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CHURCH AT CRUZEIRO DO SUL 16 YEARS OLD

Dear Brethren:

Cruzeiro do Sul May 18 1945

Yesterday I received four letters from you, numbers 5,7,8 and the MISSIONS SHEETS for January. I was glad to hear from you; I thought I had waited long enough, almost three months without a word from anyone. On our anniversary May 12 the church here at Cruzeiro do Sul was 16 years old. 226 active members, 32 dead and at least that many moved away. More than 50 excluded, many of which we hope are saved and later will return.

4 CHURCHES AND 18 PREACHING POINTS

We have 4 churches and 18 active preaching points here in the Acre Territory. We have 14 men who are able to conduct the service in the usual way of preaching or teaching the Word of the Lord. The church was organized 16 years ago with 10 members, 7 men and three women. The sower and the reaper equal nothing. The Lord has given the increase. Blessed be the name of the Lord. (Brother Brandon has also organized 5 other Baptist churches in the State of Amazonas. He is now completing his 22nd year in Brazil.)

RESULTS OF A MISSIONARY JOURNEY

The BETTY BROWN (this is the name of the boat with the outboard motor) arrived Saturday March 31 with the two brethren who were so-journeying up river on a gospel mission. They left here on the morning of Feb 14 and arrived in Tresi de Maio for worship in the home of the owner of the place. The house was well filled and they were surprised at the interest shown. From there they visited a place that I had not been able to visit. It is about an hours run from the mouth of the Mouro river. The interest was greater than he had ever witnessed. They remained there 3 days and gave promise to stop on the return. From there they journeyed to Urubutano where a widow lives whose husband deserted her twenty years ago. She had four daughters and the oldest is married and gave a profession of faith some years ago and still claims to be a believer, however she is not baptized. There have been other professions there also but no further progress. We hope to have a work here in the future.

THE FOURTH STOP

The fourth stop was at the home of Senhor Firminho Bezeiro, who is the father and grandfather of 66. You will recall that he is the man who ordered me off his place and as a parting remark I told him that the blood of Jesus Christ would cleanse his sin and give him a better disposition if he would believe in Jesus and receive Him as his Saviour. I didn't mind being run off, it wasn't the first time, but I wanted him to know who I was and I told him: "Today you are driving from your home a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ" He changed his mind as quick as a flash, bid us remain, prepared dinner for us and passed the day and half the night hearing the gospel of grace from the Bible. Well now it seems that some of his daughters and granddaughters are (over)

interested in hearing the word. They passed a day and night with them going and coming.

FIFTH STOP AT CAMPO SANTANO

The next stop was at Campo Santano, a half hour above the village of Humaita. The brethren were overjoyed to see them. A worker has been living here since I returned and the work is in progress. They remain there several days confirming the faith of the believers and preaching and exhorting the lost to seek the Lord while yet he may be found. The results were wonderful. There were 11 conversions, eight of which were baptized and then a very sacred hour in partaking of the Lord's supper with the body of believers. They remained there 9 days then took off for Ouro Preto at the mouth of the river by this name. Here there are five believers and a number of interested friends. There was a young lady who wanted to be baptized who was saved on another occasion, but they failed to encounter her.

DRIVEN AWAY FROM BELLO HORIZONTES

The next place up river was Bello Horizontes where I had great hopes. Well the man of the place told the pastor to be off that the priest didn't want him there anymore. Its a relief to know the truth and again we thank God and take courage. You will recall the journey as we were going up river and someone called us from the bank, the name of the man was Nene Martins with a large family and neighbors. Well they called there and were very well received and he requested that on another journey that they stop and preach the word to them. Next was a stop at Grajuru, the home of the unmarried couple that have only fourteen children. The man is a spiritist and wicked, but poses as a good man. Once I told I wondered how he found comfort on earth knowing that he must give account to God for all the bastard lives he had brought into the world. He assured me that he had no fear whatever. Rom 3:18. There seems to be some interest among the neighbors and for that reason we still go there.

GOOD CROUDS AT RETIRE AND PROLONGABA

Next was Retire where I spent 10 days last summer with a sore foot. The pastor was surprised to see the interest there and how well they could sing. There are only a few of them who can read but more than 50 attended the services. They preached there on the return also. Next was Prolongaba where more than 40 were present while at the same time the spiritist were in session within a stones throw. They were very happy with the results of this meeting.

12 DAYS AT AMONHO

From thence they journeyed to Amonho. (This place is in charge of Cicero Bicipo da Cruz a native preacher who is supported by Brother Lee Cox of Calvert City Ky). Here we have a worker and five other baptized believers. The brethren were overjoyed with their arrival and the 12 days there were full ones, visiting, preaching, praying and carrying on in the usual gospel way. The Holy Spirit is greatly manifested on such occasions and there were six professions of faith and all were baptized. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. I hope to go there as soon as possible and organize a church and ordain the worker (Cicero) to the full ministry of the Lord Jesus. On the return down river some new points were visited and great were the number of people who heard the gospel for the first time. (Turn to page four)

JULY

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 1945

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Tabernacle Baptist Church-----	Lewisburg Ky-----	\$50.00
South Side Baptist Church-----	Winter Haven Fla---	15.00
Shady Grove Baptist Church-----	Wickliffe Ky-----	25.00
Campton Baptist Church-----	Campton Ky-----	5.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church-----	Hickory Ky-----	4.00
Liberty Baptist Church-----	BYPU-----	Toledo O-----
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo O-----	13.75
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	35.50
Bellview Baptist Church-----	Cleaton Ky-----	50.00
South Side Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	30.00
New Cypress Baptist Church-----	Greenville Ky-----	11.42
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky---	10.00
New Hope Baptist Church-----	Dearborn Mich----	5.00
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich----	21.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church-----	Murray Ky-----	5.00
Buffalo Ave Baptist Church-----	Tamps Fla-----	56.50
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	72.36
Grace Baptist Church-----	BYPU-----	Detroit Mich-----
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	98.00
Oak Baptist Church-----	Royal Oak Mich----	9.94
Fenton Road Baptist Church-----	LEC-----	Flint Mich-----
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	6.51
North Ballard Baptist Church-----	Wickliffe Ky-----	28.00
Mt Pisgah Baptist Church-----	Boaz Ky-----	25.00
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	73.15
Richland Baptist Church-----	Livermore Ky-----	18.50
Mr and Mrs Clifford Powell-----	Paducah Ky-----	50.00
Cpl John Brandon-----	Philippines-----	10.00
Don Grollimund-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00
Alex Sumpter-----	Union Grove Wis---	5.00
Dean Hermon-----	Phillipines-----	5.00
Mr and Mrs Roy Lee-----	Detroit Mich-----	5.00
E B Nall-----	Paducah Ky-----	5.00

(Signed E Clark Treas)

Total

\$769.43

MT PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH

It is a time of rejoicing when the Treasurer hands us the report of offerings received each month. When we look over the list and see the names of the different churches that send in month after month and year after year we are reminded that these are behind this mission work with both their money and prayers. Then when we receive an offering from a church for the first time we are reminded that it has pleased our Lord to lead others to join with us in the support of this Baptist Faith Mission work. We thank Mt Pisgah Baptist Church and Pastor Robert Clark for their fine offering. May the God of all grace bless you as you join with us in the support of this needy and ripe mission field in Brazil. Please pray for the work and tell others about it. We have many people tell us that they believe this to be the best and most Scriptural Mission Work in the world. Some tell us this who do not support it and we wonder why not. Pray with us and watch for other new churches added to this list. Send all offerings by check or money order to BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS. Elder E B Clark, Treas
5213 Concord Ave
Detroit 11 Mich

NEW PREACHING POINTS OPENED

The new places were, Oriente, Araera, Visue and Ipu and the people are anxious for them to return. On the way down river they spent two days with the saints at Ouro Preto and a week with the saints at Campo Santano and then touching all the places they had visited going up river and arriving at the home of the interested ones at the mouth of the Moura river where they found a number gathered to hear the gospel. There were three conversions here and all were baptized. The power of God was upon them. The worker from Campo Santano was with them and was favorably impressed with the new work and wants to pass some time with them. Our system employed seems to impress the people. Upon arrival we give thanks to God for the journey and seek His guidance and then at the departing we seek his direction and invoke a blessing upon those who remain. In eating from their tables we insist in giving thanks to God for the food and other blessings of life. Brother I enjoyed the journey as much as they did for I was in fellowship with them in the Spirit all the way. Then as they related the things that I have tried to tell you, my heart overflowed with profound joy of the Spirit of the Lord. My body was not able to make the trip but I labored with them in prayer. The greatest joy known to man on earth is that of new born souls as they come singing into the kingdom. May the grace, mercy and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen.

Sincerely, J F Brandon

ITEMIZED REPORT OF THE JOURNEY

1. Days on journey-----46	9. Number of children present--110
2. Miles traveled-----500	10. Cost per day-----\$4.00
3. Sermons preached-----65	11. Cost per mile-----36 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢
4. Adults in attendance-----2200	12. Cost per sermon-----\$2.80
5. Professions of faith-----20	13. Cost per preaching point--\$12.15
6. Baptisms-----17	14. Cost preaching per adult--8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢
7. Cost of Journey-----\$132.50	15. Cost per conversion-----\$9.00
8. Special services for young people and children of pastors assistant-----4	16. Cost per baptism-----\$10.75
	17. Interested homes visited--25
	18. New preaching points opened-5

Any saved person who reads the above letter and report from Missionary J F Brandon and is not touched to do more for missions is surely a backslider. If you love missions, join with us in supporting the work of BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS. Also send us the names and addresses of others for our mailing list and we will send them the MISSION SHEETS free of charge. Please be sure that you send us your change of address.

NEWS ABOUT THE BOOKERS

Missionary Becker and family are in Belem at the Mouth of the Amazon river. They are sick and have had to cancel the trip up river for both June 27th and July 13th. We do not know if they will be able to take the next boat or not. Their 8 months old son Donald has been very sick for over a month and the last report says that he was taken to the hospital. These are days of testing for them. Will everyone join with us in special prayer for them that they may be well able to journey on to their work with Missionary J F Brandon? We need \$1000.00 more than we first estimated to pay for the equipment and traveling expenses and for the cost of this sickness. The Brandons and the Bookers are giving all. What are you giving? Will you send an extra offering to help in this great expense at this time? Just as the Lord leads you.