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BAPTISMS FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE WEEKS

Dear Brethren:

Cruzeiro do Sul, June 21 1944

There is a boat in port but I have not had time to go to the Post Office. I arrived yesterday afternoon from a journey and am behind in my work from every point of view. I should have been in a journey for the upper Jurua ere this but it has been absolutely impossible. Last Sunday was the first in six weeks that we did not have a baptism, but I have been away and the brethren let up on the work when I am not here, or it seems that they do. I was in Morpirango for fifteen days and there was a great meeting of the Lord with his people.

REVIVAL AT MORAPIRANGO

I was called to Morapirango because of a contention among them. There seemed to be a good deal of difference so much so that some unbelievers were taking part and it had the appearance of something ugly. After preaching to them and praying with them for a week, there was such a change that pen cannot record. I invited them for a business meeting in which the power of the Lord was manifest in presiding, the result was, they wept over their foolishness and happily forgave one another with embrace. This happened on Saturday afternoon and then on Sunday Morning the young man who wanted to kill one of the believers and his father, came to Sunday School. He had been a regular attendant for three months.

A WOULD BE KILLER IS SAVED

As the Scriptures were opened to them, the Lord opened his heart that he might receive the word unto salvation and when no one expected he came forward confessing the Lord Jesus as Saviour and Lord. I felt that it was the best ending to a sad beginning that I ever experienced. The next afternoon in a small settlement about a mile and a half away a man who had rejected the Lord for a number of years, his wife is a believer and a sister to the pastor, was taken suddenly ill and he thought his time to travel had come and he cried with the sincerity of his heart "Lord Jesus give me one more opportunity" and the Lord heard his cry. They sent at once for me and in the company of a brother I went to visit him in his grief. When we went in his anxious look betrayed his weary sinful heart. I sat down beside him and opened the Bible and calmly read and explained the way of life to him again and the effect of the Word upon him was more than I can put on paper. After a time he grasp me by the hand and with tears in his eyes declared that what he felt in his heart was more than he could put in words, and such a restful peaceful feeling he found it difficult to explain.

AN IDOL WORSHIPPING WOMAN IS SAVED

The next night the Lord saved a woman who a few years ago was the most devout idolater I ever saw. When she came to give her profession of faith, she was in tears as she said I loved those things, referring to her images, as much as a person could, for I trusted in them for salvation, but now I have cast them away and come to walk in the light of the Lord Jesus. (Cont on next page)

Maybe you think I wasn't happy, but I was and all of the brethren seemed to be too. I am counting on these three conversions to mean much in the future. While this was going on there the pastor records three others here in Cruzeiro do Sul that he says are equally important.

#### BITTER PERSECUTION RECENTLY

I know that the Lord is with us for good, recently persecution has been bitter. I am not excited when I tell you that the lives of the ones who work here are in danger, so I request that our lives may be precious to the Lord for service and that if it should be death, then it be for His glory. The Roman church here is entertaining a Catholic Congress for the next ten days and a great figure among them arrived on this boat. He is outspoken against America in the war and very bitter in his remarks against the Baptists. Such men do much to stir up strife among high thinking people and many are being influenced by him.

#### THE LORD IS SAVING SOULS

The Lord is saving souls and that is why I am here. I hope to teach these who are being saved the doctrines of truth. A letter from Brother Cicero says they are waiting for me up there. The work seems to be going fine, the river is low but as soon as I can get off I will go. I request your prayers for open doors for the gospel in all of these places. The other day there was such a revolt against us in the village of Mumaita that the Brother who was there came to Cruzeiro do Sul to save himself. A Turk and German priest raised the people up in revolt. The officers are not interested in protecting us. I don't know what the result will be, we are but few and very weak and if the Lord doesn't look after us it will be too bad. For this reason I request your prayers for open doors and effective with courage and boldness to enter in.

#### ADMONISHING US

God bless you all is our continued prayer. May His great and amazing grace be yours without measure. Remember me to all the brethren and the ones who are interested to inquire. I hope that you will find everything better in Detroit and that your ministry with the Harmony Church will be a decided victory for you from the very beginning. Only be bold and very courageous, don't fear what man can do or say, but go to the Lord to find out what He wants you to do and how it should be done. You can depend on Him. I have heard many ministers of the Lord remark "well it was customary and for that reason we did it." I tell you brother I feel that the less we observe the custom and the closer we walk in the light of the word of the Lord, the happier we will be and the Churches will be better served.

#### A VISIT TO LARGOINHO

I returned yesterday from Largoinho, a family of believers live at the mouth of the river. I passed a few days with them confirming their faith, teaching and exhorting them to a better and more spiritual life. The river now is so low that the distance is too far for the neighbors to attend the worship. In the winter they go by canoe to the door but now it is more than a mile to the first house. There was a neighborhood of people living half way between there and Cruzeiro do Sul. I stopped and passed the night with them. I preached Saturday night and Sunday morning. (Cont on page four)

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

Richland Baptist Church-----	Livermore Ky-----	\$31.20
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South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	13.50
New Cypress Baptist Church-----	Greenville Ky-----	12.35
South Side Baptist Church-----	Winterhaven Fla-----	15.00
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky-----	10.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	6.87
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	51.03
Grace Baptist Church B Y P U-----	Detroit Mich-----	14.00
Foyd's Hill Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	25.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church-----	Murray Ky-----	5.00
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	29.48
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	65.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church Ladies B C-----	Flint Mich-----	5.00
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	6.57
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church B Y P U-----	Toledo Ohio-----	5.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	8.98
A Non-member and members of Benton Baptist Church	Benton Ky---	81.00
Christian Soldiers Overseas-----	S W Pacific-----	23.00
Astrid Strom-----	Wheaton Ill-----	2.50
H B Hoag-----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
Oscar Ahlswede-----	Glen Ellyn Ill-----	5.00
Cpl John Brandon-----	New Guinea-----	5.00

(Signed) Z L Clark

Total

\$460.81

### MISSION SHEETS REPORT

In July 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
Cpl John Brandon-----	New Guinea-----	5.00
	Total	\$15.00

### AN OPPORTUNITY

Many Churches and individuals are not giving much if any to missions. The reason being is that they are not satisfied the way their mission money is handled. Too much overhead, too much modernism, too much ecclesiasticism and too little real New Testament mission work done in preaching the gospel to the lost. God's plan for missions is outlined in the great commission Matt 28:19-20. It is very plain and it was given to the Churches. It says go, make disciples, Baptize them and indoctrinate them. This is the way God wanted it done and it can't be improved upon by adding to or taking from. Nothing plus and nothing minus. Your job and mine is to do this kind of mission work. Many are looking for just such a mission work to support. Tell them about the great mission work of J F Brandon in Brazil. He has been there over 20 years. Conversions and baptisms under his preaching have run into the hundreds and he has organized 9 Baptist Churches since going to Brazil. He preaches the gospel every day and everynight unless he is hindered beyond his control. Want to be happy? Join us.



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### THE LORD REBUKED THE INTERRUPTER

Saturday night a man interrupted the worship to show me the error of my way but he didn't get very far, the Lord rebuked him and he and his wife left in all haste. It made the worship all the more interesting for the others and on Sunday morning we had a very fine service where much interest was shown. I hope you are all well. Having done all stand. Remember we are washed in the blood of the Lamb. Brother that is purity if I understand any part of the word. Purified in the blood. I John 1:7. Peace with God, Rom 5:1. Without which no man can see the Lord, Heb 12:14. I did not receive any letter this month from any one. O suppose no news is good news, the Lord grant that it may be thus. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen.

Sincerely, J F Brandon

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### THE EDITOR MOVES TO DETROIT MICH

In the June issue of the Mission Sheets we made mention of the editor's call to be pastor of Harmony Baptist Church in Detroit Michigan. We have sold our home in Wheaton Ill and have purchased a home in Detroit Michigan. The Lord willing by the time you get this issue we will be moved. Harmony Baptist Church is located at 6901 Gratiot Ave Detroit Mich. This is on the corner of Gratiot and Canton Avenues. When in Detroit, we welcome you to worship with us. To the best of our ability we preach the Book just as it is. Our new address is:

Hafford H Overbey  
1210 E Grand Blvd  
Detroit 11 Mich.

Someone wanted to know if we would continue to edit the Mission Sheets. The answer is yes. The Lord willing we will edit and mail out the Mission Sheets once each month. Please keep in mind that all offerings for the mission work is to be mailed to:

Elder Z E Clark  
5210 Concord Ave  
Detroit 11 Mich.

When we lived in Wheaton many sent or gave offerings for the mission work to us and then we forwarded them on to Brother Clark. This meant extra book work because we had to keep a record in a ledger and then when Brother Clark received the offerings he had to keep a ledger record also. To save time and also to simplify the book work as much as possible and since we live within four blocks of Brother Clark, we request that all offerings be sent direct to him. For information about the Mission Sheets and new names and addresses for the mailing list write to the editor. For the kind words received verbally and written we are thankful and ask that you pray for us in our new work.

### CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

A group of Christian young men in the service of the U S Army somewhere in the S W Pacific send offerings regularly each month for the support of J F Brandon's work in Brazil. Their letter dated Aug 7 came today and reads in part: "Two more boys in the last week have come to know the Lord. The Lord has laid it upon our hearts to pray earnestly for those two fellow workers that Brother Brandon ask for. We have been making this a special prayer every evening and throughout the day. We suggest that everyone pray for these two workers to be raised up and we know that if the two are found God will supply the needs. Luke 1:37."