

Missionary
J F Brandon

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

Missionary
A A Boeker

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MISSION SHEETS

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BROTHER BOEKER HAS FIRST BRAZILIAN CONVERT

Dear Brethren:

Belem, Para, Brazil Aug 13 1945

Had an unusual experience yesterday. Marilyn could not go to Sunday School or Church so my wife played some Portuguese hymns here on the porch. Among those attracted was a young Brazilian who spoke English. I showed him from the written word of God that he was a sinner and that Christ died for his sins. He confessed he was lost and knelt with us in prayer after we let him read the texts himself. He then confessed Christ as his Saviour. Last night he came to Brother Nelson's church for the first time.

STARTS SUNDAY SCHOOL IN HOME

The Sunday School started off with a bang. There were 35 in attendance. Now we are waiting for the reaction. Tell the pastors supporting this work we would like to hear from each one of them. Address your envelope like this:

Missionary A A Boeker
Caixa Postal 752
Belem, Para
Brazil S A

Dear Brethren:

Belem, Para, Brazil Sept 3 1945

Your good letter came Sept 1st. The day before we had the following telegram from Brother Brandon:

"The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. There are no goats or milk here. Baggage a little difficult. River very low. Impossible to travel. Would be good if you could come by plane. Six converts and four baptisms in August. My regards to the brethren in the Lord Jesus." --Brandon.

I had sent him a wire on August 27 asking if he had received his glasses. Will put forth every effort to look for goats now. Tell Brother Brandon's family to write him in care of us and we will deliver the letters to him unopened. We can do this once the letters are postmarked and the stamps cancelled.

ABOUT THEIR HEALTH

Donald was one year old on Sept first. He is slowly improving. Both of the children are losing their fingernails as a result of the disease they contracted. I do hope that new nails will grow in again. The fourth day the arthritic pains started shifting from my hip. During those days I learned many things. Spurgeon was right: "Most of the grand truths of God have to be learned by trouble; they must be burned into us by the hot iron of affliction, otherwise we shall truly receive them". May God continue to bless you all. Thanks for the genealogy table. Sincerely in Christ Jesus, A A Boeker.

NEWS ABOUT THE BOOKERS

Missionary Booker and family reached Belem, Brazil at the mouth of the Amazon river June first. They scheduled a boat to start up river soon after their arrival but was prevented from going because of illness. They also made arrangements to go on the next boat but had to cancel this trip too because of illness. In answer to prayer they were able to find a house for rent. They moved into this house and stored the equipment with them to save expense. They have had a great deal of illness, mostly the children who are now slowly recovering. You have just read parts of two letters from Bro Booker on page one which gave you some idea of what they have been going through with. The water in the Jurua river near Cruzeiro do Sul is too low to travel and carry the cargo of some 20 pieces of equipment even if they were able to travel. While waiting for the rains to come in the Acre Territory to fill the stream and getting used to the climate and regaining health, the Bookers are hard at study on the Portuguese language. They have a native Brazilian Lawyer as a teacher and are studying everyday. While doing this they have started a Sunday School in their home and have had their first Brazilian convert.

NEEDS

The Bookers need your prayers that they will soon be in good health and become acclimated to the hot stuffy weather. The devil is doing all he can to prevent them from going on up stream to their field of labor with Brother Brandon in the Acre Territory. This is a 3500 mile trip by river boats. It is a long, hot journey ahead for them. Pray that they may be able to locate goats for milk for the children. This is greatly needed because there is no milk in Cruzeiro do Sul. Pray about the offerings that they will increase that we may soon send out another Missionary and wife to help Brother Brandon and Brother Booker.

THE HARVEST IS RIPE

You will note in the telegram from Brother Brandon to Brother Booker that 6 souls were saved in August with 4 baptisms. The field is a dead ripe Baptist opportunity and has been for half a century or more. The field is a hard one. The weather is always hot being almost under the equator. Persecution from the Roman Catholic church there is at times almost unbearable. They are in the majority and as is true every place that they are in majority they persecute those who preach the word of God without fear or favor. But this makes Baptists grow and glow and go. It acts as a screen to separate those who are false professors from those who are true possessors. The last report from Bro Brandon stated that he had four churches and 18 active preaching points with three native missionaries working with him under his supervision. One of those native missionaries is supported full time by Brother Lee Cox a Baptist layman. Brother Brandon is in poor health and has been for several years. Truly he needs help and lots of it. But he needs only the right kind of help, that is the kind that will go and stay. Those who go must be sound in faith and doctrine. Baptists hold the truths in the Book dear and have died for them in the centuries past and the right kind of Baptists will die for these truths again if need be. We need men and women of faith and that kind only. It is not easy. Sickness will be the lot of those who go much of the time and the devil will do all in his power to defeat, but our God is able.

South Side Baptist Church-----	Winter Haven Fla-----	\$15.00
Franklin Lakes Gospel S S-----	Wyckoff N J-----	31.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church-----	Lewisburg Ky-----	50.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church-----	Hickory Ky-----	50.00
Oak Baptist Church-----	Royal Oak Mich-----	15.75
Oak Baptist Church-----	Royal Oak Mich-----	12.58
Oak Baptist Church Ladies Bible Class---	Royal Oak Mich-----	10.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	8.10
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	5.49
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	26.00
Mt Zion Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	45.00
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky-----	10.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church-----	Murray Ky-----	32.50
Friendship Baptist Church-----	Ecorse Mich-----	5.00
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	13.75
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	69.04
Grace Baptist Church B Y P U-----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	71.25
Fenton Road Baptist Church Lad Bib Cl---	Flint Mich-----	5.00
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	10.26
Richland Baptist Church-----	Livermore Ky-----	29.48
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	47.29
E J Louer-----	Chicago Ill-----	5.00
Mrs Alice Simpson-----	Paterson N J-----	5.00
Donald P Lowe-----	U S Coast Guard-----	10.00
Mr and Mrs Leo Troutman-----	Calhoun Ky-----	20.00
Alex Sumpter-----	Union Grove Wis-----	5.00
L C Boeker-----	Stiger Wis-----	5.00
Mr and Mrs J C Coulter-----	Mt Vernon Ill-----	14.00
John Brandon-----	Luzon-----	5.00
Mrs J F Brandon in Memory Geo Brandon---	Benton Ky-----	25.00
Don Grollimund-----	Wheaton Ill-----	2.00
A Lt Friend-----	Boise Idaho-----	5.00
Mrs R H Cook-----	Orange N J-----	10.00
Friends in Livermore-----	Livermore Ky-----	25.00
Chas Holsinger-----	Luzon-----	10.00
Oscar Ahlswede-----	Glen Ellyn Ill-----	5.00
(Signed Z E Clark Treas)		Total
		\$ 723.49

We need names and addresses for our mailing list for the MISSION SHEETS. We will send the MISSION SHEETS free to anyone who would like to read about this great mission work in Brazil. Our readers can be of service to Baptist Faith Missions by sending us the names and addresses of people who love real New Testament mission work. We believe that there are many, many people who would give to missions or give more to missions if they know of this work. This work is now in its 22nd year and is still growing. It is free from modernism, unionism, ecclesiasticism and all other kinds of isms. It is a work just like the Lord Jesus commissioned the first Baptist church to do. There are four steps in the work as outlined in the commission to the church. 1. To go. 2. To make disciples. 3. To baptize the disciples. 4. To indoctrinate the disciples or teach them to observe all things. If the Lord leads you to join with us just send your offerings to:

Z E Clark
5216 Concord Ave
Detroit 11 Mich

A CHALLENGE

The editor of this paper has been supporting this mission work regularly for about 11 years and for the past few years he has put into it all he had to give and also time to edit this paper and carry on the correspondence of the work. We do it because the Lord led us to do it. We love this mission work with all we have and we pray that God will give us many years yet to serve him and that we may see this work grow until the Amazon Valley is evangelized and Baptist churches in all her towns and villages. It has been our desire for several years to have several others join with us in putting this mission work first in their lives. This is still our hearts desire. May God lead other pastors to write us and advise that they will lead their churches with us in putting missions first. God will bless every church and pastor that will do it. There are not many real honest to goodness missionary churches in the land. I have known of only a few in my time of 43 years. There are not many men and women that are real honest to goodness missionary from the depths of their hearts.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

The first thing a Baptist church should do is to carry out the great commission. That will make more Baptist churches. The ones you and I are members of are results of missions. Every pastor desires to have a good strong church with many members. The best way to get such a church is to make your own a real missionary one. Put missions first and watch the results. As I write this I am deeply conscious of my own short comings and failures. I do not for one moment put my self up as an example for anyone, but this is a challenge to every pastor who reads it to join with me in putting missions first in his life and in his church. God will bless us for doing so. If your church is a New Testament Baptist church it is big enough to do this. She can give as much as any other church in proportion to her size and wealth. A few do this. We need more of this kind. Do not write us unless you mean business for God. If God lays it on your heart to accept our challenge we shall be glad to hear from you. This challenge is open to any individual who reads it. You too can put missions first in your own like. Will you join with us?

THANKFUL

We are grateful for those who support this mission work regularly. That is what counts, day in and day out. Many of the big givers are those who give small amounts. We know of some men and women who give much because what they give is a great part of what they have. They are the ones that kept this work going through the years when it was being kicked about and thrown from pillar to post. But God. What words. God has kept the missionary on the field on the other end even when those who seemed closest to him and the work let he and his family suffer and gave up the work, others stood by through the trying times which were long and many in number. We have seen some cast it aside for praise of others. We have seen some interfere and others try to. We have seen others steal part of the work that God's servant planted with his very life's blood. But God. Yes some would like to support it and have their churches support it but they are afraid of the big boys. The editor and those who support the work with him are not afraid of the big boys. We know ONE who is bigger than they. He is precious to us in this hour. He will not fail us. Dare we trust Him.