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J F BRANDON BAPTIST MISSIONARY

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Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil, South America
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Last month in the March issue of the Mission Sheets we gave you part of the detailed report of the 48 day journey of 510 miles made by Brother J. F. Brandon. Remember that he left the Mission Base at Cruzeiro do Sul on Nov 4 1943 and started up the Jurua river in his canoe powered by a 16 H P outboard motor that he purchased with your offerings. We left off the story with his visit of two days at Campo Santano on Nov 14th and 15th 1943. We continue this interesting journey from here.

A MISSIONARY JOURNEY CONTINUED

NOVEMBER 16 1943

Nov 16; Natal, 14 on the map. Four years ago a young lady near this place became very much interested in the gospel but finally rejected it to marry the man who owned and operated the rubber farm. It turned out though that they were only married by the priests, which is no marriage at all. He is three times her age and they proved to be ill mated and as he spent much of his time in the forest, she cultivated the friendship of a young man who had no honor. After a thirty days journey in the woods he returned to find his home in disorder. He immediately expelled her, the young man had already gone. She is now living with her mother between 17 and 18 on the map. They all attended the services at 17 and she became interested once more. Her mother is very religious, a younger sister became ill with her eyes and almost lost her sight. Her mother carried her to a spiritist to treat her and they say that he cured her. When she arrived home from the eye treatment, the news of her fallen daughter awaited her. I told her that if she had not sought refuge among demons to cure material ailments that the Lord would have protected the chastity of her daughter, I told them I felt that the hand of the Lord was on them for good. Such things often cause people to break with the world when they would not otherwise. They seemed to be close to the kingdom. Later if anything should happen I will call this to mind. The man does not like the gospel, it is against sin and he does not want to repent.

NOVEMBER 17 1943

Nov 17: Uniao, 15 on the map. While at Natal the mother of the home at Uniao sent word for us to go there, they could not come to Natal. So on the morning of the 17th we stopped, the neighbors were invited and we had worship. It was early when we arrived and when at the close of the service it was almost one P M, I arose to go but they said NO, we have prepared dinner for you, was I surprised? But satisfied because such an expression of appreciation is seldom shown. I feel that good will come from that meeting. On our return they proved to be more interested than before. I ask for special prayer for them as well as for 16, 17 and 18. We left about three oclock and arrived in Ouro Preto an hour later.

NOVEMBER 17 1943

Nov 17; Ouro Preto, 16 on the map. Here live three baptized believers a daughter of two of these professed faith in the Lord Jesus while there. They have labored long to rescue the perishing there and at last it seems that the Lord is moving some of them. There are not so many people at this place, yet we remained for two nights hoping that some would yield to the Spirit's call, but nothing came in sight.

Then we left and on our return sought more diligently some of the weary ones. Only one night was spent there however on our return, but when we were in Campo Santano they sent a letter urging us to return as soon as possible for there were three others who were saved and were anxious to be baptized, so we are really happy to see the progress of the Truth. The Truth works while we sleep and He always produces results. This will be a good place for a worker but we do not have the worker, I mean a native worker. Paulo Correu and his wife had been converted but a short time and living near Cruzeiro do Sul. They were happy in the service of the Lord Jesus and were doing well on their farm. His mother in law who lived on the little river Preto shown on the map was a very devout catholic and resolved to save them from the fatal mishap into which they had fallen. She came to Cruzeiro do Sul to visit them and at once began her work but with no success, the pastor was called and preaching was held in the home and soon she became interested in the gospel, or least appeared to be.

A FALSE PROFESSION AND A BELIEVER'S STAND

She became so interested that she professed faith and begun to invite them to the interior where the gospel at that time had not gone. They thought it wonderful that she should become converted and so soon distressed for the others of the family and friends, so they concluded to go. Selling all that they possessed at a sacrifice, they traveled ten days by canoe to arrive at the old home place. Upon arrival they begun to tell of the greatness of the Lord Jesus and the peace of soul to the ones who trusted Him but to their surprise all of the family rose up against them, the mother in law being the worst one among them. She admitted that she had brought them up there to take her daughter out of the Baptist religion, but in this she miscalculated. The men of the family came with arms, five in number, to kill Paulo but he stood as a good servant of the Nobleman of a strange country and preached to them the words of Life. No resistance was made, the Lord defended him. They were whipped and admitted it, and could not understand. Again his life was threatened and again he won a victory. The family not being able to endure any more moved well up the river Miri, several days journey. They moved into a neighborhood where the spiritists out numbered the Romans and they soon found themselves involved in another religion, still without Christ.

GOD'S JUDGMENTS

One of the daughters, married to a man at the mouth of the Preto river, became converted and very zealous in the work of the Lord. Of the 16 other children, the most of them have died, another who led the assault on Brother Paulo went crazy, another convicted of theft; until there has been no peace absolutely for any of them except the converted ones. Recently the father and mother in law asked permission and went to visit them, there they heard the gospel and confessed that they had endured God's judgments only because they had rejected it and persecuted it. Still no move was made to receive the Lord as Saviour. When the man was in jail at Cruzeiro do Sul, I sought him and tried to help him and sent other brethren there for the same purpose but when he was liberated he returned to the same rejecting life. The place where they lived on the Miri river is a great destitution and if they were saved they could be an untold blessing to that community. The arrangement may have been of the Lord, getting them up there. (Continued on page 4)

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 1944

Report of mission offerings received from March 5 1944 to April 5 1944 for the support of Missionary J F Brandon and family and the mission work in general under his supervision in Brazil:

South Side Baptist Church-----	Winter Haven Fla-----	\$15.00
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	14.50
Richland Baptist Church-----	Livermore Ky-----	75.00
New Cypress Baptist Church-----	Greenville Ky-----	11.50
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky-----	10.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church-----	Tampa Fla-----	19.65
Scotts Grove Baptist Church-----	Murray Ky-----	10.00
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	18.65
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	42.03
Grace Baptist Church (E Y P U)-----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
New Hope Baptist Church-----	Dearborn Mich-----	3.57
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	9.00
Oak Baptist Church (Ladies Bible Class)-----	Royal Oak Mich-----	10.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	27.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church-----	Flint Mich-----	13.41
Fenton Road Baptist Church (Lad. Bib. Cla.)-----	Flint Mich-----	5.00
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	32.64
First Baptist Church-----	Wheaton Ill-----	90.00
A Non-member and members Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	97.99
John Brandon-----	U S Army overseas-----	5.00
Mr and Mrs J F Krause-----	Westwego La-----	20.00
Mrs J M Platts-----	Fresno 3 Cal-----	5.00
C W Powell-----	Paducah Ky-----	20.00
Mrs E H Purdom-----	Elmhurst Ill-----	10.00
Don Grollmund-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Astrid Strom-----	Wheaton Ill-----	3.00
Carl Vining-----	U S Navy Air Force-----	2.00
Oscar Ahlswede-----	Glen Ellyn Ill-----	5.00
Holsinger Brothers-----	Wheaton Ill-----	13.00
Mrs Walter Powers-----	Tennessee Ridge Tenn-----	1.50
Dorothy Arison-----	Wheaton Ill-----	2.00
Christian Soldiers Overseas-----	Southwest Pacific-----	23.00
E M Beaty-----	Kewanee Ill-----	5.00

(Signed) Z E Clark

Total

\$630.44

MISSION SHEETS REPORT

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

Mrs Walter Powers-----Tennessee Ridge Tenn \$.50

Do you love real New Testament Baptist Missions? We challenge you to ask the Lord what he would have you do regarding offerings for the mission work of Brother Brandon and the native preachers who labor with him. As the Lord leads send all offerings to:

Elder Z E Clark
5216 Concord Ave
Detroit 11 Mich

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(continued from page 2) Now if you find it on your heart to pray for them I hope you will and also encourage others to do so. Is it not written, The wrath of man will return to praise the Lord and the remainder of it He will constrain? Ps 76:10. (This story will be cont.)

CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

You will note in the financial report on page three that there is an offering from some "Christian Soldiers Overseas". The Holsonger Bros. have been real givers to this mission work for a long time. Paul who is called "Happy" is a student in Northern Baptist Seminary and Charles is a soldier located somewhere in the S W Pacific. Recently we received a letter from this soldier which touched our heart and we believe that it will do the same to you and perhaps cause others to give more to missions. We are taking the liberty of sharing this letter with you. It reads as follows:

Dear Mr Overbey:

March 10 1944

While at Wheaton I became interested in Missionary Brandon's work in the Amazon, through my brother "Happy" Holsinger. I am now in the Army and have joined a little prayer group in our Regiment. We have been overseas for quite sometime now and during our prayer meetings I have mentioned the work of Mr Brandon at different times. We have felt led to take up an offering for him and we are sure it will be used to the honor and glory of God. Enclosed please find a money order to help the work. (Signed) From Some Christian Soldiers Overseas.

CHRISTIAN WAVES IN VIRGINIA

And now Brother Z E Clark receives a letter from a Chaplain USNR in Virginia telling that the WAVES are interested in mission work and want information about Brother J F Brandon's work in Brazil. Brother Clark copied this letter for us and we are sharing it with you. It reads:

Dear Brother Clark:

"WAVE Quarters "G" Arlington Va.

Our WAVE and civilian church congregation at Arlington Farms is interested in making a small gift to missionary enterprises and Christian work of other kinds. The name of Mr Brandon, a missionary in Brazil was handed to us and it was suggested that we write to you for information. If you could tell us something about his work, who supports it, and how we can contribute, we would like to consider it. We would appreciate your sending whatever information you have to me at your earliest convenience. The girls have been very enthusiastic in their giving and it always helps to be able to tell them something about the work to which they are contributing. We will be glad to hear from you. (Signed) Sincerely yours, _____ Chaplain, USNR

We have heard from Christian Soldiers Overseas and Christian WAVES in Virginia. Who can deny the Lord's blessings upon the great mission work of J F Brandon in Brazil? As many of you already know, Missionary and Mrs J F Brandon have four sons in the service of our Country. George Brandon is a Corp in Italy. Joe Jr is a Sgt in England. John is a Corp. in New Guinea and James is a Prvt in training at Fort Sill Okla. David the youngest and last son will be 18 years old this fall. The Mission Sheets tell all about this great mission work and would be good reading for boys and girls in the service. Send us their names and addresses and we will send them free by first class mail anywhere.