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SPECIAL NOTICE

This issue of the MISSION SHEETS completes four years for this little paper. The first issue went forth in January 1942. The Lord willing beginning with the next issue, January 1946, we will have this paper printed instead of mimeographed. We mail out at present close to 2000 copies each month. About three fourths of these go by parcel post to churches for free distribution, one for each church family. The others are mailed out in 16 precancelled envelopes under a permit. These are not forwarded, which makes it very necessary that when you move that advise us of your change of address. It would help if each reader would send \$1.00 or 50¢ or even 25¢ to help in the expense of printing and mailing this paper.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

This is the time of year that people give each other gifts. Many millions of dollars will be spent. Most Baptists will give more for gifts for Christmas than they gave for missions all year. Many Baptist preachers will give more for Christmas gifts than they gave for mission offerings all year. Would this not be a good time to give a real gift, a good Christmas offerings for missions? How many will send in an offering for missions as a special gift? We wonder what would be the response if pastors and laymen alike would call their families together and say "Don't you think it would be better and please the Lord better for us to spend less on each other this Christmas and give a good offering for missions?" We wonder. Our family includes nine and we plan to give much more for missions than for Christmas gifts. Who will join with us? Just send all offerings to the Treasurer: Elder Z E Clark, Detroit 11 Michigan.

A LETTER FROM MISSIONARY BRANDON

Dear Brethren:

Cruzeiro do Sul, Aug 6 1945

Today such peace that passeth understanding overflows my soul, such power in preaching the word of the Lord as we have felt in recent days and the result is known to God alone. I told you in two letters already of the conversion of the cashier of the Bank of Brazil here. Yesterday was the day set for his baptism, and such a wonderful day as it was. We enjoyed the presence of the Lord in the morning services that was gratifying indeed to our souls. Then in the afternoon the church assembled on the bank of a small stream. There were at least 20 unbelievers who had never heard the gospel among us, some friends and a large body of believers. We had the very best of attention. There I preached to them, the subject being baptism; proof to sustain my arguments being produced from the Bible. They stood amazed. They had never thought that such was the case. They believe in baptismal salvation, yet not one of them are baptized. Yesterday I think they saw the point. (turn to page 2)

There was also a woman who gave one of the most touching professions that we have baptized. I examined them while in the water before the people that their testimony be recorded before many witnesses and it had its effect. After the evening service in which the pastor preached I offered the Lord's supper. At the close of the preaching service a young man was converted and came forward confessing Jesus Christ as Saviour. It has been many months since I saw the church so happy as yesterday, and of right she should have been, the Head of the body was manifest among His own.

A PERSECUTED YOUNG MAN IS SAVED

You will recall the young man I mentioned as being greatly persecuted because he refused to be baptized by the priest in order to marry one of our neighbor's daughters. Recently I have sought him in his home with the Word. He became greatly interested and has attended the services recently. Well he was here this morning. I believe that he is converted and if so he will make a good worker, I beleive. I was impressed that this is the worker I have been praying for. The Lord only knows the trouble he has had and this morning he told me why, because he had rejected the Lord Jesus but now he was casting himself upon Him to save and direct his life. Brother I do praise God for such a profession could only be directed by Him.

EVERY REASON IN THE WORLD TO BE HAPPY

There is every reason in the world to be happy and praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow. There are still others who are interested and the Lord willing they will be coming through soon. I am at work but the opposition seems greater than ever before, but with the Lord's help and by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ I can and will overcome. I hope to go up the Moa river soon because the pastor is here now. While the water is low I can visit the churches there and then when the water comes I can go up the Jurua river.

HOPE TO ORGANIZE TWO CHURCHES

When I go there again I hope to organize two churches. One at Amonho and the other at Campo Santano. I hope to ordain one if not two pastors for the work there soon. One is old and not far advanced as the other but he is what we have and it seems that the Lord is leading that way. Pray for us to the end that all will be well. God be with you brethren until we meet at the feet of our blessed Saviour. Grace be unto you all and all that with you wait for His glorious manifestation. Amen. Remember me to your family, the brethren and friends and interested ones.

Sincerely, J F Brandon

ANOTHER LETTER FROM MISSIONARY BRANDON

Dear Brethren:

Cruzeiro do Sul, August 13 1945

This is monday morning after a fine weeks work. God has blessed us this week in a most admirable way. First our prayer meetings were well attended, also the preaching services were much better than usual. Also we had a business meeting to resolve some questions. It too was well attended. One of the questions settled was that the pastor is to remain here and pastor the church and work in the town. We preached the gospel to at least a hundred unbelievers this week and visited a number of homes and in all of them I had liberty to talk. (Turn to page 4)

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOV 1945

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North Ballard Baptist Church-----	Wickliffe Ky-----	\$32.50
Tabernacle Baptist Church-----	Lewisburg Ky-----	50.00
South Side Baptist Church-----	Winter Haven Fla--	15.00
Bellview Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	23.10
South Union Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	18.60
Richland Baptist Church-----	Livermore Ky-----	13.28
Seven Springs Baptist Church-----	Dycusburg Ky-----	19.00
White Plains Baptist Church-----	White Plains Ky---	10.00
Mt Zion Baptist Church-----	Paducah Ky-----	47.05
Zoar Baptist Church-B Y P U-----	Mayfield Ky-----	10.00
Harmony Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	81.00
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church-----	Cadiz Ky-----	50.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church-----	Murray Ky-----	5.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church-----	Hickory Ky-----	14.00
Buffalo Ave Baptist Church-----	Tampa Fla-----	100.00
Second Baptist Church-----	Marion Ky-----	31.28
Liberty Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	10.30
Liberty Baptist Church-B Y P U-----	Toledo Ohio-----	10.00
Grace Baptist Church-----	Baseline Mich-----	69.00
Grace Baptist Church-----B Y P U-----	Baseline Mich-----	10.00
Bethel Baptist Church-----	Roseville Mich----	7.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church-----	Van Dyke Mich-----	5.20
Friendship Baptist Church-----	Detroit Mich-----	14.50
Hopewell Baptist Church-----	Toledo Ohio-----	5.00
Benton Baptist Church-----	Benton Ky-----	37.32
Cpl John Brandon-----	Korea-----	10.00
Mrs Anna L Barber-----	Fulton Miss-----	10.00
Mrs E H Purdom-----	Elmhurst Ill-----	6.00
Mrs Lottie Brown-----	Wasco Ill-----	1.00
Mr and Mrs Roy Lee and family-----	Detroit Mich-----	6.00
J C and Anna Coulter-----	Mt Vernon Ind-----	10.00
Mrs Rose Bolle-----	Phoenix Ariz-----	1.00
Don Grollmund-----	Wheaton Ill-----	1.00

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FOUR NEW CHURCHES

Four new churches joined with us in the support of Baptist Faith Missions in the offerings for November. Second Baptist Church, Marion Ky. Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg Ky. Zoar Baptist Church, Mayfield Ky. and Hopewell Baptist Church, Toledo Ohio. To pastors and people of these churches we say thank you beloved, and may the Lord bless you and use you to his honor and glory. This is a mighty good time for others to join with us in support of this New Testament Baptist Faith Mission Work. It is free from modernism, unionism, ecclesiasticism and all other isms. No paid Secretaries nor Officers. The money is used to support the missionaries and their families and the native missionaries under Brother Brandon's leadership, and the actual cost of printing and mailing the MISSION SHEETS, and for equipment, supplies and traveling expenses of the missionaries. Furthermore a report of the work is given each month so that all may know what their missionaries are doing. As the Lord leads, send all offerings to:

Elder Z E Clark
5216 Concord Ave
Detroit 11 Mich.

Yesterday I was invited to have dinner in a home where the wife is an idolater of the most zealous type. The cashier of the bank and his wife were invited also. His wife is not converted yet. When we had finished eating and the table was cleared away, the opportunity was offered for me to speak, and brother I can say the Lord was with us. For more than an hour the truth was on display to the amazement of those two women. They had never heard anything like it, and of a truth there are none who can reply to the appeal of the Son of God through the gospel. No sensible, logical, social reason why it should be rejected and the Lord Jesus refused His legal place in the life of one.

BANKER'S WIFE CONVERTED

I think the banker's wife is converted. The other one answered not a word. I returned home to have a class with the young people. You see I got up early and went to the leper's home and preached almost an hour to them. There were 21 present near by, and the hour was precious to them all. God blessed them and I was home by 8 o'clock. The Sunday School was well attended and the pastor taught. Also in the evening service he preached and it was a mighty sermon. The house was well filled and to our great joy two men were converted. I think I told you of the young man who came here from the south, his family being believers in Rio. He seems to have been the black sheep in the family. Well educated and a good personality, but was steeped in sin. For many days I had sought him with the word and last night he came forward. His profession was touching. He did something unusual. From the pulpit he addressed the audience and gave a short history of his sinful life going against Christ, but now he is happily numbered among the sheep of the Lord Jesus and he is happy. The other was an elderly man who has been manager of a plantation for a number of years.

A FAMILY OF FIVE CONVERTED

We were all very happy indeed and they are both anxious to be baptized as soon as possible. The work up river seems to be in progress. A man from the village of Amonho was here the other day and said there was a family of five near there converted recently, but I have had no letter from Cicero yet. A letter from Campo Santano said they needed more money to finish the house begun. I thought as much and had already sent it and later they stated that it was received. Hope to have a man living there before the end of the year the Lord willing. The worker is helping the believer. I think he and his wife will go there and live. He now lives in Morapirango. He is the man who arose up without consulting anybody and for the love of the gospel, left all to preach and sought the place where he felt the Lord wanted him to remain. Did this at his own expense and then said to me that if I could help him in finances that he would be glad for his funds were about exhausted. He doesn't know as much as some, yet I feel that the spirit in which he began must not be overlooked, so I am cooperating with him in a small way and if his wife will go with him I will help him more. For these who are interested here, I request your prayers in a special way.

Sincerely, J F Brandon

The above two letters from Missionary J F Brandon gives everyone an example of this New Testament Baptist Faith Mission Work. Can any real Missionary Baptist after reading these letters refuse to join in the support of such work? May the Lord lead many to do so.