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BOOKERS READY TO LEAVE FOR CRUZEIRO DO SUL AS SOON AS RAINS BEGIN

Caixa Postal 752, Belem, Brazil.
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Dear Brethren:

Your good letter arrived here in 4 days. I am answering at once. We praise the Lord for the meeting and the time of prayer. We need prayer above everything else. In the questions I have emphasized the need of having money here to buy powdered milk for the children as soon as a boat comes in. It has been a long time since we have seen milk displayed anywhere. This was to be the week for the goat auction but it has been postponed until December first. I expect to have all goats spoken for. We are ready to leave for Cruzeiro do Sul as soon as the rains begin. There has been no reply to our last wire to Brother Brandon. Should we wait for a reply or wire again?

FINALLY GOTTEN A GOOD MAID

It seems that we have finally gotten a good maid. My wife hasn't had to tell her one thing since she has been here. She keeps the house in perfect order, cooks well, and is fine with the children. We have had so much trouble with maids that we hope that we can take her and her 13 year old daughter with us to Cruzeiro do Sul. They make a good team. All the missionaries we've met who work in the interior tell us how difficult it is to find help in the interior. We have purchased 50 pounds of Klim milk for Brother Brandon for \$22.00. Will you have Brother Clark please enclose this amount in the next check? Thank you. (This was bought at the Army PX). The refrigerator is working nicely. Uses about four gallons of kerosene a week. In this hot climate a wick lasts about two months. This means that we should have about 18-24 more wicks. We can buy wicks here sometimes at about 2½ times their cost in the States. Tomorrow is a holiday here so I will try to mail this today. With prayers for the meeting, sincerely in Christ.

A A Boeker

Everyone will rejoice with us that the Bookers are well again and will go up river in the near future the Lord willing. They have been in Belem at the mouth of the Amazon river for almost 6 months. They have had a great deal of illness and times of trial, but they have not lost any time. They have been studying the language everyday and started a Sunday School in their home while waiting for their health to improve and also for rains. Today, Nov 21 1945 --- we received the first mail from Brother Brandon since the last letter that was dated July 25. That is almost four months. The reason is because the boats could not get to Cruzeiro do Sul due to low water in the Jurua river. Then only the small motor boats go the last lap of the journey after the steamers have to stop. (turn to page two).

We do not mean by what we have just written that the Boekers are in the best of health. Remember that they are directly under the Equator and that it is not only hot all the time, but it is stuffy hot all the time and this saps one's strength. It is next to impossible for a woman from the States to do her work and remain well without a native woman to help. The natives are accustomed to the climate and can do the work when the missionary's wife cannot. We are happy that at last the Boekers have a good maid to help Mrs Boeker with her work and the children so that she can have time to rest and study the language and help her husband. We believe that all this is an answer to prayer. Now we ask you to read the letter from Brother Brandon that came in today's mail. Then have others read it and tell them about this New Testament mission work and ask them to join with you in prayer and support of it. Here is Brother Brandon's letter:

NO BOAT FOR TWO MONTHS

Dear Brethren:

Cruzeiro do Sul, Aug 1 1945

When I returned from Largohino there was a telegram waiting for me from Brother Boeker, saying that he could not travel now, saying a letter would follow. I replied asking if I were needed there or if I could help in any way. We have not had a boat for two months and at the present rate it will be another three until we get another. Every thing is exceeding difficult here. I suppose it is only as it should be and that some good will finally be manifest from the worst of it. The gully is deep and the other bank looks high from here. Recently I have made a renewed effort and bending every effort to regain the work. The Lord has helped me, but still it is a fight with the devil every minute. Many have heard the gospel and others who for years have been indifferent have heard with renewed interest.

MAN HEALED AND SAVED

A very wealthy man called for me last month to pray for him. He said that he had taken notice that there was some merit with the Baptists that was not visible with any others he had seen. He has heard the gospel many times but is a political leader and thinks he can't forsake all to follow Christ, yet afflicted as he was he heard again. I told him we would pray for him but when he was well, that he confess the truth that it was Jesus Christ who had healed him and not any other person or remedy. He agreed. We had prayer for him especially and the Lord heard and he was well in a few days without medicine, I was away when he got up, but when I returned we met in the P O where he called to me and said: Now I want to pay my vows to Jesus Christ, and before a body of people he confessed how he was healed and gave glory to the Lord Jesus. It offered me a good opportunity to speak to the people again and present the way of God by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and this I did with great joy.

BANK CASHIER SAVED

Recently a new cashier was sent here from Manaus. He was a wild sort of a man. Out of banking hours he would fish and hunt with other recreation and always drinking. While I was at Largohino on a Sunday morning he was drunk and fought with the police. Until this time he had hardly spoken to me, but when I knew he was sick at home because of the whipping he received from three cops, I went to visit him. He sure was badly bruised and hardly able to turn over in his hammock.

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South Side Baptist Church-----	Winter Haven Fla----	\$ 15.00
North Side Baptist Church LBC-----	Mayfield Ky-----	5.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church-----	Lewisburg Ky-----	50.00
Wakishima Baptist Church-YPSSC-----	Fulton Mich-----	12.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church-----	Hickory Ky-----	14.87
Grace Baptist Church-----	Owensboro Ky-----	5.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church LBC-----	Flint Mich-----	5.00
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	18.25
New Hope Baptist Church LBC-----	Dearborn Mich-----	5.00
Shady Grove Baptist Church-----	Ballard Co Ky-----	14.88
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky-----	10.00
Bellevue Baptist Church LBC-----	Cleaton Ky-----	5.00
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	11.70
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	73.50
Grace Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	66.15
Grace Baptist Church BYFU-----	Detroit Mich-----	10.00
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich-----	11.63
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Van Dyke Mich-----	5.69
Friendship Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	21.05
Oak Baptist Church-----	Royal Oak Mich-----	12.87
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	69.89
Mrs Anna Barber-----	Fulton Miss-----	10.00
Cpl and Mrs Ralph Claybaugh-----	West Point N Y-----	10.00
Mrs Lottie Brown-----	Wasco Ill-----	1.00
Don Grollimund-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00

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Total

\$ 464.48

MISSIONS FIRST

We read a great deal just now about reconversion from war production to peace production. Many have had their income reduced, which reduces their tithes and offerings. When the offerings are down, the thought comes to mind: where can I reduce? And all too often the first thing to suffer is missions, and usually the most. This should not be so. The Lord Jesus put missions first in every Baptist church and we have no right to change it. After His resurrection and before His ascension He gave the commission to the first Baptist church. He told that church to do mission work first and always. He said: Go--make disciples--baptize them--and then teach them to observe all things or indoctrinate them. Matt 28:19-20. When churches do this, new churches are produced. And if the new churches will do this, still other new churches will be produced. This is the Lord's plan and it will work. The church that puts missions first will have enough for other purposes, just as the individual who seeks first the kingdom of God and His righteousness will have plenty to eat and wear. God said so and God cannot lie. God not only gave His word or promise but He gave His oath. There was none higher to swear by so He swore by Himself. These are our two immutable or unchangeable things from God. His word and His oath. Every word of the Bible is just as true as John 5:16. On page four of the September Mission Sheets we issued a challenge to others to put missions first in their lives. We did not get one reply either by mail or in person. The challenge still stands. Are you having trouble? Is everything going wrong? Try putting missions first. The Lord put missions first.

I asked permission to read the Bible to him and he gave it. I passed the entire morning with him and he was blessed. The word of the Lord is mighty to heal. I returned three times later, then when he was able to come to the meeting in our home, he came and gave a profession of faith and the brethren accepted him for baptism, which will be next Sunday if the Lord wills.

FRUIT MEET FOR REPENTENCE

The truth is he seems deeply touched with the gospel. He has not drank since he heard the gospel and has attended the services ever since and immediately returned to work. I tell you brother the word of the Lord when not resisted will go much farther than the most of us know about. I hope you will pray for him.

SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

I think I told you of a young man from the south, whose mother is a believer, the wildest I ever saw and I think I have seen some tough ones. What he hasn't done to disgrace himself isn't worth trying and it seems he has about accomplished the end he sought. In sickness and time of despair he found no one to help him, but a poor woman, a member of the Baptist church gave him a place in her home and began to treat him and placed the Bible where he could get it. He is very well educated, a pleasing personality and since going there, I have visited him to talk to him. Saturday night he was in the service in the home. Yesterday I was with him again and will soon go again today. I feel like the Lord will save him and if so he will be of great value to our cause. Oh do help us in prayer for these men. How we need a stimulant in our work and church.

HOLY ROLLER PASTOR COMES TO HEAR THE GOSPEL

The holy roller pastor came yesterday and we spent the morning together. I went through the Bible with him, but they know so little of the Bible and seem to care less that I have but little hope for him. I told him if they would renounce their heresy and come as repented believers in the Lord Jesus, confessing their sins, we would receive them for baptism, otherwise there could be no fellowship between us. Of all the plagues that have been visited upon Christianity, I regard this as the most bewitching and ungodly. Brethren pray for now that these people will not have the liberty to hinder yet more our work. They have hindered us in the past and have deceived many people who now do not care to hear the gospel from anybody. This pastor talks better than any they have had, yet Judas was the best preacher of the twelve, Ps 55:21.

EXALTED TO A BETTER LIFE

Do you recall the woman I told you of being converted, who had so many images, and when she came forward she was crying and renouncing all. Later she with her brother burned them. Well news just came now that she died last night. Blessed are those who die in the Lord. I rejoice when one who is firm in the faith among us is exalted to a better life. Blessed be the name of the Lord Jesus because it is by His name we gain the frank and liberal entrance into the presence of the Father. The blood of the Lord Jesus is the only cleanser of sin. God bless you dear brethren and interested ones. Grace be multiplied unto you all. Amen

Sincerely, J F Brandon.

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