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LETTER FROM MISSIONARY J. F. BRANDON

Cruzeiro do Sul, Aug. 25, 1945.

Dear Brethren:

This is August 25th and we have not had a boat yet and the letters I wrote some time ago are still here. The river is dryer than ever and no sign of rain. I will send them as soon as possible. We have been having some old time religion meetings. The Lord is with us. The elderly gentlemen I told of in another letter was baptized last Friday afternoon and we had the Lord's supper in the church building at night. The house was full and the Lord blessed indeed. There are many interested and one to be baptized tomorrow if the Lord wills. Last Sunday in the afternoon we went to the leper's home. There were about 30 present I think and some who were on the outside. We had a very fine meeting. I hope soon to tell you of some of these being converted. Tuesday morning I awoke burdened for the lost and as I prayed I asked the Lord that He save someone that day. At nine o'clock a brother came in and we were studying together and at ten a man came in that I had labored with for some years. Do you remember in a letter about two years ago I told you of a sick man that I was able to help, who had persecuted me very much on another journey, he being at that time sick in the home of another in Retire, the place where I fell sick later and passed ten days there. When he was able to travel I left him at his home. Not long ago they moved to Cruzeiro do Sul and are living near to me.

RECEIVED JESUS CHRIST AS HIS SAVIOUR

When he entered I began to explain the way of salvation to him. After I had finished—
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LETTER FROM MISSIONARY A. A. BOEKER

Belem, Para, Brazil, Dec. 19, 1945.

Dear Brethren:

Greetings in the name of Him whom God sent in the fullness of time. (Gal. 4:4). We have been reminded of this for more than a week now as we have received our daily mail. This is the third letter I am starting to you. Every time news would come, that would make my letter out of date. Thank you for the roll of copper screen wire. We really appreciate these things. We shall be careful not to use any of these things until we reach Cruzeiro do Sul. The refrigerator was so large that we could not get it into the house without uncrating it. As it was the men broke the entrance to the porch trying to set the refrigerator on it. It seems that the rains are slowly beginning now. We have had rain several times a day lately. For a long time we had no rain at all. Last week I saw about a boat to Manaus and was told to return the first week in 1946. I must get permission from the Maritime Board to take baggage up river. I was told there were many people going to Manaus and we must get our reservation in well in advance. I have also written to Manaus regarding a "through" boat from Manaus to Cruzeiro do Sul. Do you get the Converted Catholic Magazine? A recent issue told how the Bishop at Cleveland had arranged with all air lines to have his priests travel on their lines by merely showing their card. The bill goes to the Bishop who gets a good reduction on the regular rates. Recently five priests passed through here on their way to Peru. They were all from Cleveland. We trust you are all experiencing His presence in a special way at this time and it is our wish that you
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ished he replied, "Sir you must have known what I came for, I have no other business here than hearing what you were saying and now I am accepting Jesus Christ as my one and only Saviour and God, because I believe in Him with all my heart."

In the night service in the home of a friend, he came forward and gave his profession in public. We were all so happy, his wife however was not well pleased when she came to know it. Yesterday while in a study class, a woman came who wouldn't be appreciated in society there but here are so many of her kind we don't make much difference. She came I am sure, sent of the Lord to hear the gospel, and when I was beginning with her, in came the wife of the newly converted man, the latter is a spiritest medium. It was near mid day when they left. Both promised to attend services tonight. They seemed well pleased.

ANOTHER BAPTIZING

A man, married to a believer, came home drunk the other night and almost killed his wife and children and father-in-law, and in the morning he seemed to know nothing of what had happened. The church is praying for his salvation. He is a very influential man here. The plane that came here not long ago said the airport was no good, and would have to be repaired. They are working on it now and hope to have it ready by the end of the year or sooner. Saturday night we had a fine service, the house was filled. Sunday was a good day too. The man spoken of as being drunk was at Sunday School and seemed greatly impressed, and he requested our prayers. In the early afternoon we had a baptizing, the brother who the Lord seems to have called to preach was baptized. Then we went to the leper's home and as we were singing the last song just before I preached, a priest came riding up and got off his

horse and went inside the yard with the lepers and remained throughout the service. He said nothing to me nor I to him, but he heard the gospel straight out once in his life if he never does again. In the evening service we had the Lord's Supper and the house was full and the service was fine. God is blessing the work here. I have heard nothing more from Brother Boeker. I went to see the judge yesterday about transferring the property to the mission (Baptist Faith Missions). He said the mission would have to furnish me with a document in which you recognize me as your agent and having authority to transact whatever business that you may have to transact. As soon as I receive it I will put the home in the name of the Baptist Faith Missions. This is all for the present, there is no boat and don't know when I will be able to send this.

Sincerely,
J. F. BRANDON.



Letter From
MISSIONARY A. A. BOEKER

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will be used of Him more than ever in 1946 as you "press toward the mark." (Philippians 3:13-14).

Sincerely in Christ,
A. A. BOEKER.



NINE BAPTIST CHURCHES

Missionary Brandon has organized nine Baptist churches during these 22 years of service. Five of these churches are located in the State of Amazonas. Each of these churches had their own building and their own native pastor when they were taken over a few years ago by the Southern Baptist Board in Brazil. The other four churches are in the Acre Territory where Missionary Brandon now labors. He has his headquarters in Cruzeiro do Sul, a town of about 6002 people on the Jurua river. This is 3500 miles by river boat from the city of Belm at the mouth of the Amazon river on the Atlantic coast. One of the churches is located at Cruzeiro do Sul, one at Morapirango, one at Japyni and the other at Parana. In addition to these four churches there are 18 preaching points (as of last May). There are 14 native men who can carry on a preaching or teaching service. Some of the native preachers la-

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1945

Tabernacle Baptist Church—Lewisburg, Ky.	\$ 50.00
South Side Baptist Church—Winter Haven, Fla.	15.00
Oak Baptist Church—Royal Oak, Michigan	13.13
Oak Baptist Church, L. B. C.—Royal Oak, Michigan	10.00
Oak Baptist Church—Royal Oak, Michigan	25.05
Richland Baptist Church—Livermore, Kentucky	14.45
New Hope Baptist Church, L. B. C.—Dearborn, Michigan	5.00
South Union Baptist Church—Cadiz, Kentucky	50.50
White Plains Baptist Church—White Plains, Kentucky	10.00
Grace Baptist Church—Baseline Michigan	62.36
Grace Baptist Church, B. Y. P. U.—Baseline, Michigan	10.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church—Murray, Kentucky	20.00
Benton Baptist Church—Benton, Kentucky	76.41
Bellview Baptist Church—Cleaton, Kentucky	40.00
Liberty Baptist Church—Toledo, Ohio	15.35
Harmony Baptist Church—Detroit, Michigan	78.00
Bethel Baptist Church—Roseville, Michigan	15.15
Ryan Road Baptist Church—Van Dyke, Michigan	6.76
Hopewell Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	5.00
Friendship Baptist Church—Detroit, Michigan	15.25
Bishop Mc Murray—Hoopeston, Illinois	5.00
Elder A. M. Hawley—Murray, Kentucky	15.00
Lee Cox—Calvert City, Kentucky	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Troutman—Calhoun, Kentucky	20.00
Mrs. Anna L. Barber—Fulton, Mississippi	10.00
Mrs. Walter Powers—Tennessee Ridge, Tennessee	4.00
B. W. Wagoner—Lewisburg, Kentucky	50.00
Mrs. Alice Simpson—Westmont, Paterson, New Jersey	5.00
Mrs. Thomas Crider—Murray, Kentucky	5.00
Don Grollmund—Wheaton, Illinois	1.00
Oscar Ahlswede—Glen Ellyn, Illinois	5.00
Miss Letha Smith—Golden Pond, Kentucky	15.00
Ruth E. Baureman—Elizabeth, New Jersey	15.00
Charles Holsinger—Piedmont, California	45.00
Total	\$832.41

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer.

MISSION SHEETS BEGIN
FIFTH YEAR

This is the first issue of the MISSION SHEETS in its fifth year. This paper was mimeographed for the past four years. Beginning with this issue we are happy to bring it to you in printed form. This paper is for and about missions. It is printed in the interest of Baptist Faith Missions which was started by Missionary J. F. Brandon in Brazil 22 years ago. During these 22 years the Lord has greatly blessed missionary Brandon's efforts. He has, and is, doing one of the greatest pieces of mission work in all the earth. The field is a hard one and opposition is great, yet the harvest is ripe. This paper is sent free to all who love missions and love to read about the work that is being done for the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The MISSION SHEETS are sent free to all. We first started out sending a few copies each month, then a few hundred. Now it is 2,000 copies each month. The cost for this the past twelve months was \$287.24 including paper, mimeographing, postage, etc., with no cost for labor, which was all given. This year the cost will be greater because the paper is being printed instead of mimeographed. If each one would send \$1.00 for each issue that is mailed out this month we would have \$2,000 for the year. If each one would send only 25c for each issue mailed out this month we would have \$500, which would be more than enough to mail out 2,000 copies each month for a whole year. Also the Bookers are now about ready to go

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ANOTHER LETTER FROM MISSIONARY BRANDON

Cruzeiro do Sul, Sept. 10, 1945.

Dear Brethren:

Yesterday was a good day, however we had rain, the first in two months. Saturday afternoon and yesterday, the attendance was less in the services but the Lord was with us. The Sunday School was profitable and in the afternoon we went to the leper's home. Funny how the Lord did it. The clouds were gathering as we started off but we walked ahead of them and arrived before the rain and I preached to them while it rained and when through preaching the rain had ceased and we returned in the dry.

We stopped at the church awhile, the children were in a Bible lesson and they sang several songs for me to hear and they really sang well. There was no service at night, another rain came up and it rained all night. We have not had a boat for more than two months now but perhaps one can arrive with the water. You need not be surprised when you receive all these letters at once, but it was the only way we could do.

MEETING HOUSE ALMOST FINISHED AT CAMPO SANTANO

The worker arrived from Campo Santano Saturday afternoon after an absence of about five months. He says all is well and one of the believers came with him. He will remain here a few days. The house there is well under way and by the time he returns it will be ready. We have really sacrificed to get the work done but it will be for a long time they all seem to think. We had so much opposition and things there are very dear. It cost more than we expected. It is large enough for him and his wife to live in half of it and the other half is a large room for the church house.

PLANS TO BUY HOUSE AT AMONHO ALSO

I hope to have enough money when I go to Amonho to buy a house there. For I hope to go there some time to live or at least to pass several months and it will be better to buy one than to undertake to build one there. This is Sept. 19th, 1945. Day before yesterday I received your letter number 14-A dated June 11. It has been so long I have forgotten when it was

I received a letter from you. Thanks for the good news. I also received a letter from my sister, one from Brother Lilly and another from John, written last November (From Nov., 1944, to Sept., 1945, getting here). Glad to hear of the good meeting and that Brother Carlin was able to be with you. I did not know David (Brother Brandon's youngest son) was in training. I am sure the Lord had a reason for it and I am glad. Remember me to your family and all the friends. God bless you all, for all that is worth while comes that way. May His grace be multiplied unto you all. Remember me to all who love His coming.

Sincerely,

J. F. BRANDON.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

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up river to Cruzeiro do Sul. They need to buy evaporated milk and powdered milk and other food to take with them that they will not be able to buy in the far interior. To buy this extra food and pay boat fares and cargo fare it will require several hundred dollars extra over and above the regular monthly expenses. We believe that all that is necessary is for us to mention these needs and that the Lord will lead you to send extra for the next few months to help in this extra heavy expense. We would remind you again that Baptist Faith Missions is a faith work. We do not have any paid officers or secretaries. All gladly give their services for the honor and glory of our blessed Lord. Send all offerings to the Treasurer:

ELDER Z. E. CLARK,
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NINE BAPTIST CHURCHES

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bor with Missionary Brandon as missionaries under his leadership. One of these, Cicero Bicipo da Cruz, has charge of the preaching point in the village of Amonho which is 250 miles up the Jurua river above Cruzeiro do Sul. This native missionary is supported full time by brother Lee Cox, a Baptist layman in Kentucky. Missionary Brandon plans to soon organize two more churches, one at Amonho where Cicero has charge and the other at Camp Santano.