

SEPTEMBER

J F BRANDON BAPTIST MISSIONARY

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Cruzeiro do Sul, Aere, Brazil, South America
Detroit Michigan September 1944

RECEIVES FOUR LETTERS AT ONCE

Dear Brethren:

Cruzeiro do Sul July 18 1944

Two days ago I arrived and found four letters, three from you and one from Brother Clark, also the Mission Sheets for March and April. The letters were numbers 29 and 30. Thanks, I enjoyed them far more than I can say on paper. You must have misunderstood, the distance from Cruzeiro do Sul is 255 miles measured to the Teja river and from the Teja river to the Breu river is 125 miles estimated. As yet I have not journeyed west of the Teja. They say that the chief population of the Breu river are Indians. I hope to go there as soon as we have more water.

INVITED BY OWNER OF VAST REGION

The owner of most of that region was in Amonho when I was the last time, and I had dinner with him and his family, they invited me there, he seemed interested in hearing the gospel. I have made three attempts to go up river recently, but have been turned back each time, but if the Lord wills I will make another attempt soon. The work there is going well according to letters received from the workers, but they need me to help them so they say. The river is very dry and I feel that it will be better to go on a motor boat that carries passengers than to go in the Betty Brown. (The Betty Brown is the name of the boat with the outboard motor attached that Brother Brandon makes his journeys in).

IDOLATROUS WOMAN SAVED

I don't know whether I told you of the conversion of the most Idolatrous woman I ever saw or not; anyway it was more or less thus: Her father was converted and baptized three years ago. Since then she sought no more blessings from him because she thought him among the cursed. Recently she became very sick and death drew near, he went to see her and she had no less than 25 idols, representing that many saints, and prayers were made daily to each but the poor wooden idols had not the power to do either good or evil. Jer 10:3-5. Her father saw her weakened condition and in his effort to console her, he said, "My dear daughter, I am so grieved to see you so near death's door, knowing as I do the best hope you could possibly have is to be cast into a hell of fire for ever, all because you have not obeyed the gospel". As she saw from his expression that he spoke with authority, it almost frightened her to death, and then and there she vowed to God to raise her up and she would obey the gospel.

THE LITTLE CHURCH PRAYED

The little Church came together and had prayer for her and the Lord her and raised her up, and for a while she tried to avoid the gospel because of her mother in law, who was perhaps as bad as she, but was unable to do so. When recently I was in that section of the Country, I was invited to the home of one of her neighbors to preach. She came and was under such conviction that I was impressed to remain. I stayed for almost a week, and such a profession as finally came, I never saw such big tears flow from any eyes as did from hers. She surely forsook all and came professing faith in the Lord Jesus.

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OTHERS ARE SAVED ALSO

I baptized her and later returned to Cruzeiro do Sul. Her was greatly impressed yet unsaved. They were living in the home of his mother who is a widow and the most venomous person in the community, at that time she was in Cruzeiro do Sul visiting her brother who is the door keeper of the Federal Court Building here. When this old lady returned home and learned that her daughter in law had obeyed the gospel, she ordered her and her son out of the house at once, but her son refused to go but began to testify to her, she was very angry but there was nothing left to do but to endure for the time at least. Last week the pastor went to the same neighborhood and to visit this family. After three nights of preaching, the husband was saved and last Sunday he was baptized, and just after the baptizing his sister who lives neighbor to them came forward professing faith and asking for baptism. The pastor said yesterday that the old lady herself was very much interested in hearing the gospel and that she had already renounced her faith in the Roman Church and was near conversion.

IDOLS BURNED AND THROWN IN THE RIVER

I failed to say that after the baptism this woman gathered her 25 images together and set fire to them. Three of these were rock, they were broken into pieces and thrown into the river. They are being greatly persecuted because of the stand they have made for the Lord and his Christ. Rom 1:16. Brother Overbey I marvel at the grace of God reading your letters I was amazed. Two years ago we began with nothing and the progress has been rapid and sure. Let us win souls for the night is coming, and our work must grow more yet.

RECEIVES NEWS OF OFFERINGS FROM SOLDIERS AND WAVES

I can not express my joy for the report of the work in the Southwest Pacific. God bless those dear boys and make them great and mighty in winning the lost ones. Also from the Waves in Arlington Va. I don't know how such connections are effected unless it is the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am happy to feel that way about it and praise Him for it and pray for these boys and girls who love Truth enough to promote such a project. God bless each of them and make soul winners of them all. The report you gave from John (Brother Brandon's son) from New Guinea fills me with such profound joy. Only God knows how I love that boy, and my desire for his greatness in the kingdom of Christ is greater than I can express. I was glad to hear from Edward's good fortune. Good fortune I say because if I was not who I am I feel that I should like to do just what you say he is preparing for. It may be out of place to say so but according to my fleshly nature, there is nothing I would enjoy more than loosing bombs on the Japs and germans. I hope all my boys are being furnished with the Mission Sheets, but of course they are.

WORLD WIDE REVIVAL

Your suggestion that a world wide revival might be begun with the boys in the army is the most logic move I have heard. Truly our forces are scattered all over the world and great is their opportunity to do good for the Lord Jesus. I hope the gospel will profit much by this conflict. (Turn to page four)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Report of mission offerings received from August 5 1944 to September 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-----	24.00
New Cypress Baptist Church-----	Greenville Ky-----	9.03
South Side Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	41.50
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky-----	10.00
North Fork Baptist Church-----	Puryear Tenn-----	7.00
Bellview Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	48.90
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	65.00
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	60.39
Grace Baptist Church B Y P U-----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
Mt Zion Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	23.00
Scotts Grove Baptist-----	Murray Ky-----	8.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	6.80
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	5.55
Oak Baptist Church-----	Royal Oak Mich-----	20.00
Oak Baptist Church L B C-----	Royal Oak Mich-----	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	8.00
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	26.68
Non-Members and members of Benton Baptist Church	Benton Ky-----	86.16
V E Brown-----	Lewisburg Ky-----	50.00
John Brandon-----	New Guinea-----	5.00
Don Grollmund-----	Philadelphia Pa-----	5.00
Christian Soldiers Overseas-----	S W Pacific-----	23.00
Mrs E H Purdom-----	Elmhurst Ill-----	10.00
G K Elder-----	U S Navy-----	10.00
Alex Sumpter-----	Union Grove Wis-----	1.00

(Signed) Z E Clark

Total

\$589.01

MISSION SHEETS REPORT

In August 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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MISSIONARY BAPTISTS

Quite often we meet someone that we have not met before and in the course of our conversation, they advise us that they are Missionary Baptist. Upon questioning we learn that their membership is in another State which they moved from years before. They do not attend Church at all or at the most a few times a year. They do not give anything to the Lord's work. They do not support their Church and they do not give to Missions, yet they call themselves Missionary Baptists. So much for individuals who wear the Baptist name. There are also Churches which wear the name Missionary Baptist, that go month after month and sometimes longer with out giving to Missions. A Baptist Church is a Mission Giving Church. A Church that does not give to Missions is neither Missionary or Baptist. Selah.

It seems too that this is the only thing that could profit the world at present for Brother such terrible things as no man's mind can entertain in meditation are coming upon this world. Truly this is the beginning of the end. Matt 24:3-14.

SIXTEEN CONVERSIONS IN FORTY DAYS

Our work is prospering too, sixteen conversions in the past forty days makes my heart overflow with joy. Preach the word, don't become weary in well doing, endure as a good soldier and may the Lord Jesus bless, strengthen you is my prayer. Remember me to all the Brethren.

I knew Him not, He sought me,
I was weary with the burden of sin,
He delivered my soul from its bondage,
And gave me a rank among men.

O wonderful love of my Saviour,
That sought to the depth of decay,
Where my soul, embittered in anguish,
Just awaiting that terrible day.

When at last by the Spirit awakened,
The Word laying hold of my soul,
Terrified, grasping at shadows,
Unbelieving, uncertain of goal.

But the Lord has a way with the sinner,
That is past finding out by all men,
He lets them go down to the bottom,
And then takes them out of their sin.

The ones who have fallen the deepest,
And proven the bitters of sin,
When rescued, are brought even closer,
In fellowship sweeter, "With Him".

The joy and the peace of Salvation,
That come as a gift from above,
Sweep over my soul like the flood tide,
Filling all heart's recesses with love.

Jesus, God's plan of salvation
From sin, was offered for all,
See Him at Calvary, bleeding,
Your sins were on Him, that's all.

Sincerely, J F Brandon

I am sure that all who support this great mission work will join me in thanks to God that we are so privileged. So many give their mission money that do not know where it is going or what it is accomplishing if anything at all. We are supporting a real New Testament Baptist Mission work and the Lord is pleased to bless it. To Him be the honor and glory. All who would like to help in this will send all offerings to:

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