanted, yet I believe there are some of the elect there. A very old man said at the close of the service, "Ah that is what I have been waiting for, that is exactly what I believe but I can't say it like you can".

NOVEMBER 10 1943

Nov 10; Gata, 8 on the map. We arrived here about eight in the morning, a widow, plenty of children and some hired help and a lot of neighbors. Passed all of the day opening the Scriptures to them, the most of which sat on the floor for lack of benches. At night fall the neighbors came and our services were prolonged to 10 o'clock or more. There were more mosquitos there than I have seen in years.

NOVEMBER 11 1943

Nov 11; Boca do Miri, 9 on the map. Here we have two preaching points but the man of one of the homes was away and we delayed only one night in the home of the widow. They are very pious Catholics but are so for the sake of their parents. They know nothing of the doctrine. The children of this neighborhood sing well and we sat up late singing and discussing the Word with them.

NOVEMBER 12 1943

Nov 12; Lucranio, 10 on the map. The man who lives here is a blacksmith the son in law of the man who lives at 11. The family is very large, among the children and grand children there were about 75 and some of them are quite interested in the Word. (Continued on page 4)

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1944

Report of mission offerings received from February 5 1944 to March 5 1944 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-----	45.26
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	30.00
South Side Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	10.06
Raffalo Avenue Baptist Church-----	Tampa Fla-----	28.20
Bellview Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	22.00
First Baptist Church-----	Wheaton Ill-----	54.00
Wasco Baptist Church-----	Wasco Ill-----	20.00
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky-----	10.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	8.17
Benton Baptist Church-----	Fenton Ky-----	49.72
Scott's Grove Baptist Church-----	Murray Ky-----	22.00
New Cypress Baptist Church-----	Greenville Ky-----	14.55
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	15.00
New Hope Baptist Church-----	Dearborn Mich-----	3.59
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	6.64
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	9.30
Fenton Road Baptist Church-----	Flint Mich-----	13.75
Fenton Road Baptist Church (Ladies B C)-----	Flint Mich-----	5.00
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	35.00
Grace Baptist Church (B Y P U)-----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
A non-member and members of Benton Baptist Church	Benton Ky---	100.94
John Brandon-----	U S Army-----	15.00
Mrs Rose Bolle-----	Phoenix Ariz-----	5.00
First Baptist Church (Sunday School)-----	Wheaton Ill-----	5.00
Alex Sampter-----	Union Grove Wis-----	2.00
Mary M Crowder-----	Redondo Beach Cal---	5.00
Don Grolliund-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Carl Vining-----	U S Navy Air Force--	2.00
Holsinger Brothers-----	Wheaton Ill-----	20.00
Dorothy Arison-----	Wheaton Ill-----	8.00

(Signed) Z E Clark

Total

\$591.78

MISSION SHEETS REPORT

February 1944 we received the following offerings to help in the expense of editing and mailing the Mission Sheets:

A Friend-----	Wheaton Ill-----	\$ 3.00
Holsinger Brothers-----	Wheaton Ill-----	5.00
Mrs Allison-----	Detroit Mich-----	1.00
Mrs J F Brandon-----	Benton Ky-----	10.00
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	5.00
Total		\$24.00

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(Continued from page 2) A few years ago when I went there the first time, to my surprise the children were singing gospel songs. They said they had learned them from the children in Boca do Miri. I look for fruit sooner or later from these places, but it may be a long time. You would be surprised to see how ignorant people can be and still profess civilization and Christianity. Here I was out of gas and this man loaned me five gallons which put me down to Russo (6) where I borrowed ten gallons which brought me home. I had borrowed five gallons of oil in Boca de Teja. You see the way we do things here would no doubt be strange up there.

NOVEMBER 13 1943

Nov 13; Villa Humaita, 12 on the map. Here is a village of five hundred or more, a priest and a fanaticised lot of imprudent catholics. The only officer of the place is the son of a believer in Cruzeiro do Sul. He lives in the same house with the priest and I think his experience has been good for him. One day while I was in the Campo Santano (13), he sought me and we passed the day together in the Word of the Lord. He became convicted and wrote the Church in Cruzeiro do Sul asking them to pray for him. He said the eight months he had lived with the priest that never once had he approached him on spiritual subjects but he was happy with the explanations that he had received from me. The priest cursed everyone that attended our services but with all of that the house would not hold half of the ones who came. The people in this village are the most degenerated I have ever seen. They need much preaching and the preacher will need much patience.

NOVEMBER 14 1943

Nov 14; Campo Santano, 13 on the map. Here we passed two days and never did I see such humble interest as was manifest. On our return we remained here 12 days. There is some opposition but the greater part of them declare themselves to be believers. There were seven professions of faith, five of which were baptized and many more who say on the return trip they want to be baptized. The trouble is they are not married and there is no officer to marry them and I am at the end of my wits. About three miles up the river there is another settlement of people who attended the services while we were there. They also say that they want baptism. There are about 60 or more there and 75 or more at Campo Santano. I would locate a worker here, but I don't have one. In the two settlements there is only one person who reads intelligently and one other poorly. We need a school teacher here but have none. We had worship two times a day, early morning and at night. One morning while we were having our Bible Class in one of the homes a herd of wild hogs came passing by, not near yet well in sight. I remembered the stores I had heard from the old people when I was a child, every one went for his musket and after the herd, the result was, we had plenty to eat for a time. I request special prayer for this place and people. (This story will be continued.)

SOUTH SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH PADUCAH KY

Among the 19 Baptist Churches who sent offerings in February was a new one added to the list. The South Side Baptist Church of Paducah Ky advise that they have voted to give a certain percent of their offerings to this mission work. May the Lord richly bless pastor and people and lead others to join with us.