

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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BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS INSTITUTE

The Mission Institute was held in six of the churches of the Detroit River Association. Brethren I W Rogers, pastor Memorial Baptist Church Murray Ky, V A Turner, pastor Grace Baptist Church Owensboro Ky, B B Boaz, pastor South Union, Boyds Hill and North Fork Baptist Churches and L W Carlin, pastor Bellview Baptist Church Paducah Ky were the visiting preachers. Each of the Brethren brought powerful messages from God's word. We rejoice over having them with us and the fine fellowship that we had with them.

GOOD NEWS

Brother Brandon has received the word that Brother Boeker and wife are coming to work with him. You will enjoy the letter from Brother Brandon that is on page two. Mrs J F Brandon returned home from the Riverside hospital in Paducah Ky on March 22. Pastor B G Arterburn of Grace Baptist Church was in Ky holding revivals and he and Mrs Arterburn called on Mrs Brandon while she was in the hospital. The editor was with his home church, Scotts Grove, for a meeting and called on Mrs Brandon the day she reached her home in Benton Ky. It was also our privilege while there to visit Brother Lee Cox at Calvert City Ky. Brother Cox supports Brother Cicero Bicipo da Cruz, a native missionary full time. This Brazilian preacher labors under Brother Brandon's supervision at Amonho on the Jurua river in the Acre Territory of Brazil. Brother Brandon advises that this native preacher is to be ordained soon and also that a Baptist church is to be organized at Amonho.

EQUIPMENT

Most of the equipment for the Bookers to take with them to Brazil is packed and ready to go. We have a folding organ, amplifier and loud speaker equipment with microphone, battery charger, first aid and medical equipment, 16mm movie camera, typewriter and most of their clothes together with an extra pair of glasses for each. The still camera is on order and may not be received until after they have sailed. Also we have not been able to get film as yet. The plans are now for the equipment to go by Boat from New York to Belen at the mouth of the Amazon river and the Bookers to go by air since the boats will not take passengers until after the war. The Lord willing we hope that the Bookers can leave Miami Florida for Brazil sometime in May. The house and furniture for the Bookers to live in at Cruzeiro do Sul is bought and paid for. We estimated that it would take about \$2500.00 to buy all the equipment and pay for its shipping and for the passage and living expenses for the new Missionaries until they reach their field of labor. This amount is needed over and above the regular salaries and expenses. This is a Baptist Faith Mission work. As the Lord leads send all offerings to the treasurer: Z E Clark, 5216 Concord Ave Detroit 11 Michigan.

A LETTER FROM MISSIONARY BRANDON

Dear Brethren:

February 1 1945

Today I received letters from you and was very happy. You will never know how I am rejoicing over the news (of the Boekers coming). The letters are 2A, 3A and 4A also the Mission Sheets for Sept and a good letter from my wife and one from my sister. Recently I have passed through the most difficult time of my life and I was about to become disheartened. I was weary in the flesh. I had not stopped once since I told you good by in Wheaton. I have not been well recently, so when I came down river last time things were in such shape that I would not attempt to tell you on paper. I arrived sick and no way to treat myself so I just went to preaching all the harder, and such bitterness on the part of the people in masses who were once so friendly and interested in the gospel. Surely an enemy stired them up thus. We have been knocked and banged on every side. I was about to say enough and seek something elsewhere, but the other night the Lord gave me courage and strengthened me and revealed to me some things that He wanted me to do yet. About the organization of a church at Amonho and the ordination of His servant there. I Hope to attend to that soon.

SPIRITUAL SERVICES

I speak with a very limited experience you understand, but I believe our services here Saturday night and Sunday were the most spiritual I ever attended in a local church. I feel myself unable to express the glory of the Lord that was revealed. Each service getting better than the one before. The house was full on each occasion. I believe that the believers were happier than I ever saw them and many sinners were among us. On Sunday night there were almost as many in the street as there was in the house that could hold no more. Recently we have sought the Lord because the occasion demanded it, and of a truth we have been highly favored of Him. Broken hearted people are comforted with the Word of the Lord and that is the only hope for generated ones Isa 40:1. The pastor has just left. We have prayer together each day in the morning.

PLANS JOURNEY

We hope to get away soon up river and this is the thing that the Lord has put on my heart to do, and I request prayer in the matter. First I want us to be disembraced from everything that could in anyway hinder the gospel and then for the reconsecration of the motor and the boat that our journey be in order and peace. If we can just get in the Lord's way and be kept there I will be so happy and I know that all will be well. Next I think it best to ordain Brother Cicero Bicipo da Cruz who is the worker in Amonho and then organize them into a church. If the Lord wills we will proceed thus. I am not sure about the body of believers at Campo Santana. I believe that many more are saved than have been baptized. But there is no hope for their baptism yet seeing that they are not legally married and the authorities refuse to do any thing about it. You see they know that they are wanting to be married in order to be baptized and for that reason they will not do their duty. They give the preists the right to marry the people ecclesiastically, and say it is only a contract after all, yet the civil government does not recognize their ceremony. Three times already we have sought their aid only to be mocked. (Turn to page 4)

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 1945

South Side Baptist Church-----	Winter Haven Fla--	\$15.00
New Hope Baptist Church-By B R McReady-----	Dearborn Mich-----	5.00
Richland Baptist Church-----	Livermore Ky-----	50.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church-----	Lewisburg Ky-----	50.00
Campton Baptist Church-----	Campton Ky-----	5.00
Bellview Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	92.00
Grace Church-----	Pequannock N J-----	7.00
New Cypress Baptist Church-----	Greenville Ky-----	18.23
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	22.25
South Side Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	24.00
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky---	10.00
Grace Baptist Church-----	Owensboro Ky-----	17.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	7.36
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church-----	Hickory Ky-----	15.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church-----	Murray Ky-----	4.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church-----By T D Mc-----	Murray Ky--MS-----	5.00
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	110.20
Grace Baptist Church--B Y P U-----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	67.00
Friendship Baptist Church-----	Ecorse Mich-----	5.50
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	28.59
Boys Hill Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	25.00
Oak Baptist Church-----	Royal Oak Mich---	5.73
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	9.28
Fenton Road Baptist--B Y P U-----AAB-----	Flint Mich-----	15.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church--L B C-----	Flint Mich-----	5.00
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich---	2.00
Prt James Brandon-----	Germany-----	25.00
Cpl John Brandon-----	Philippines-----	5.00
Sgt I E Demarest--WAC Det-----	St Belvoir Va-----	5.00
A A Boeker-----	Richland Wis-----	1.04
Mrs Caroline Sheppard-----	Detroit Mich-----	4.50
Mr and Mrs Leo Troutman-----AAB-----	Calhoun Ky-----	20.00
Fred Duddleston-----	Clifton N J-----	10.00
Mrs Hugh Patterson-----	Spring Valley Cal--	5.00
Mrs J G Breman-----	Paterson N J-----	1.00
Mr and Mrs Wm L-----	Packanack Lake N J	7.80
Leone Eckhart-----AAB-----	Tuscon Ariz-----	15.00
Mrs Cecil Ryan-----AAB-----	Golden Pond Ky-----	10.00
Mrs Walter Powers-----	Tenn Rigge Tenn---	5.00
Mrs Mary E Brandon-----	Arlington Va-----	5.00
Don Grollmund-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Mr and Mrs R H Cook-----	East Orange N J---	10.00
Mrs Anna Coulter-----AAB-----	Mt Vernon Ind-----	1.00
Margaret Gainous-----AAB-----	Mt Vernon Ind-----	1.00
Members and non-members-----	Benton Ky-----	60.00
Mrs Lottie Brown-----	Wasco Ill-----	1.00
Mr and Mrs Henry Showalter-----	Jackson Mich-----	2.00
Pastor R D Rhodes-----MS-----	Romeo Mich-----	4.00
Mr and Mrs J F Krause-----AAB-----	Westwego La-----	25.00
Mr and Mrs Adolph Bock-----AAB-----	Jackson Wis-----	5.00

(Signed Z E Clark Treas)

Total

\$859.48

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PRAYING FOR BROTHER BOEKER AND FAMILY

We are more than anxious for Brother Boeker and family to be dispatched and the brethren have joined with me in prayer with a good will. We are basing our requests on Mark 11:19-26. Notice especially verse 24. When I have liberty to use this verse I rejoice, and here and now we are thanking God our Father through the Lord Jesus Christ for the calling out of this brother and his coming out. Heaven and earth will pass away, said the Lord Jesus but my word will not pass away, and thus saith the Lord, Behold I lay in Zion a stumbling stone, a Rock of offence, Precious, Tried, A Sure Foundation, and whosoever believeth in Him shall not be ashamed. Isa 28:16 and Rom 9:33. Putting althings together it seems impossible now that the movement whould fail. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

MAN WANTS TO BUY HOUSE

There is a man here who wants to buy house and furniture and all and I was considering selling it to him, but I told him yesterday I could not sell and he ask why not? I replied that a brother was coming out to make use of them. And then he made an appeal for the ice box, but after what you said, I told him I would not sell it anymore. So far this one has given splendid service. I have just had the house cleaned up on the inside, the one where I live. Today two of the brethren are bringing the furniture down here. The judge wont dispatch the house to me but only to a brazilian. I am sending the pastor, Miguel Ibernnon in company with a young man who has professed the call to preach, Orlinho Lima up the Jurua in my place. We feel that it is of the Lord. The young man understands the motor and can take care of that and help in the singing and personal work. There will be plenty to do and if we will pray for them, I feel that they will do alright. I am waiting to check them out before I go to Japyni. We are counting on a two months journey and by my figures it is going to cost, in salaries perhaps a little more than \$110.00, in gas and oil \$105.00, in food about \$50.00 and there will be some other expense but not more than \$35.00 if that much. Later I will give you a report.

PLANS TO MEET BOEKERS AT BELEM

After I visit the work at Japyni and Morapirango I will be ready to go down river if something unforeseen doesn't happen. The brother who looks after the work in Parana is here but expects to go home today. He says all is well and the peace of God abides with them. I mean to say that is a blessing. I wish we could say that of all the churches. Our church building here is as yet incomplete. We need a new roof on it. The shingles are made and half of them are here. We are having some more benches made. Recently on Sundays the house has been full as could be. You see when the word is preached the people will go out to hear it and some will go considerable distance. We had services every night through January with reinforced prayer meeting services. Something had happened to diminish the spirituality until the Spirit of the Lord was grieved, now all seems better, praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow. There has appeared new interest among unbelievers lately. I hope you all will pray for the conversion of some souls that will be influencial. We need help from God. Those who hate us are sibtle. I hope that you will be able to wire me soon that the Boekers are on their way. May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all, Amen. Sincerely J F Brandon.