

Missionary
J F BRANDON

BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS
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MISSION SHEETS

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GEORGE BRANDON KILLED IN ACTION

George Brandon was the oldest son of Missionary and Mrs J F Brandon. Mrs Brandon has been notified by the War Department that George was killed in action in Germany on April 13 1945. The Brandon's have three other sons in the service and all are overseas. Their youngest and last son, David, is to enter the service this month. George knew the Lord Jesus as his own personal Saviour. We sorrow with Brother and Sister Brandon, but not as those who have no hope. May the Lord they serve be precious in a special way in this their hour of sorrow.

A MISSIONARY JOURNEY BY J F BRANDON

Dear Brethren:

Cruzeiro do Sul Jan 29 1945

Before I came to write to you I was recalling a recent journey by canoe in a country so untimely that one wonders why men will seek such places to live and raise a family. After this journey I was convinced of one thing; man may degenerate until they are little better than monkeys. If you could have been with me on this journey, you too, with all your liberality to the race, would marvel. Such ignorance cannot be expressed on paper. None of them ever saw a foreigner before. Only two or three times in life had they seen a Catholic priest. Some of them had heard of the Bible but they had no idea what it was; perhaps a book or something else. They knew it was something they should never touch or go about. In some of the homes visited, when I said I had a Bible and preached the doctrines from it, some would not listen to me anymore, while others were curious enough to remain at a distance and listen. Well did the prophet say "Line upon line, here a little and there a little".

A MAN IS SAVED

This journey was made on the Moa and Blue rivers, many lakes and near the mouth of these small rivers, more than a hundred miles west of Cruzeiro do Sul, we found a number of houses and one of them occupied by a man who had lived for a time near some Baptist people in another place. He was married and had one child. Up to this time we had met with such bitter rejection that it was a surprise when he revealed some interest. His wife had never seen believers before and acted as though she had rather not see us. He obliged her to come in and listen and the poor woman was so scared that she was miserable. We remained there three days and she became somewhat accustomed in that time, however not enough to make a single inquiry. I am convinced however that the man was converted and would have been baptized but the three brethren who were with me thought it better that he wait until we returned. I felt that he should follow the Lord in baptism then and there but as there was opposition I did not press the question. You see we love to see fruit before baptism, I saw it but they did not. The course we try to follow is Blood and then water. (Cont. next page)

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WE LEFT HIM A BELIEVER IN THE LORD JESUS

We left him a believer in the Lord Jesus and journeyed ten days up a small stream that was almost dry and so full of fallen trees that passage was at times difficult. We arrived at a home where the man was a distant relative of one of the brethren who was with me. We had hoped that our reception there would be more cordial, but quite the contrary. The man showed some interest and tried to be nice to us, but his wife who was not there at the time of our arrival, came in and expressed herself very frankly on the subject. Struggle as one might, interest cannot be gained until the Spirit moves the heart and that can only be with the reception of the Word. As we left, her parting words were "Don't fool yourself I am not fixing to abandon the liberal law of my fathers where we have the right to do just as we please to now follow that unclean law of yours".

VISITS LARGE FAMILY

We journeyed on the rest of that day and another, arriving in the home of a well known man in that region. He was the father of a very large family. There were eleven boys and I became confused as I tried to count the girls. I remembered Jacob's twelve, but when I talked to their mother I did not recall it any more for I saw no quality in her that resembled any of Jacob's wives. We arrived there about three in the afternoon. About two hours was spent in conversing in the Scriptures. We had services there that night and to our surprise about the time we began the family where we last visited, arrived. It seems that their curiosity got the better of them and they resolved to follow us and attend the worship one time. I was glad for the Lord blessed His servants and there was liberty in the preaching of the Word. The service was prolonged and it was almost midnight when we were dismissed in prayer by one of the brethren.

ANOTHER MAN SAVED

The next day we journeyed upstream that narrowed at every turn until we arrived in the home of a man who had heard the gospel and appreciated it very much. We spent much time there for it seemed that he would be converted. His wife was dead and he was living with a 17 year old son. The boy was not there and we resolved to go on and stop on our return. We continued two days yet without much liberty to preach so it seemed good to return and we did. We arrived at his home about eleven A M and he was not there so we went in and prepared our dinner in his kitchen and he arrived while we were eating and joined us. His house had a wall on the side the rain came from and as they sat on the edge of the floor, I stood in the yard and preached to them, and as I yet spake, he arose to his feet and professed that at that moment something had happened within him and he could no longer reject the Lord. The profession he gave made our hearts overflow and the brethren thought it worth recording. The same hour he was baptized and we journeyed on to the place of the large family, he accompanied us that far to be in the preaching service again.

THE FIRST BELIEVER DIES

The next day we continued our journey down river and when we arrived at the home of the man who had professed faith on our upward journey, we found that he had died and was buried the day before. His wife and all the neighbors vowed that his death was the judgment of God because he had forsaken the religion of his fathers. (Cont page 4)

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 1945

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Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	\$ 5.71
Bethel Baptist Church---Special-----	Roseville Mich-----	42.00
Buffalo Ave Baptist Church-----	Tampa Fla-----	25.15
Buffalo Ave Baptist Church---Special-----	Tampa Fla-----	9.75
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	59.63
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	11.00
New Hope Baptist Church---Special-----	Dearborn Mich-----	25.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church---Special-----	Detroit Mich-----	18.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church--LBC-Special--	Detroit Mich-----	9.75
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	33.00
South Side Baptist Church-----	Winter Haven Fla-----	15.00
South Side Baptist Church---Special-----	Winter Haven Fla-----	100.00
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky-----	10.00
Campton Baptist Church-----	Campton Ky-----	5.00
Wakishma Baptist Church---Special-----	Fulton Mich-----	71.50
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	50.00
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	30.38
Scotts Grove Baptist Church-----	Murray Ky-----	20.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church-----	Lewisburg Ky-----	50.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	9.45
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	125.40
Grace Baptist Church---BYPU-----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church-----	Flint Mich-----	12.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church--LBC-----	Flint Mich-----	5.00
Grace Baptist Church-----	Owensboro Ky-----	21.50
Cherry Hill Baptist Church-----	Central City Ky-----	6.85
Richland Baptist Church---Special-----	Livermore Ky-----	33.76
Second Baptist Church-----	Marion Ky-----	38.00
Richland Baptist Church-----	Livermore Ky-----	25.00
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	105.50
Cpl John Brandon-----	Philippines-----	15.00
A Lt Friend-----	Boise Idaho-----	5.00
Don Grollmund-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Holsinger Brothers-----Special-----	Piedmont Cal-----	50.00
Holsinger Brothers-----MS-----	Piedmont Cal-----	10.00
Holsinger Brothers-----	Piedmont Cal-----	25.00
Mrs E H Purdom-----	Elmhurst Ill-----	10.00
Alex Sumpter-----	Union Grove Wis-----	2.00
Mr and Mrs P N Waggoner---Special-----	Lewisburg Ky-----	25.00
Dr Walter Newman-----	Paterson N J-----	40.00
Allen Boeker-----	West Bend Wis-----	5.00
Cadet Carl Vining-----	U S Navy Air Force-----	5.00
Mr and Mrs Otto Jackson-----	Richfield Wis-----	20.00
Members and non-members-----	Benton Ky-----	38.44
(Signed Z E Clark Treas)	Total	\$1284.77

BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS

This is not an interdenominational or union work. This is a Baptist work and we do not have one Bible doctrine to compromise on. This is a Baptist Faith work. All offerings are sent as the Lord leads the sender. We do not ask anyone for an offering. We only ask that you ask the Lord what He would have you do and then follow His leading. This is a New Testament Mission Work because it is just the kind the Lord Jesus commissioned the first Baptist Church to do in Matt 28:19-20. Thanks to all for the above offerings and may all the honor and glory be to the Lord Jesus.

DIED CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

She said that he died contending for the things he learned from me and was trying to be a Baptist. They were sure that was the cause of his death and they didn't want to hear anything else of the kind. So we journeyed on. Late in the afternoon we arrived in a place where they had no sugar and because we had some and were willing to divide they let us meet in their home. Several of the neighbors came and one family seemed greatly impressed. From there we journeyed to Cruzeiro do Sul about 75 miles down river, arriving more dead than alive. I think I appreciated Ecc 7:8 more than ever before. I hope that you will mention in the MISSION SHEETS that Mr George Hafstad, a representative of the American Government was a visitor among us. His contribution to the work was gratifying. He is a man of position, commanding the respect of all and a high class gentleman. He sought me more than once in my home that we should have prayer together. He attended services in our church each Sunday while he was here, even though he could not speak the language well. He led in public prayer, speaking in his native tongue. He was also very liberal with the Lord's servant. His wife lives in Cape Girardeau Mo and anytime any of my friends have an opportunity to befriend either of them, I will greatly appreciate it. Grace be unto you all. Amen. Sincerely, J F Brandon.

The above letter from Missionary Brandon is a good example of real New Testament Mission work. He went into "the regions beyond". This was a journey that had not been made before. After 21 years in Brazil he had just at this time reached these people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. There are thousands of miles of waterways yet to be traveled with the gospel. Journeys are made, the people taught then some believe and then later another journey is made and the new believers are fed and others believe. This is continued until there are several baptized believers in one location. These are then granted letters from the church at Cruzeiro do Sul where they are members, even though many miles away, and then organized into a church. Brother Brandon has organized nine Baptist churches since going to Brazil in 1923. He gets out and opens new places or as he calls it "breaks the brush".

NEWS ABOUT THE BOOKERS

The Lord willing, by the time you read this, Missionary Booker and family will be on their way to Brazil to labor with Brother Brandon. We hope to give a full account of their visit to the supporting churches and their departure in the next issue of the MISSION SHEETS.

OUR DEBT

Missions is a debt, a Baptist debt. Rom 1:14. This mission work was started in the Amazon Valley and the Acre Territory by Brother H Boyce Taylor who is now in heaven. He saw the need of these people who were not being reached by the gospel. He saw it a dead ripe Baptist opportunity and debt. He saw the field white unto harvest. Brother R P Hallum and family are carrying on in Peru and Brother J F Brandon is carrying on in the Acre Territory and now the Bookers are going to work with Brother Brandon. It is our longing desire to see the work that Brother Taylor started carried on until Jesus comes. If the Lord leads you to have a part in this great mission work, send all offerings to the Treasurer of BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS:

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