

DECEMBER

J F BRANDON BAPTIST MISSIONARY
Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil, South America
Detroit Michigan December 1944

1944



ELDER AARON A BOEKER AND FAMILY

NEW MISSIONARIES

Here is a picture of our new Missionaries: Elder and Mrs Aaron A Boeker and children.

ANSWERED PRAYER

Many of you have been praying with us that the Lord would call other Missionaries to go and work with Brother J F Brandon in Brazil. A few months ago the "Christian Soldiers Overseas" somewhere in the Pacific wrote that they were making in this a matter of definite prayer. Brother Brandon has been praying in Brazil about this also. Prayer from many places on the earth went up to the throne of grace and the God of all grace heard and answered. The Lord willing the Boekers will sail from New Orleans sometime in April 1945. The main thing now is to

get passports so that they can enter the country. Let everyone pray definitely about this and God will hear and answer. J-F Brandon has been doing mission work in Brazil now for more than twenty one years and now he is to have others to help him. To the Lord be all the honor and glory and praise.

GOD WORKS AT BOTH ENDS AT THE SAME TIME

The last letter received from Brother Brandon advised that he believed someone would be coming to help him and he bought a five room house and furniture from a family that was moving away from Cruzeiro do Sul. The letter with this came the next day after Brother Boeker was ordained and set apart to go and work with Brother Brandon. Brother Boeker did not know that Brother Brandon had bought a house and furniture for him and his family to live in and Brother Brandon did not know that the Lord had called the Boekers to go to Brazil and help him. While Brother Brandon was buying the house and furniture in Cruzeiro do Sul in August 1944, Brother Don Grollimund was telling the Boekers in Paterson N J about Brother Brandon and his mission work in Brazil. The Boekers at once felt led of the Lord to go to Brazil and help him. Brother Boeker and wife are both well trained for foreign mission work. They are now studying Portuguese and perhaps will be able to speak the language by the time they arrive in Cruzeiro do Sul.

TESTIMONY OF AARON A BOEKER

By grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Eph 2:8-9. I was almost twenty three years old before in the providence of God, the Holy Spirit opened my understanding to the truth of the Scripture. A few days later I was impressed with the spiritual condition of the heathen and felt an inward desire to take the good news to them. I began to study through a correspondence course and soon enrolled in the Foreign Mission Course at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. I completed this course in August 1937. I finished High School at Wheaton College Academy in Wheaton Illinois. In October 1940 I was married to Gene Maria Lowe whom I met when we were both students in the Bible Institute. We agreed that our lives should be spent serving Christ on the foreign field. In 1940 we did home mission work in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky for one year. Then we did mission work in the Rural Schools of Michigan for one year. I attended Wheaton College for one half year and had to leave school on account of an illness and operation on my wife. I began to work in a defense plant in Paterson N J but felt that we must make plans to enter the foreign field as soon as possible. We did not know where to apply, but sought the Lord's guidance and on August 6 1944, Don Grollmund a Wheaton College graduate and Baptist preacher visited us and told us about Missionary J F Brandon and his work in Brazil. We seemed to be particularly drawn to this work from the beginning. After writing to Elders Clark and Overbey and studying the history of the work in the back issues of the Mission Sheets we felt that this was where the Lord would have us serve Him. About this time I received an invitation from Elder B G Arterburn to attend the two weeks Bible School for preachers at Grace Baptist Church in Detroit Michigan. I went to Detroit and attended this school for the two weeks and found that we were of one accord and that we saw the teaching of God's word very much alike. Letters from Brother Brandon that were received after I was ordained seemed to indicate our Heavenly Father's approval of these plans. We covet your prayers regarding our passports and other problems connected with our departure for Brazil. Sincerely in Christ, Aaron A Boeker

TESTIMONY OF GENE MARIA BOEKER

I was saved when a child but did not give my life to the Lord until years later. I was baptized and joined the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Paterson N J. In 1931 I attended meetings which were held every night and Sunday in a Gospel Tent. Dr Isaac Page spoke one night of his work in China under the China Inland Mission. That night the Lord spoke to me and called me to serve Him on the Foreign Field. I did not hear more than the beginning of the service as I was trying to convince the Lord that I had other plans for my life. A great struggle was going on within me. I didn't want to be a Missionary. The Lord quoted several verses to me and I argued all the harder, but to no avail. Finally Isa 6:8 was quoted to me "Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying whom shall I send and who will go for us." I yielded my life to the Lord for service on the Foreign Field and the joy of the Lord flooded my soul. When I went home I searched until I found the verses for I was certain they must be in the Bible. Isa 6:8 is my life verse. I have been anxious to go to the Foreign field and praise the Lord for opening the way and know that "He goeth before". After High School I attended Albany Bible School in New York for one year and then went to the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and studied the Missionary Course. (Page 4)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Report of offerings received from November 5 1944 to December 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
New Cypress Baptist Church-----	Greenville Ky-----	6.08
Shady Grove Baptist Church-----	Ballard County Ky-----	48.90
Richland Baptist Church-----	Livermore Ky-----	14.25
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church-----	Hickory Ky-----	10.00
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	29.00
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky-----	10.00
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	6.00
Eethel Baptist Church(Mrs O Hays)---	Roseville Mich-----	5.00
Buffalo Ave Baptist Church-----	Tampa Fla-----	23.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church LBC-----	Flint Mich-----	5.00
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	70.00
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	59.33
Grace Baptist Church-BYPU -----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
Friendship Baptist Church-----	Ecorse Mich-----	6.50
Oak Baptist Church LBC-----	Royal Oak Mich-----	10.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	6.20
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	8.21
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	36.41
Members and Non-members of Benton Baptist Church	Benton Ky--	117.17
Don Grollimund-----	Wheaton Ill-----	2.00
Christian Soldiers Overseas-----	S W Pacific-----	20.00
Chaplain James B Roe--26th Gen Hosp	APC San Francisco Cal---	66.00
Cpl John Brandon-----	New Guinea-----	5.00
Oscar Ahlswede-----	Glen Ellyn Ill-----	5.00
Alex Sumpter-----	Union Grove Wis-----	5.00
Total		\$599.05

MISSION SHEETS REPORT

In November 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
Elder A A Boeker-----	Paterson N J-----	5.00

NEW CHURCHES SEND OFFERINGS

Friendship Baptist Church, Ecorse Mich is about one year old and was the tenth church to come into the Detroit River Association of Missionary Baptist Churches. Her pastor is Elder Orie Angel. The Shady Grove Baptist Church is in Ballard County Ky and her pastor is Elder Elton Wilson. We rejoice over the offerings from these sister churches and welcome them to the growing list of supporters of this mission work. Also we welcome Pleasant Grove Baptist Church again to our list. All rejoice over the fine offering sent by Chaplain James B Roe. Thank you Chaplain Roe and the boys of the 29th General Hospital somewhere in the Pacific. May your offering be an incentive to others.

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I found that I enjoyed working with children, so I have specialized in this field and know that I will enjoy leading Brazilian boys and girls to the Lord, besides the other work there will be for me to do in Brazil. I am anxious to go to Brazil because I know that I will never be satisfied until I have kept my promise that I made to the Lord thirteen years ago. Yours in His service, Gene Marie Boeker.

NEEDS

Now that you have read the testimony ^{of} this young preacher and his wife I am sure that you will want to have apart in sending these Baptist Missionaries to Brazil to work with Brother J F Brandon, who is so badly in need of help. The Lord willing they will sail from New Orleans in April 1945. The boat fare will be about \$225.00 each from New Orleans to Belem at the mouth of the Amazon river. Then there is a 40 day boat journey up the Amazon and Jurua rivers to Cruzeiro do Sul. There is train fare to New Orleans and there is the expense of rooms and meals on the way and between boats as well as the duty to be paid on the things carried with them into the new country. We do not know how much money is needed. If we figure the money exchange right, the house and furniture cost about \$1900.00. This is all paid for. Brother Z E Clark sent \$1000.00 so that Brother Brandon could finish paying for the house and furniture.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

There is some equipment that is needed so that the Boekers can take it with them:

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| 1. A loud speaker | 4. A Portable typewriter |
| 2. A folding organ | 5. Radio receiving sets for both long and |
| 3. Camera and equipment | short wave broadcasts. |

Who has a good used portable typewriter that they will give? The organ has been ordered to replace the one taken to Brazil twenty one years ago. Brother Boeker is trying to locate the other things needed.

\$2500.00 NEEDED

To pay for the train fares to New Orleans, the boat fares to Belem and then the river boat fares for the 40 day river trip and the equipment needed and to replace what has been sent to finish paying for the house and furniture, we estimate that \$2500.00 will be needed over and above the regular offerings received. This means that we need extra offerings from regular givers and offerings from new sources. Now we have told you the needs. We only ask that you pray with us about this and ask the Lord what He would have you do. We should like to send the Mission Sheets to more people. Please send us the names and addresses of those of your friends who would like to be on our mailing list. Remember that there is no subscription price. The Mission Sheets are mailed out free to all once each month as the Lord provides our needs for editing and mailing. Please put your return address on the outside of your envelope. Send all offerings for the Mission Work to:

Elder Z E Clark
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Detroit 11 Mich