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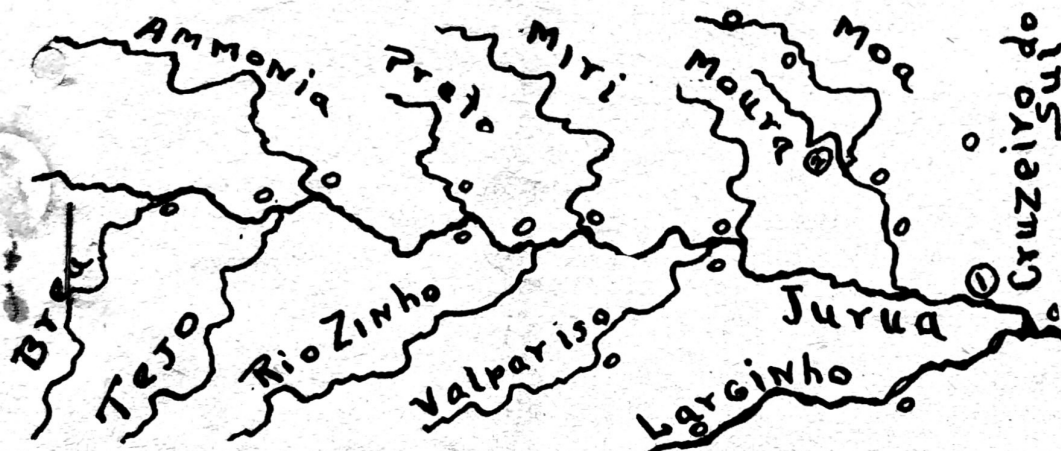
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BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS

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Doing Baptist Faith Mission

Work in Brazil since 1923

BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS

This Mission Work is now Incorporated under the Laws of Michigan. The name is BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS. The names of the officers and directors are shown above. The directors are all Baptist preachers. This Mission Work is not new. It is in its twenty second year. It has been a Baptist Faith Mission Work from the very beginning. It is now Incorporated that it might continue on a permanent basis. None of the officers receive any pay for their services. The Secretary handles most of the correspondence and edits the MISSION SHEETS. The Treasurer receives all offerings and banks them in the Baptist Faith Mission account. From this account he forwards funds for the support of the Missionaries and their work in Brazil, South America.

WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT IS NOT

It is what the name says: Baptist Faith Missions. We believe in the verbal inspiration of the Bible without any mental reservations. We believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ and the Bible doctrines that Baptists have believed and died for. We are opposed to Modernism and the Social Gospel and Ecclesiasticism and any and all other isms. We believe that each Baptist church is a local church and that her decisions are final. We do not believe that any organization of any kind has any right to lord it over the local church. We believe that every Baptist church has the right to send her mission money as she chooses. If she wishes to send it through this Mission, or any other, or if she wishes to designate, that it is her God given privilege and that no one has the right to interfere. We believe that missions is a Baptist debt. We believe that the heathen is lost without hearing and believing the gospel. We believe that the commission was given to the church and that it means to: Go, make disciples, baptize them and then indoctrinate them. We believe that anything short of this is not the kind of mission work that the Lord Jesus wants His churches to do.

MISSION SHEETS THREE YEARS OLD

This is the third anniversary of the MISSION SHEETS. The first issue of about 30 went out in January 1942 and this issue will go to about 1500. The purpose of this paper is to give its readers information about BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS. We believe that people who give to missions want to know where there money is going, and what it is being used for, and what it is accomplishing. We try to have a letter from Missionary J F Brandon in each issue. These letters tell of souls being saved and baptized, of churches being organized, of new preaching points opened and many interesting experiences of missionary journeys. The MISSION SHEETS are sent free to all on the mailing list. If you should like to receive this monthly mission paper send us your name and address. We thank those who have helped in the expense of this paper. Since the Mission Work is now Incorporated all offerings for help on the MISSION SHEETS will be listed with the regular offerings.

LETTER MONTH

February 1945 is letter month. Please write the editor a letter or card telling what you think of the MISSION SHEETS and the work of BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS that Missionary J F Brandon has done and is doing in Brazil. We shall be watching the mail. Do not fail us.

BRIEF HISTORY

We believe that this is a good time for a brief history of the Mission Work in Brazil. Missionary J F Brandon and family went to Brazil 21 years ago (Oct 1923). He has preached the gospel from Belem at the mouth of the Amazon river to the border of Peru and from the mouth of the Jurua river to the foothills of the Andes. He has organized nine Baptist churches. Five in the State of Amazonas in the Amazon Valley and four in the Acre Territory up the Jurua river. Here are the names of these churches and the dates they were organized: Cruzeiro do Sul 1929, Japyni 1931, Codajaz 1932, Coary 1932, Esperanca 1932, Boa Fe 1933, Catua 1935, Morapirango 1943 and Parana 1944. He has ordained six native Baptist preachers and established scores of preaching points. He has from one to five native Missionaries working with him all the time. For a list of property that this Mission owns see his letter on page four.

MISSIONARY AND MRS A A BOOKER

We announced last month that this new Missionary Family had answered God's call to go to Brazil and work with Missionary Brandon. They hope to leave for Brazil in April 1945. So far all Travel Bureaus have advised that they can not go by boat because of war restrictions. It looks like they will have to go by air from Miami Fla to Belem at the mouth of the Amazon river. Then it will be a 40 day journey up river to Cruzeiro do Sul. This trip will perhaps take 60 days or more (It took Bro Brandon 73 days). The cost for tickets by train, by plane and by river boat and living expenses on the way will perhaps run between \$1200.00 and \$1500.00. In addition to this the Bookers need clothes to take with them. The folding organ has been bought. We need an Amplifier and loud speaker equipment and a portable typewriter, radio and camera. The house and furniture for them in Cruzeiro do Sul is bought and paid for (\$1500.00). We need about \$2500.00 over and above the regular offerings received each month. These are Faith Missionaries. Will you help as the Lord leads you to do so? Send all offerings to The Treasurer. Z E Clark, 5216 Concord Ave, Detroit 11 Mich.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Report of offerings received from December 5 1944 to January 5 1945 for BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS supporting Missionaries J F Brandon and family, A A Boeker and family and the mission work in general under Brother Brandon's supervision in Brazil:

South Side Baptist Church-----	Winter Haven Fla-----	\$15.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church-----	Lewisburg Ky-----	50.00
South Side Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	30.00
New Cypress Baptist Church-----	Greenville Ky-----	3.60
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	24.00
Richland Baptist Church-----	Livermore Ky-----	21.14
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky-----	10.00
North Fork Baptist Church-----	Puryear Tenn-----	7.92
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	93.00
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	63.39
Grace Baptist Church--B Y P U-----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	8.04
Fenton Road Baptist Church-----	Flint Mich-----	28.27
Fenton Road Baptist Church--L B C--	Flint Mich-----	5.00
Friendship Baptist Church-----	Ecorse Mich-----	9.50
Scotts Grove Baptist Church-----	Murray Ky-----	40.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church-----	Hickory Ky-----	6.00
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo O-----	10.93
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	31.63
Oak Baptist Church-----	Royal Oak Mich-----	21.00
Oak Baptist Church--L B C-----	Royal Oak Mich-----	15.00
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	50.00
Members and Non-Members of Benton Baptist Church	Benton Ky--	71.10
Mrs Anna Coulter-----	Mt Vernon Ind-----	2.00
Alex Sumpter-----	Union Grove Wis-----	2.00
Paul Holsinger Jr-----	Chicago Ill-----	15.00
Henry Lowe-----	Packanack Lake N J-----	1.00
Mrs Nellie Vieria-----	Detroit Mich-----	1.00
Thomas Lowe-----	Packanack Lake N J-----	1.00
Carl Schultz--Inc fee-----	Detroit Mich-----	30.00
D O Calvin---Inc fee-----	Royal Oak Mich-----	5.00
Mrs Lottie Brown-----	Wasco Ill-----	2.00
Marjorie Malmstrom-----	Paterson N J-----	20.00
Astrid Strom-----	Wheaton Ill-----	5.00
Fannie Beer-----	Roanoke Ill-----	5.00
Elder M O Schilde-----	Wyckof N J-----	10.00

(Signed Z L Clark Treas)

Total

\$723.52

MISSIONS SHEETS REPORT

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

Mrs Thomas Crider-----	Murray Ky-----	\$10.00
A Friend-----	Benton Ky-----	2.00
Paul Holsinger Jr-----	Chicago Ill-----	5.00

Total

\$17.00

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A LETTER FROM MISSIONARY BRANDON

Dear Brethren:

Cruzeiro do Sul, Nov. 1 1944

Your very happy and encouraging letter No A-1 was received this morning and it has been indeed a blessing to me. I will try to answer while it is fresh on my mind. From the beginning up to July 1944 I have received all of the MISSION SHEETS. I have not received your letters No 12, 16, 19, 20 and 26. I had two letters from Bro Clark last month and one from Bro Carlin of Bellview. He has been such a blessing in my life that I hope you will have the opportunity of having him in your home and be sure to have daily prayer with him.

NATIVE MISSIONARIES

Now about the workers, the best worker we have, or I feel that he is, is Cicero Bicipoda Cruz, 43 years old, married, six children. Fourteen years a believer. This is his second year as a preacher, but as a believer his was a very active life. At present he is in the village of Amonho and has proven himself a humble servant of the Lord Jesus in his work there. It is costing me no less than \$35.00 a month to sustain him but he is of the quality that don't appear often and I want him to be happy in the work. A letter from him this morning says that there has been two conversions recently and that many more are interested since I was there in the middle of October. Knowing Lee Cox as I do, I feel that he would be better satisfied sustaining Cicero than either of the other two, however that will be for him to decide. He is the most courageous, hard working man I ever saw in the gospel work. The harder the job the better he seems to like it. Recently he has done some work among two Indian tribes. I think I mentioned that however in my last letter to you. Now getting to these places and enduring the privation that he must, reveals such a will power that is rare. I tried to get up there with him while I was there the last time, but with the skin off the bottom of my feet I could not, but if the Lord wills I will make it the next time. I hope and pray that I may. I want some fruit among these wild and half wild men. Tell him I said his money would be better invested in Cicero than either of the other two.

MISSION PROPERTY

We have two houses here now, both good ones and I think enough furniture for two families. Our meeting house is also a valuable building (Cruzeiro do Sul church building) almost finished and furnished. A small boat and Johnston 16 H P motor. A good little house in Japyni and another in Amonho. I also have a lot north of Cruzeiro do Sul, a good building sight where we need a preaching point. Not long ago I bought a small house up the Moa river for \$25.00 with the impression of going there and taking it apart and bringing it down river in the boat and build it again on the lot. If the Lord wills I will do that later when there is more water. All the property has a greater value now than when bought. When you see or write to the boys in the service, your own or any of the others from among the brethren, remember me to them. I pray for them daily, and to have a word from you concerning them is good news. God bless them all. Sincerely, J F Brandon

Send all offerings for the Mission work to: Z E Clark, Treas
Be sure and put your return address on your 5216 Concord Ave
envelope so offerings will not be lost. Detroit 11 Mich.