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J F BRANDON BAPTIST MISSIONARY
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J F BRANDON ORGANIZES BAPTIST CHURCH AT PARANA, ACRE, BRAZIL
NINTH CHURCH ORGANIZED IN TWENTY AND ONE HALF YEARS OF
MISSIONARY WORK IN BRAZIL

Dear Brethren:

Cruzeiro do Sul, May 8 1944

I think I told you in another letter of the organizing of the Church in Parana. As I remember it was on the last Sunday in March (March 26 1944) with twelve members, I included among them. Later two were received for baptism and were baptized the same day and at the end of the evening service we celebrated the Lord's Supper. Some were there who had never heard the gospel before, maybe they liked it, they didn't say. I remained with them ten days preaching each night and they were revived and happy. God endeared himself to his people in this last journey in a way I had not witnessed. From there I went to Japyni and remained more than a month, preaching each night. I was sick yet I never felt such power when I needed it most.

THE CHIEF MAN REJECTS THE GOSPEL

The chief man of the place formerly lived in Cruzeiro do Sul. At one time he was mayor and his rejection of the gospel was like this: I sought him with all sincerity to save him from wrath to come, he said to me "I want to enjoy life some more yet, I love to play you know." My reply was brief, I said "I guess you know what you are talking about" but he didn't. A few months later in a frolic in the home with a servant girl she became pregnant and his wife alarmed the whole country. He has twelve children and half as many grandchildren, we are the same age. Shortly after this he was named the chief of Japyni and took the servant girl to live with him there. He had a cattle and hog ranch in the beginning. His salary from the government goes to sustain his wife and family and he and the young wife live in Japyni. Recently there was a baby girl born in the new home. His wife in Cruzeiro do Sul is very bitter and persecutes him very much. I believe that the man is a lost sheep. My soul wept for him while there and I did all possible to save them both, socially and spiritually. Most every day I sought them with the open Bible and they responded by attending the services most every night. Near the end of the visit there he entered the valley of decision and then it was he said "Do you remember when we talked about a year ago?" Well if I had any memory left I remembered that sad conversation. He continued "I wanted what you had when I said that and wondered why I made such a decision. The gospel is the truth and the sadness that entered my life is because of its rejection. The way things are I can't receive it now but I am working to that end to correct this thing and then I want to manifest my faith and take my place among you all." The girl in the beginning was very much interested but when she saw him going in for it with such interest, she pulled back, yet when I talked to her alone and showed her the possibilities of a brighter future, legally married with some young man she thought on that and agreed that it would be much better, yet no action from either. Every assurance from him that later he would advance upon his rights. In the providence of God may he not wait too long, John 1:12.

SAVED AND BAPTIZED

Three were received for baptism and such professions as faith as we heard, then there were three reconciled who had wasted years in sin. It seemed as though they had been raised from the dead. These were revived and when I left they were waving goodbye from the river bank. There are some fifteen others there (Japyni) and at Parana who are near the kingdom of God. I hope soon to be able to say that they are a part of us.

TO JOURNEY UP THE JURUA

I am making plans to go up the Jurua river as soon as possible, by the 25th of May perhaps. I think Brother Cicero Bispiro da Cruz will have arrived in Amonho ere this and Jose, I do not recall the rest of his name. They call him the Tiger eater. I do not know why, he doesn't look so vicious yet one can never tell what is in old clothes. I hope to pass some time in Humata on this journey and if possible I will buy a house there for the work with some money that I left over. I request prayer for these workers and the Lord to keep his eye on us and to send more who are of his calling.

WHO ARE THESE?

1. God is not man that He should deceive us, Num 23:19
2. And these are the children of the "Most High" Ps 82:6
3. Yet like beasts they are before Him, and as sinners must die Ps 49:12
Ps 73:22 Ps 82:7
4. These are not angels, however in some respects are like them Mt 22:30
5. These are "New Creatures" novelties indeed among rare things of God.
Eph 2:10 II Cor 5:17
6. These are "gods or saints or holy, Ps 82:6
7. These are Brethren of the Lord, Matt 28:10 Rom 8:29 Heb 2:11
8. These are treasures in earthen vessels, II Cor 4:7

Note your calling brother, surely He takes the things that are not to bring to naught the counsel of the wise. Our God does things after a different fashion, not as men would think or do. Sunday night after Church I announced that a meeting to hear the complaints of the needy would be held in my home on Monday night at seven thirty. There were 12 men and 2 women who came. We made known our needs to the Most High and the clock had passed ten when we finished and all were happy.

COMMENTS ON THE EDITOR'S CALL

Brother I am happy to know that the Harmony Church has called you to be her pastor, my vote is with the Church. I guess you have tried as hard as anybody not to preach but at last you are convinced, and I have been for a long time. Brother may the better blessings of Life accompany you in the way that the Lord will lead you. I would suggest that you put into practice Ps 50:15 and 32:8-9 Isa 43:1-4 Jer 10:23-25 Ps 37:5. In fact all that serves to make life worth while be yours in a multiplied manner with Christ, Rom 8:17. The Lord have mercy on your family, sweeter children never lived. Jer 49:11. I have read Prov 31:10-31 many times and wondered if it could be possible but after visiting your home I conclude that it can. Be brave and very courageous, Josh 1:1-9 and the Lord give you a long, useful, happy and adventurous life with His peace and approval. Amen

Sincerely,

J F Brandon

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 1944

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

Boyd's Hill Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	\$45.00
South Side Baptist Church-----	Winter Haven Fla-----	15.00
Sunday School at Chisca-----	Chisca Ala-----	10.00
Richland Baptist Church-----	Livermore Ky-----	17.59
Buffalo Ave Baptist Church-----	Tampa Fla-----	41.90
Oak Baptist Church L-B Class-----	Royal Oak Mich-----	10.00
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky-----	10.00
New Cypress Baptist Church-----	Greenville Ky-----	11.79
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	5.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church L B Class---	Flint Mich-----	5.00
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	6.10
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	22.63
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	45.13
Grace Baptist Church-----	BYPU-----	Detroit Mich-----
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	34.35
First Baptist Church-----	Wheaton Ill-----	51.40
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	15.00
A Non-member and members of Benton Baptist Church--	Benton Ky---	107.18
Cpl John Brandon-----	New Guinea-----	5.00
B W Wagoner-----	Lewisburg Ky-----	50.00
Mrs E H Purdom-----	Elmhurst Ill-----	10.00
Mrs C R Singleton-----	Cherokee Ala-----	2.00
E B Nall-----	Paducah Ky-----	3.50
A Friend-----	Paducah Ky-----	1.50
Don Grollmund-----	Rockway N J-----	1.00
A Lt Friend-----	Fresno Cal-----	10.00
Elder James E Hanson-----	Wheaton Ill-----	5.00
Dorothy Arison-----	Wheaton Ill-----	5.00
W C Nevil-----	Gainsboro Tenn-----	10.00
Christian Soldiers Overseas-----	S W Pacific-----	23.00
(Signed) Z E Clark	Total	\$589.07

MISSION SHEETS REPORT

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

Mrs J F Brandon-----	Benton Ky-----	\$10.00
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SUNDAY SCHOOL AT CHISCA ALA

The Sunday School at Chisca Alabama joins the list of supporters of Brother J F Brandon's mission work for sending a fine offering. We are happy to add them to the ever growing list of supporters of this great New Testament Baptist Mission Work. Surely it is of the Lord. Brother J F Brandon has been in Brazil for 20½ years and has organized 9 Baptist Churches. Eight of these are in places where he and he alone was the first and only one to preach the gospel to the people there. He tells in his letter in this issue of organizing the Baptist Church at Parana which was his 9th one. Surely this work is of the Lord.

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Dear Brother Clark:

Cruzeiro do Sul, May 16 1944

RECEIVED MAIL

Your letter of March 7 was received a few days ago and I was glad to hear from you. Yours is a very encouraging letter indeed. I rejoice in the progress of the mission work there. In my judgment now is the time to work there in Detroit. Perhaps there will never be another opportunity there better than the present. I note from your other letter that a new church was organized. That is fine, I rejoice to know that new Churches are organized with people who are born again and better still, when young in the faith, indeed is precious in the earth.

TWENTY EIGHT BAPTISMS

The pastor has recently returned from Morapirango and says that all is well there but they want me to go there with them for a few days, and I think it well to go. Since the first of this year (Jan to May 16th) we have had 28 baptisms and 4 reconciliations, that seems more like resurrections than otherwise. Also there are four professions of faith who as yet have not had the opportunity to be baptized. We have plenty of opposition but that is not a bad sign. The ones who oppose the work of the Lord are those who are unable to contribute anything worthwhile to the benefit of mankind or the progress of our society. Fear not says the Psalmist, the Lord of hosts is with us Ps 46:11

NATIVE PREACHER AT AMONHO

A worker is on his way to the village of Amonho with his family. I bought a small house there that will serve for a preaching place until we can do better. It cost \$90.00 but needs some repairs yet. He carried chairs, benches, lights and some other things that will be needed. He seems to be a good worker, so I am greatly animated over the prospects. A brother who lives in Morapirango will soon go to visit his brother who lives in the upper Teja, about as far away from the world as a man can get. I expect good results from this visit.

BOY 17 CALLED TO PREACH

A boy 17 came to see me the other day and says that his father has consented for him to be a preacher and he was so happy. His father is not converted yet. I hope to carry the boy with me in the next journey. I think he is one of the smartest boys I ever saw and in the Scriptures he is a wonder. The pastor is to go to the village of Humata and spend two months more or less. I am happy that the way is thus opened. He will be a blessing to the people I am sure. One of the chief officers of the place was recently baptized and is very anxious for him to go there. A young man converted some months ago says he wants to help in the work, so if the Lord wills he will go to Japyni to teach the school there. He has one of the best grades from the school at Cruzeiro do Sul and a very spiritual young man.

Sincerely, J F Brandon

After you have read the two letters in this issue from Missionary J F Brandon, I believe that you will agree that it is of the Lord. Twenty eight baptisms in four and one half months. Few Churches in this whole country equal that. The outstanding cases of conversion are thrilling to the soul. If you love this kind of Mission Work, send all offerings to Elder L E Clark, 5216 Concord Ave, Detroit 11 Michigan.