

JUNE

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1944

A MISSIONARY JOURNEY CONTINUED

NOVEMBER 23 1944

Nov 23: Boa Hospidagem, 18 on the map. This was an humble home but one of great worth I feel, there were more than sixty people in the service. We spent the day and night there and were greatly recompensed for the sacrifice we made. The Word of the Lord affected them and some of them will be converted I think. One of the neighbors who became very much interested in the gospel and invited us to his home next journey is a brother to the man where they lighted the lamps to drive away the evil spirits (logar Novo 7) I believe he will be converted.

NOVEMBER 24 1944

Nov 24: Grajaru, 19 on the map. The man who lives here has a number of children by a woman he took from another man, which is a custom of this country. He has some education but not as much as he thinks he has. He has been very nice to me and we conducted services here to a house overflowing with people and some interest was manifest. He is a spiritist and is trying to overcome the young lady I just spoke of who is interested in the gospel and will be married soon. Brother you have no idea to what degree they carry their lustful plans, and when I stand openly against such, many do not like me. He has a great number of images in the home and when I showed him they were all liars, (Jer 10-14) he didn't like it, but that is the price just the same. The religion of the Lord Jesus Christ isn't on the bargain counter, it never was cheap and never will be. The price to the sinner is repentance and faith, and if one can't pay it, it is better to remain in the pleasure of sin, than to try to deceive ones self with a vain empty religion whose end is the way of death. The price that divine justice exacted of our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ was His own precious blood. CHEAP? I have no authority to offer salvation to any one on any other terms than repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Forsage all, follow Jesus.

NOVEMBER 25 1944

Nov 25: Floro, 20 on the map. The name of the man here is Miguel, he is a friend of Paulo Correu, the one I have already spoken of and was sought some years past with the gospel because of this friendship. He never appeared so much interested as now and I have great hopes that he and family will be converted. When we passed here there were but few in attendance but the interest was good and we pray for good results.

NOVEMBER 26 1944

Nov 26: Prolongaba, 21 on the map. This is the headquarters of the witchcraft movement on the Jurua river. The man who is the ringleader of the whole mess is a son-in-law of the old lady who is interested in the gospel, with the two daughters, one was about blind and claims to be healed by one of these pronosticators, and the other is a fallen immoral reprobate. I entered into conversation with the man without mercy, and he knowing nothing of the Bible was unable to defend himself. He says they prophesy and heal. But the prophecy is closed and deceiving spirits have appeared to antagonize the people and thus confusion arises where the knowledge of the Bible is rejected. (Cont. next page)

(Cont. from page one) The place is well named. It literally means an extended conversation, and conversation includes a lot that is worthless. The neighbors were all called in and the Bible opened, and conversation extended, the truth was shown against error and the gospel of the Blood of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world was preached in sincerity, and rejected. How be it they invited me to stop on the return to have worship again. This we did but were rejected for they had made other plans, so we did not delay. The gospel will not mix with the devil's program. We left but the man remained sorrowful. I love his soul and fought for it and maybe yet the battle is not wholly lost. As long as there is life there is hope.

NOVEMBER 26 1943

Nov 26: Triumpho, 21 on the map. Here things were in the reverse in one respect. Every body thought every thing good but rejected just the same. I admire a sincere rejector more than a jelly fish. They were nice to us but one of the most difficult places I ever saw. I labored and could not gain ground. The next morning we were up early and started over the water falls. The river had risen however and there was no danger. In low water season just above this place the bottom of the river is full of jagged rocks, the kind they make grindstones of, and the water so swift that a passage is almost impossible. But ours was prepared of the Lord so we passed over the rough as though it had been smooth. Isa 43:2 There are so many perils that remain unseen until they are passed and perhaps others that are not revealed at all.

NOVEMBER 27 1943

Nov 27: Villa Amonha, 22 on the map. This is quite an interesting place located on a bluff very high. I rented a house there for we wanted to remain for a few days. Later I bought the house for \$90.00. Four large rooms and a hall, about as much land as you own there in Wheaton, a hundred feet or more above the water of the Jurua. Many years ago the Brazilians and Peruvians had a battle at this place and it is said that many were slain. The old ruins of a fort still remain but nothing definite left to mark the remains of the ones who perished that day. They knew not the gospel, thus were not believers and entered into judgment with God. Believers do not have such an unhappy fate, John 5:24 and John 3:18. I feel for such souls, for there can be no brighter day in the future that a deceptive, misspent life on this earth offered them. Victims of Rome. The man who went with me is interested in going there to live and work in the gospel. Its better to own the place, I may go theremysself. The front room can be made larger, but at present it will hold 40 people. Each night it was full with some in the hall and others outside. Here they sing well and it bids fair to have a work in the future. They are building a Roman church here but at present do not have a priest. On the side of the river where the village is there are no mosquitos, but on the other side, much lower, it is said that the wild animals cannot live there because of them in such great quantity. Back some distance from the river the land rises much higher so that there are no rubber trees, for they only grow in the lower land. Nature did much to beautify the place and we need to make it a stronghold for the gospel. Here lives one of the women who professed faith three years ago and is still living a christian life. She is the one whose husband was amazed to see how she held out without anyone to instruct her. (The story of this missionary journey is to be continued)

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 1944

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

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| Richland Baptist Church----- | Livermore Ky----- | \$75.00 |
| South Union Baptist Church----- | Cadiz Ky----- | 23.60 |
| South Side Baptist Church----- | Winter Haven Fla----- | 15.00 |
| South Side Baptist Church----- | Paducah Ky----- | 37.28 |
| White Plains Baptist Church----- | White Plains Ky----- | 10.00 |
| Bellview Baptist Church----- | Paducah Ky----- | 17.36 |
| North Fork Baptist Church----- | Puryear Tenn----- | 15.00 |
| Scotts Grove Baptist Church----- | Murray Ky----- | 13.00 |
| Ryan Road Baptist Church----- | Detroit Mich----- | 6.12 |
| New Hope Baptist Church----- | Dearborn Mich----- | 3.00 |
| Grace Baptist Church----- | Detroit Mich----- | 120.00 |
| Grace Baptist Church (B Y P U)----- | Detroit Mich----- | 10.00 |
| Liberty Baptist Church----- | Toledo Ohio----- | 5.00 |
| Liberty Baptist Church (Lad.Bib. Class)----- | Toledo Ohio----- | 5.00 |
| Fenton Road Baptist Church----- | Flint Mich----- | 12.47 |
| Fenton Road Baptist Church (L. B. Class)----- | Flint Mich----- | 5.00 |
| Pethel Baptist Church----- | Roseville Mich----- | 7.00 |
| Harmony Baptist Church----- | Detroit Mich----- | 21.00 |
| Tabernacle Baptist Church----- | Lewisburg Ky----- | 50.00 |
| Benton Baptist Church----- | Benton Ky----- | 34.55 |
| First Baptist Church----- | Wheaton Ill----- | 80.00 |
| A non-member and members Benton Baptist Church----- | Benton Ky----- | 71.77 |
| Cpl John Brandon----- | S W Pacific----- | 5.00 |
| G K Elder A S----- | U S Navy----- | 10.00 |
| S/Sgt Joe Brandon Jr----- | England----- | 25.00 |
| A Lt Friend----- | Fresno Cal----- | 5.00 |
| Christian Soldiers Overseas----- | S W Pacific----- | 34.00 |
| Carl Vining A C----- | U S Navy----- | 3.00 |
| Holsinger Brothers----- | Wheaton Ill----- | 20.00 |
| Don Grollimund----- | Wheaton Ill----- | 1.00 |
| Alex Sumpter----- | Union Grove Wis----- | 2.00 |
| Mrs Lottie Brown----- | Wasco Ill----- | 1.00 |
| (Signed) Z E Clark | Total | \$743.15 |

MISSION SHEETS REPORT

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

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| Grace Baptist Church----- | Detroit Mich----- | \$15.00 |
| South Union Baptist Church----- | Cadiz Ky----- | 4.00 |
| G K Elder A S----- | U S Navy----- | 5.00 |
| | Total | \$24.00 |

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for the fine offerings for the month of May 1944. We are also thankful for the fine help on the cost of editing and mailing the Mission Sheets. This is especially appreciated at this particular time since the editor is making a change. See the announcement of this change on page four: Send all offerings for the mission work to:

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