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J F BRANDON BAPTIST MISSIONARY
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TWENTY ONE YEARS IN BRAZIL

This is anniversary time. J F Brandon has been a missionary in Brazil for 21 years. He first went to Brazil in October 1923. We have not received a letter from him for this issue of the Mission Sheets and we are already two weeks late in getting them out to you. This is a good time for us to discuss missions. We are thankful to our Father in heaven for this great mission work and that He has permitted us to have a part in the support of it. Truly Baptists who are fed on the Word of God love to give to missions. Some do not give to missions at all. Others who once gave liberally now give sparingly. We believe that many Baptists would give to missions or give more to missions if they had a real New Testament Baptist Faith Mission Work to give to. J F Brandon's mission work in Brazil is that kind of mission work, yet many do not know about the work he is doing.

MISSION SHEETS

This paper, the Mission Sheets are for and about this great mission work and we will send it free to anyone upon request. Please send us the names and addresses of interested people and we will put them on our mailing list. We edit this paper as a work of love. We began it at our own expense and for the past several months friends have been sending the funds to pay for the editing and mailing. We are thankful. All offerings for missions go for that purpose. The only expense out of the mission offerings is the cost for Bank Drafts to forward the money to Brazil and the cost for one cablegram sent to Brother Brandon. Tell others about this mission work and they too will support it.

A TIME FOR THANKSGIVING

This 21st anniversary is a good time for thanksgiving. We need to humble ourselves and thank God for His abundant mercies and grace. We should thank Him for letting us have a part in this mission work. We should thank Him for using our offerings to win souls and establish churches and support native Baptist preachers under Brother Brandon's supervision. We should thank Him for the nine Baptist churches that J F Brandon has organized in Brazil in 21 years. We should thank Him for the native Baptist preachers that have been ordained and are now preaching the gospel to their own people. Yes and we should Thank Him for the fine building for the missionary's home and headquarters and for the boat and 16 horsepower motor so that the missionary can make his journeys without having to row the canoe in the heat under a tropical Sun. Yes and we should thank God for the missionary's family who have labored with him and suffered that the lost might know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

HELP NEEDED

We need to send another man and wife to help Brother Brandon so that the work can be carried on after Brother Brandon is no longer able to work. This help is needed NOW. We should ask the Lord to call and send the man of His own choice and we should support this man and his family. This work is well established and has grown to the point where it needs another missionary to help.

THE KIND OF HELP NEEDED

The kind of help needed is a man and wife sound in doctrine and with a zeal for the lost. We need a man called of God to preach and called of God to go to Brazil and called of God to stay in Brazil when he gets there. This man should be a man of faith, willing to go and trust the Lord for support, believing that the Lord will provide their every need. This man should realize that the field is hard and that he may and most likely will be persecuted for preaching the Word of God without fear or favor. He needs to also remember that the Lord will supply grace for every occasion.

SOME DO NOT STAY

Some go as missionaries and do not stay. They were either not called or they were weak in faith and could not take it when the going was hard. They could not see that time is short and that eternity is forever.

SOME DO STAY

But thank God some answer the call to go and also answer the call to stay. These remember that the Lord will sometime say "Well done thou good and faithful servant---enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." These have caught the vision seeing hundreds who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb under their preaching. These overcomers who are overcomers because they believed that "Jesus is the Son of God." I John 5:5 To these will be given to "eat of the tree of life" and to "eat of the hidden manna" and "not to be hurt of the second death" and these will be given "power over the nations" and "clothed in white raiment" and they will be "a pillar in the temple of God" and finally will hear the Lord of glory say "I will grant to sit with me in my throne". Yes some day we will witness these saints in glory when they and the missionaries who led them to the Saviour, shall cast their crowns at the Saviours feet. Then we will understand the song: "The toils of the road will seem nothing when we come to the end of the way".

A GOOD TIME TO HELP

This 21st anniversary is a good time to join and help us in this New Testament Baptist Faith Mission Work. Come thou with us and we will do thee good. You will not need to worry about your mission offerings being used for other purposes. Many Baptists are designating their mission money because of the way some of it is being used. Some pastors tell their people that they can not designate their mission offerings through the church. But they can. Let us study the following report: Kentucky Baptists gave for the past two years as follows:

<u>Nov 1942 to Sept 1943 (11Months)</u>		<u>Nov 1943 to Sept 1944 (11Months)</u>	
Co-operative Program	\$452,443.93	Co-operative Program	\$594,569.82
Designated	254,018.03	Designated	430,957.05
Total	\$706,461.96	Total	\$1,025,526.87
35.9 % Designated		43 % Designated	

The designated gifts increased in one year 7.1%. Yes Baptists have the right to designate their mission money and many of them are exercising this right. Others would designate if they were not afraid of the would be ecclesiastical bosses. The truth is, the more Baptists designate the more the bosses are afraid of their own jobs. Selah

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FINANCIAL REPORT

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

South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	\$ 46.60
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky-----	10.00
South Side Baptist Church-----	Winter Haven Fla-----	15.00
Buffalo Ave Baptist Church-----	Tampa Fla-----	45.50
Mt Zion Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	66.50
Richland Baptist Church-----	Livermore Ky-----	31.56
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	65.00
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	26.36
Grace Baptist Church B Y P U-----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	4.80
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	7.35
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	8.00
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	20.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church L B C-----	Flint Mich-----	10.00
New Cypress Baptist Church-----	Greenville Ky-----	12.60
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	34.48
Holsinger Brothers-----	Chicago Ill-----	25.00
A Lt Friend-----	Fresno Cal-----	5.00
Alex Sumpter-----	Union Grove Wis-----	5.00
Mr and Mrs W L Hickman-----	Richmond Cal-----	10.00
Mrs W L Hickman's S S Class-----	Richland Cal-----	6.00
C W Powell-----	Paducah Ky-----	30.00
Don Grollmund-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Christian Soldiers Overseas-----	S W Pacific-----	39.00
Cpl John Brandon-----	New Guinea-----	5.00
Prt James Brandon-----	U S Army-----	40.00
Oscar Ahlswede-----	Glen Ellyn Ill-----	5.00
A Friend-----	Paducah Ky-----	1.50

(Signed) Z E Clark

Total

\$586.25

MISSION SHEETS REPORT

In September 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
Paul Holsinger-----	Chicago Ill-----	5.00
Mrs W L Hickman-----	Richmond Cal-----	4.00
Total		\$ 19.00

MISSIONARY BAPTISTS

Baptists are Missionary. There are some who call themselves Missionary Baptists who are neither Missionary or Baptist. No one is Missionary who does not give something to missions, unless they are without funds and without income. Brother Pastor, do you want a strong Church? Then teach them to give to missions. Do you want them to give to missions? Then lead the way with your own giving to missions. Ask the Lord how much He would have you give. If you will ask Him "Lord how much"? He will tell you. Are you afraid to ask Him to tell you what you should give to missions?

TRENDS IN THE SOUTH

Southern Baptists have time and again voted to stay clear of the so called "Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America" yet in the Nov 2 1944 issue of the Western Recorder is an article on page ten which says under a paragraph heading "Achievements" which tells of some achievements of the Foreign Board during the 12 years of leadership of Dr Charles E Maddry as Executive Secretary the following: "The strengthening of the spirit of goodwill and helpful co-operation with brethren of other religious bodies in America". Who are these "other religious bodies of America"? In what way is the "spirit of good-will and helpful co-operation" been strengthened? In what way is this an "achievement"? The article does not say. Is it the so called "Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America"? It does not say. The Christian Century, the self authorized official organ of the so called "Federal Council of Churches--" says that Southern Baptists are "The Problem Child of Protestantism". Who is a "Problem Child of Protestantism"? Are Baptists now a "Child" of protestantism? And has the "spirit of good-will and helpful co-operation" with the "Federal Council" been strengthened? And is this an "Achievement"? No, Baptists are not Protestants and they never were. So much for TRENDS IN THE SOUTH.

TRENDS IN THE NORTH

The Northern Baptist Convention gives a percent of their mission offerings to the "Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America". They are not classed as a "Problem Child". In a recent issue of "The Evangelist" is a fine article by Dr W B Riley, First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn. We do not have the space to give you all of this article but we are giving part as follows: "Fact 1. Thirty years ago Northern Baptists had over 13000 churches. Today the number is slightly over 7,000." "Fact 2. Sunday School attendance in these same churches in the same length of time has experienced a kindred decline." "Fact 3. In 1921 Northern Baptists contributed \$9,900,000.00 to all missionary objects. Last year with far more money in circulation than ever in the history of our missionary giving, unified budget and world emergency fund included amounted to \$3,672,000.00." "Fact 4. In 1923 we had 844 missionaries on foreign fields under the General Board and the Woman's Board and in 1943 the number was reduced to 434 missionaries, only 282 of whom are on the field." "Fact 5. In my five-state region of the Northwest 25 years ago there were six four year Baptist colleges in operation. Today there is not a single one of them left." From these facts as given by Dr Riley we can see the results of Baptist "Achievements" by adopting some 20 years ago the "inclusive policy" of sending out both modern and fundamental missionaries. "Inclusive Policy" is right. It includes these "brethren of other religious bodies in America." You can see now what has happened to Northern Baptists. The article in the Western Recorder shows that Southern Baptists are headed in the same direction and it is called an "Achievement"

BE CAREFUL

Yes it is a good time to put our mission offerings in mission work that is sound. Send all offerings for this New Testament Baptist Faith Mission Work of J F Brandon in Brazil to: Elder Z E Clark, 5216 Concord Ave, Detroit 11 Mich. Be sure and put your return address on the outside of you envelope so that your offerings will not be lost in the mail. It is the Lord's money, be careful to protect it.