

Missionary  
J F BRANDON

BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS  
In Brazil Since 1923  
Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil

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A A BOEKER

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# MISSION SHEETS

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## MISSIONARY BRANDON TELLS OF PERSECUTION

Dear Brethren:

Cruzeiro do Sul, Dec 18 1944

I have not heard from you now for more than a month. The last boat did not bring anything from you, but it did bring a letter from my wife. I received a wire from the bank yesterday saying they had received a thousand dollars and had placed it to my credit. The amount you sent was enough to pay all we owed and four hundred dollars to the credit. However I will begin on that today for I am out of funds and in debt up here. Brother I thank you for such generous cooperation. In my prayers and meditations I said before the Lord as I called upon Him to bless you all, that perhaps others have had just as good cooperation, but no one ever had better and I doubt if there has ever been the like since the gospel has been preached. I have never known such faithful brethren before and I do not say that to complain of the way I have been served in other days, but just to let you know that the Lord has raised up co-workers far better than the missionary.

## EXAMPLE OF ROME AT WORK

I think I told you of one of the charter members of the church who sold out to the priests. That was a blow because all of us had confidence in her. She played the roll of Judas well. Later they deprived us of the liberty of preaching in the market or conversing in the streets on any religious subject. Before this however we were forbidden to visit the hospital and jail. Then the mayor bought a loud speaker and put it in the lepers farm at the place where I gathered them together to preach to them, and gave orders to open it wide at all hours of our worship there. Also the lepers were visited by the priests and instructed to make all the noise they could when I was there to preach to them. Of a truth they may not be able to do some things well, but that they did quite well I would say. The brethren who were inmates were threatened when they would not renounce the Lord Jesus. They offered them things that were better if they would renounce the faith, but none would accept the offer. Since they would not, they are sadly neglected. One is very sick now and I am forbidden to go about, and to send things to him by one of them is not certain that he will receive it.

## THEY WOULD NOT RENOUNCE THE FAITH

Young girls were paid to visit the home of a neighbor at the hour of our services in the home and sing, in fact they were in the yard near our house. I never heard such screams and I dare say that in hell they will scream any louder. The priest visited the homes of the poor and offered them food, clothing, school and money if they would renounce the faith but none would consider. Men whose wives are not yet converted are being persecuted after the cruelest fashion and likewise women whose husbands are not converted. In fact I never saw the devil with so much liberty. He is loose in the earth.

GLASSES LOST IN MOA RIVER

I was without hope to better the situation here at present and the churches at Morapirango and Japyni needed a visit so I repaired the motor and went after about 15 days or more the work was revived and I very much also. As we were leaving Japyni a tree had fallen in the river and stopped our passage. The brethren who were with me were chopping it out and stirred up an enormous wasp nest. They covered our heads and in trying to avoid them my glasses fell in the water. I did not know what to make of it. I consider it as the hand of the Lord but for what I do not know. I am not saying that I have done anything right yet I have done what I could and God knows that I am not living in sin.

CYLINDER SPLIT ON MOTOR

We continued the journey and when we arrived in the river where there were no fallen trees I started the motor and all was well for about a hundred meters, then suddenly there was a bang and the front cylinder was split, so we finished the journey to Cruzeiro do Sul with canoe paddles. The Rubber Reserve is up river and he has some parts for a Johnston 16 H P and if he can fix me up I will try it over and if not it will be more difficult as I will have to go up river by canoe and I was in hopes that that day was over with me. I have felt quite nervous since losing my glasses; I was so accustomed to them. I had rather die than go to bed, but sometimes I have had to, but only went to sleep by the grace of God. I believe I don't want any more glasses, it may be that the Lord didn't want me to have them and with Him I can make it without glasses. II Sam 22:29-31.

PRIESTS BUY WEEKLY PAPER

Now the conclusion of it all is; where we have work established, among the believers there is interest indeed, but among unbelievers in all the places the doors are closed and the people are bitter. The weekly paper that is published here has been bought by the priests and the things they have published about us and our work are too indelicate to repeat. I request prayers of the Churches based upon the following Scriptures: Josh 1:9 II Chron 14:11 Isa 48:17 Gen 16:13 Jer 32:17 and Ps 35:10. I never sent such a letter as this to anyone, but I hope you will have more grace than I and will understand. God bless you all.

I REQUEST YOUR PRAYERS

There is a man who has been attending our services lately and more than likely is a lost sheep. He lives in the headwaters of the Ouro Preto. Near there are some believers, members of this church. I want this man's soul for the gospel of the Lord Jesus. When I was in Japyni, two men were under such conviction as I never saw not to be saved. One is a friend of many years and the other is the chief man of the place and if he were born of God it would stir this country from stem to stern. The other for years has been an enemy of the gospel in extreme. The Lord has humbled him very much lately, so that he came to visit me twice while I was there and the entire mornings were passed in conversing in the Scriptures. He did not come inside the church but remained without however very attentive. These three men are very much interested and I request your prayers for their salvation. Pray that effective doors be opened to us. Pray and faint not, pray also that we may have courage and liberty to enter and possess the fields. Sincerely, J F Brandon



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1945

Report of offerings received from February 5 1945 to March 5 1945  
for BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS supporting Missionaries J F Brandon and  
A A Boeker and their families and the mission work in general under  
Brother Brandon's supervision in Brazil:

South Side Baptist Church-----	Winter Haven Fla-----	\$15.00
North Side Baptist Church L B C-AAB---	Mayfield Ky-----	5.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church-----	AAB---Lewisburg Ky-----	10.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church-----	Lewisburg Ky-----	50.00
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	74.00
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church-----	MS---Cadiz Ky-----	3.00
New Cypress Baptist Church-----	AAB---Greenville Ky-----	9.00
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky-----	10.00
Franklin Lakes Gospel S B-----	AAB---Midland Park N J-----	14.24
Friendship Baptist Church-----	Ecorse Mich-----	9.00
Oak Baptist Church L B C-----	Royal Oak Mich-----	10.00
Oak Baptist Church-----	Royal Oak Mich-----	4.97
Scotts Grove Baptist Church-----	Murray Ky-----	16.00
Grace Baptist Church-----	Special---Detroit Mich-----	1000.00
Grace Baptist Church BYPU-----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Special---Detroit Mich-----	211.35
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church-----	Hickory Ky-----	8.00
Grace Baptist Church-----	Owensboro Ky-----	5.00
Mt Zion Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	35.00
Grace Church-----	Pequannock N J-----	8.00
Buffalo Ave Baptist Church-----	Tampa Fla-----	54.25
Buffalo Ave Baptist Church-----	AAB---Tampa Fla-----	10.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church-----	AAB---Flint Mich-----	12.44
Fenton Road Baptist Church--L B C----	Flint Mich-----	5.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	7.66
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	4.31
New Hope Baptist Church--L B C-----	Dearborn Mich-----	5.68
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	3.62
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	27.45
Members and Non-members-----	Benton Ky-----	50.45
A Lt Friend-----	Boise Idaho-----	15.00
Mrs Alice Simpson-----	AAB---Peterson N J-----	10.00
Mrs C R Singleton-----	Cherokee Ala-----	5.00
Mr and Mrs T Showalter-----	AAB---Jackson Wis-----	3.00
Mrs Christ Hoelz-----	AAB---Rockfield Wis-----	20.00
Richard E Scheel-----	U S Navy-----	5.00
Cpl John Brandon-----	Philippine Islands-----	15.00
Pastor L G Novell-----	MS---Mayfield Ky-----	2.00
H L Thieman-----	Atlanta Ga-----	5.00
Mrs E H Purdom-----	Elmhurst Ill-----	15.00
Am G Lowe-----	Radio Equip---East Orange N J-----	13.50
Don Grollmund-----	Wheaton Ill-----	5.00
Lee Cox--Cicero Bicio da Cruz-----	Calvert City-----	450.00

(Signed Z E Clark, Treas)

Total

\$2251.92

Send all offerings for BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS to: Z E Clark

Philippians 4:16

5216 Concord Ave  
Detroit 11 Mich

DAY OF PRAYER

On February 20th eight of the Directors of BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS met for a day of prayer. We read letters from Brother Brandon and prayed definitely about his requests. We also prayed about the special offerings needed to buy the equipment and send the Boekers to Brazil to work with Brother Brandon. We prayed that the Brazilian Government will grant permission for entry to Brazil and that the passports will be granted and for a military release from Brother Boeker's Draft Board. We asked the Lord to care for Brother Brandon's eyes until we can get another pair of glasses to him by air mail. We remembered the health of both Brother and Sister Brandon. Then we thanked the Lord for His goodness and care and for the way He has blessed and is blessing Baptist Faith Missions.

ANSWERED PRAYER

Brother Boeker writes that he felt the power of prayer in New Jersey and on the same day was able to get a charger for the amplifier for less than half the price of a new one. We have just received a release from the Draft Board with permission for Brother Boeker to go to Brazil for a period of five years. Also you will note the financial report that the Lord heard us pray about the finances. We believe that He will lead still others to send in special offerings. We have asked for \$2500.00 over and above the regular expenses. So far we have received about \$1500.00 of this amount.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

We are thankful for the special offerings that have been sent in. We are careful to give the Lord all the honor and glory. All will rejoice with us over the special offerings from Harmony and Grace Baptist Churches. The editor is pastor of Harmony and Brother B G Arterburn is pastor of Grace. The more your Church gives for missions, the more she will give for every other purpose.

MRS BRANDON IN HOSPITAL

As we write this Mrs Brandon is in the Riverside Hospital, Paducah Ky. In November she went to Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota for a complete checkup and it was found that she needed two operations as well as some other treatments. Pray that these operations may be successful and that she may be well and in good health again. Almost twenty years of her life spent in Brazil under a tropical sun has left its mark. Baptist Faith Missions will pay for her medical care. Mayo Clinic charged only for the X-rays and laboratory tests which was \$30.00. The Mayo Doctors gave their services free, for which we are grateful. Write to Mrs Brandon. Her address is : Box 54, Benton Ky.

BROTHER LEE COX SUPPORTS NATIVE MISSIONARY

Brother Lee Cox is now supporting Brother Cicero Bicipo da Cruz a native Baptist missionary under Brother Brandon's supervision. Brother Cox sent a years salary in advance at \$35.00 a month. May the Lord lead others to join with us in this New Testament Baptist Faith Mission Work.

We trust that the Lord will lead many to remember BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS in their wills. By so doing the money will be used for years to come for the salvation of the lost and then it could be said:

"He being dead yet speaketh". Give only as the Lord leads you.