

Missionary
J F BRANDON

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

Missionary
A A BOEKER

AUGUST

MISSION SHEETS

1945

1210 E Grand Blvd, Detroit 11 Michigan

BROTHER BRANDON RECEIVES WORD OF SON'S DEATH

Dear Brethren:

Cruzeiro do Sul, May 9 1945.

Yesterday I received the wire from you telling of the death of George and the coming out of the new missionaries. Brother there is nothing I can do about it, hence there is nothing for me to say except: "Blessed be the name of the Lord". It is the Lord that giveth and it is the Lord that taketh away. Though He kill me yet will I serve Him as spoken by the prophet of old under the most trying circumstances. Indeed my heart is filled with grief at the thought of my first born among the sacrificed, entrenched in the land of the enemy.

ASSURANCE

As to his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and his fellowship with God, if words had any meaning to him, then he was a believer. I sought him twice while there in the homeland to know from him if he well understood the meaning of life in Christ, and he assured me that he did, and that he was going into the fight resolved and contented in spirit. Of course it is for the best, the eternal God, the King of the nations, in whose hands are our times, knows best, and the Judge of all the earth will do right. With Him there are no accidents and nothing that happens takes Him by surprise or unawares. He knoweth the future as He knoweth the present and the past. With Him is righteous judgment and eternal love.

A MANIFESTATION OF HIS LOVE

I don't doubt but that it is another manifestation of His love for us that will amaze us in the future when it is revealed, for known to God are all of His works from the beginning and the cruel hand of death can only penetrate where He gives permission. Thus He causeth to go down into the grave and it is He alone that bringeth up out of the grave. Then if we were planted together with Christ in the likeness of His death, we may be assured that the resurrection will be unto eternal life. Then blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Again let me say that my faith is in the One whom the heavens could not contain and was manifest in the flesh, revealing the glories of the Father as His only begotten Son.

GUARANTEE OF ETERNAL SECURITY

This Man through the sacrifice of Himself, took away the sin of the world and opened wide the portals of eternal glory to as many as were given Him by the Father, even to as many as would believe on His name. Thus as the guarantee of eternal security, Jesus Christ, the Son of God was raised from the dead and by His promise will come again and the dead in Christ will rise first and the living saints changed and together raptured into glory, thus they will ever be with the Lord. Amen. George was 28 years old and one day. Now seven is the heavenly number and four the earthly. There are four sevens connected with him in life that I will not bother you with, I just recall in meditation.
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AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

Twenty eight is four sevens. I am glad that Brother Boeker will soon be enroute the Lord willing. That to me is a remarkable answer to prayer, an approval of our work I would say. The door of admission was barred with the iron bands of Rome, forbidding a Baptist Missionary from entering the Country, but Jesus Christ is the King of the Nations and when He opens the door no man can close it. I thank and worship Him for doing this for us. Now may it bring praise and glory to His blessed name and may many see that it was the hand of the Lord and praise Jesus Christ. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Sincerely, J F Brandon

NEWS ABOUT THE BOEKERS

Missionary A A Boeker and family left Miami Florida by plane on May 30th 1945 and arrived in Belem, Brazil (at the mouth of the Amazon river) three days later on June 1st 1945. The equipment which made up about 23 pieces of cargo went by boat from New York City and arrived in Belem about two weeks after the Bookers did. They made plans to start the long journey of about 40 days up river on June 27th but had to cancel the trip because of illness. They again made plans to start up river on July 13th and this trip too had to be cancelled because of illness. The whole family of four have been ill. Donald, the baby son was ill for over a month and is now very thin. Brother Boeker has lost 20 pounds, although he was not a heavy man to begin with. Mrs Boeker's health has been the best to date. He writes that the Lord provided a house for them to rent so that they could move from the hotel and also store the 23 pieces of cargo. This was a direct answer to prayer and will save a great deal of expense. They have secured a native girl to help Mrs Boeker. They have secured a native Lawyer as a teacher and both of them are studying the Portuguese language while regaining their health and learning the customs and in getting use to the climate. The food problem for them is a big one, especially for the children. Only God can solve this problem for them. We request that each Church join with us in definite prayer at each service for the Bookers and the needs.

DRY SEASON

Also this is the dry season in the Acre Territory and the water is very low in the Jurua river, and a journey now would mean changing from one boat to a smaller one three or four times on the way. We trust that by the time the rains come that their health will be such that they can continue their journey to join hands with Brother Brandon at Cruzeiro do Sul. We had hoped that they could continue the trip so that Brother Boeker could learn the language while working right with Brother Brandon, but this has been prevented by illness as well as low water in the Jurua river. Brother Boeker writes Romans 8:28 and asks us to be patient with him in this their hours of trial. May The God of all grace be with them to heal their bodies and give them a safe journey on to their field or labor. The equipment that they have taken with them that has been needed for many years, and the cost of the journey is over \$3000.00. May the Lord lead many to send in an extra offering to help in this expense. As the Lord shall lead you.

AUGUST

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 1945

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Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	\$10.87
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South Side Baptist Church-----	Winter Haven Fla-----	15.00
Campton Baptist Church-----	Campton Ky-----	5.00
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	24.50
New Hope Baptist Church L E C-----	Dearborn Mich-----	5.00
New Hope Baptist Church L E C---AAB-----	Dearborn Mich-----	10.00
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky-----	10.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church-----	Lewisburg Ky-----	50.00
Grace Baptist Church-----	Owensboro Ky-----	5.00
Bellview Baptist Church-----	Peducan Ky-----	100.16
Buffalo Ave Baptist Church-----	Tampa Fla-----	200.50
Buffalo Ave Baptist Church-----MS-----	Tampa Fla-----	10.00
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	88.92
Grace Baptist Church B Y F U-----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
Grace Baptist Church-----MS-----	Detroit Mich-----	5.00
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	140.00
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	60.90
Friendship Baptist Church-----	Ecorse Mich-----	22.50
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church-----	Hickory Ky-----	15.00
North Fork Baptist Church-----	Puryear Tenn-----	4.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church-----	Murray Ky-----	28.00
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	15.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church-----	Flint Mich-----	7.82
Fenton Road Baptist Church L B C-----	Flint Mich-----	5.00
A Lt Friend-----	Boise Idaho-----	5.00
Cpl John Brandon-----	Philippines-----	5.00
Mr and Mrs P H Holsinger-----	Piedmont Cal-----	50.00
Sgt Chas Holsinger-----	Philippines-----	20.00
Paul H Holsinger Jr-----	Piedmont Cal-----	20.00
Delbert E Showalter-----	Lincoln Neb-----	3.00
Mrs Lottie Brown-----	Wasco Ill-----	1.00
Mrs E H Purdom-----	Elmhurst Ill-----	15.00
Mr and Mrs W J Rumbaugh-----	Lincoln Neb-----	5.00
Mrs Alice Simpson-----	Paterson N J-----	3.00
Mrs Anna L Barber of S S Bap Ch-----	Winter Haven Fla-----	10.00
Dorothy Arison-----	Wheaton Ill-----	15.00

(Signed Z E Clark Treas)

Total

\$1011.03

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Brother Z E Clark, the Treasurer of Baptist Faith Missions, requests that all who mail in their offerings, please be sure to: Place their name and return address on the outside of the envelope, and place the zone number 11 between the words "Detroit and Michigan" like the address. This precaution will keep the mail from being lost. It is also advised that you send the offerings by check or money order made out to: Baptist Faith Missions. Please do not send the currency as it might be stolen. In short, send by money, or check and place your name and address on the upper left hand corner of the envelope and address the envelope to:

Elder Z E Clark
5216 Concord Ave
Detroit 11 Mich

SOUND IN THE FAITH

When Brother Aaron A Boeker was ordained on the 21st day of November 1944 he was questioned by Elder Z E Clark a graduate of West Kentucky Bible School. There were several preachers present and most of them joined in the questioning. These Baptist preachers were from Ky, Tenn and Mich. After all others finished their questioning and the Brethren were agreed on the soundness of the Brother, the Editor of the Missions Sheets stated that since Brother Boeker was a member of the church of which he was pastor and that he was going to Brazil as a Missionary under the authority of this church that he wished to ask more questions. Brother Boeker was asked to answer all questions without any mental reservations. He was carefully questioned on the doctrines that Missionary Baptists believe and have died for. He was questioned on the doctrine of the local church and the ordinances and about the Federal Council of Churches which many Baptist churches are now cooperating, and of which we are against with all that is within us. The questions were answered to the satisfaction of all.

A BAPTIST BY CONVICTIONS

Brother Boeker is the only Baptist in his family. He joined a Baptist Church and was baptized upon her authority. He formerly had alien immersion. The day he left Detroit for Brazil, he was told that even though he had a passport and visa and railroad tickets to Fla and plane tickets to Belem and 23 boxes of equipment on the dock in New York, all of which cost about \$3000.00 or more, that if he was not sure of his call as a Missionary and did not believe as he had stated, to then at that late hour to call off the trip. He responded that he believed with all his heart and that he knew he was God called and that he was going to Brazil and would preach and teach the Book as Brother J F Brandon has for the past 22 years. That night a farewell service was held for Brother Boeker and his family. After a sermon by Pastor L W Carlin (Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah Ky) on the SEVEN GOLDEN CANDLESTICKS which was the best sermon on the church that we have ever heard, Brother D O Calvin, pastor of Oak Baptist Church and President of Baptist Faith Mission took charge and questioned Bro Boeker as to his beliefs as did others also. Then Bro Boeker gave his testimony and then he and his family were given the right hand of Christian fellowship and started on their way to Brazil for a five year stay. This information is given for the benefit of those who support this work and were not present. Also for the benefit of those that are considering the support it.

BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS

There are many Baptists who are not giving to missions because they do not know of a mission work such as this. Many others would give more than they are now giving if they knew of this work. The purpose of this paper is to make this work known and let the people know what their money is accomplishing. This is a Baptist Faith Mission work. All who support it do so of their own accord. The needs are great in Brazil. The field is a dead ripe Baptist opportunity. We need another Missionary to go and work with Brother Brandon and Brother Boeker. It is a hot hard job. Hardships await those who go and illness will be yours much of the time. Persecution at times becomes almost unbearable and would be, but for His amazing grace. Answer only if God calls.