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A. A. BOEKER

In Brazil Since 1923  
Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil

MISSIONARY  
J. F. BRANDON

## MISSION SHEETS

A NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST FAITH MISSION WORK JUST LIKE THE LORD  
JESUS COMMISSIONED HIS CHURCHES TO DO.

Go—Make disciples—Baptize them—Indoctrinate them. Matt. 28:19-20.

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### History Of J. F. Brandon's Work In Brazil 1923-1946

At the request of a fine Baptist layman in Oklahoma we are giving a brief history of Missionary J. F. Brandon's work in Brazil.

J. F. Brandon was accepted by the Amazon Valley Baptist Faith Mission Board as their missionary in 1923. He left his home with his family on October 3, 1923, and arrived in Belem, the capitol of the State of Para, at the mouth of the Amazon River, October 26, 1923. After about ten days they went up the river 500 miles to Santarem at the mouth of the Tapajoz River. Here he began his missionary work preaching on the streets, in the markets and at places up and down the river using a canoe and sail boat.

#### Arrives In Cruzeiro Do Sul July 14, 1926

He went to the Acre Territory and arrived at Cruzeiro do Sul on July 14, 1926 and began to preach every day which is his stock and trade. Thus after three years he was in the place the Lord had called him to go. Here he established preaching points and the people listened, were convicted and converted. Having established preaching points here with several baptized believers he returned to the United States in January, 1927, on his first furlough. In 1928 he was again in Brazil with his family at Manaus, which is the capitol of the State of Amazonas and 1,000 miles up the Amazon River from the Atlantic Ocean. Mrs. Brandon and children stayed in Manaus and Brother Brandon and Julio Braga, a native Baptist preacher, went to Cruzeiro do Sul again, which is 2,500 miles from Manaus.

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### Letter From Missionary Brandon

Cruzeiro do Sul  
Dec. 24, 1945

Dear Brethren:

Your letter dated October 29, 1945, and the October MISSION SHEETS were received today. Your letter was indeed encouraging, a blessing to my soul. The Lord bless and encourage you and give you favor with men that your future may mean much to many. I see no reason why you did not receive letters from me for I have been here all the year and have not neglected writing to anyone. I have not traveled for the lack of gasoline and water and health, together with many questions to resolve that I had not experienced before.

#### To Open More Work

The things that he (Bro. Boeker) is bringing will be of great comfort, but I hope to be away all or most of the time. When he arrives I will remain to get him located and then I want to teach the brethren up river and open more work. The buying of the house I spoke of in another letter will wait for his coming. We are in need of a house for worship in Amonho and likely it will be costly.

#### Cicero Is Ordained

Yesterday (Dec. 23, 1945) Cicero was ordained to the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. He had been working there (Amonho) 18 months and has had the joy of leading 18 souls to Christ, with more interested. One a month. I feel that is a good record. Tell Brother Lee Cox he ought to be happy. I think he is making a good investment. The pastor examined him and his answers were so exact and a passage of Scripture accompanying each one. I wish-

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## HISTORY OF J. F. BRANDON'S WORK

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### Organizes First Church At Cruzeiro Do Sul In 1929

They reached Cruzeiro do Sul September 4, 1928, to again meet the believers who were now two years old. Here he labored and with great joy organized his first Baptist Church in Brazil at Cruzeiro do Sul on May 12, 1929. While joy came to Cruzeiro do Sul, to Brother Brandon over the organizing his first church, sorrow came to his family in Manaus. His baby daughter Elizabeth who was nine months old, died in Manaus and was buried by Mrs. Brandon while he was 2,500 miles away and did not know about it for several weeks. He moved his family from Manaus to Codajaz in February, 1931, and established many preaching points in the State of Amazonas on the Amazon River above the city of Manaus.

### Organizes Second Church At Japyni In 1931

He returned to Cruzeiro do Sul for his third journey there in 1931 and organized the church at Japyni which is about 30 miles up the Moa and Japyni rivers from Cruzeiro do Sul. Then he returned to the other work he had established in the State of Amazonas to again work this field.

### Organizes Three Churches In 1932

In 1932 he organized his third church in Brazil at Codajaz which is about 200 miles up the Amazon River above Manaus. In the same year he organized his fourth church at Coary which is about 100 miles up the Amazon from Codajaz. He organized his fifth church in Brazil (which was his third in 1932) at Esperanca which is 800 miles up the Amazon from Manaus

on the Peruvian border.

### Organizes Sixth Church At Boa Fe In 1933

In 1933 he organized his sixth church in Brazil at Boa Fe which is 150 miles west of Codajaz on the Copia River. Having now completed ten years on the mission field with six Baptist Churches established and a membership of a few over 200 he re-

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## MISSIONARY BRANDON'S LETTER

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ed for Brother Cox at the time. I often think of the growth of the mission work and praise God and God knows I am trying to do right.

### Political Leader Is Saved

The man I have spoken of so often as being the man with the biggest spirit in the Jurua valley, the political leader, in fact a great man. He has been for years a friend of the gospel and to the believers. Recently he became interested in the gospel and gave a touching profession of faith. Last week I talked to him about baptism and he frankly said that he couldn't now because of other interests. He is a great personality and for years has been a friend to me and I say all this in asking that you all make special prayer for him. We need him in the work but he needs us more. He that asketh receiveth, we have not because we ask not.

### The Redeemed Tells About It

Twice recently he was sick and requested the prayers of the church and the Lord healed him. You should have heard him telling in the P. O. what Jesus Christ did for him.

[Some who heard him looked on in pity, he having left the religion of his fathers (Catholicism). It gave me an opportunity to preach and I took it. May the Lord Jesus Christ abundantly bless you all, preserve and keep you for the completion of His will and to His glory. May the grace of the Lord Jesus be multiplied unto you all. Amen.

Sincerely,

J. F. Brandon



## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1946

South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	\$15.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	23.40
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	22.00
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	16.71
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	30.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	15.50
White Plains Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	10.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	61.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	20.00
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich.	63.12
Grace Baptist Church BYPU, Baseline, Mich.	10.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	5.00
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.	9.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	83.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	10.65
Hopewell Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	5.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	10.98
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.	7.10
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	4.05
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.	26.75
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	17.99
Mrs. Lottie Brown, Wasco, Ill.	1.00
Mrs. E. H. Purdom, Elmhurst, Ill.	7.00
Mrs. J. F. Brandon, Benton, Ky., MS	10.00
J. R. Brandon, Benton, Ky., MS	10.00
C. Lewis and Jim Robertson, Stilwell, Okla.	25.00
Elder John R. Gilpin, Russell, Ky.,	10.00
Mrs. Anna L. Barber, Eloise, Fla.	21.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Troutman, Calhoun, Ky.	25.00
Don Grollmund, Wheaton, Ill.	1.00
Richard E. Scheel, Wheaton, Ill.	5.00
Chas. D. Holsinger, Concord, Cal.	10.00
Chas. T. Halbert, Flint, Mich.	1.00
Mrs. Robert Cook, Orange, N. J.	5.00

TOTAL ----- \$647.25

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer

### A Glorious Opportunity

You have read in Missionary Brandon's letter about the ordination of the native Brazilian Baptist preacher, Cicero Bicipo da Cruz. This native missionary is supported entirely by Brother Lee Cox, a Baptist layman. You will also remember that Cicero works at Amonho which is 250 miles up river above Cruzeiro do Sul and that he led 18 to Christ in 18 months. This man is supported for \$35.00 a month. What a glorious investment Brother Cox is making. Brother Brandon has written in other letters about the salvation and call to preach of a well educated young Brazilian who is now doing mission work under Brother Brandon's leadership. Here is a golden opportunity for some Baptist laymen to support this native missionary full time as your own. If interested write us.

### Your Will

Many laymen remember institutions in their wills. For example, the large universities like Harvard and Yale and hospitals and libraries are left great sums of money. Also some Christian men and women remember the Lord's work in their wills that their money may continue to be used for the salvation of the lost after they have gone on to glory. What could be better than for some to remember Baptist Faith Missions in their wills. This work is now incorporated and the money will be used exactly as specified and will go on winning souls for the Lord Jesus long after you have gone to heaven. If the Lord leads you to consider doing this, please write to us about it and we shall be glad to help in any way we can. This is something for many to consider and pray about.

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turned to the United States with his family for his second furlough. In 1934 Brother Brandon and his family were again in Brazil.

**Organizes Seventh Church At Catua  
In 1935**

In 1935 he organized his seventh church in Brazil at Catua which is 200 miles west of Codajaz on the Amazon. By this time he had several native preachers (that he had trained) working with him as missionaries. At one time seven native missionaries were working with him and under his leadership. He now had seven Baptist Churches established and many preaching points. Five of these churches were in the State of Amazonas in the Amazon valley. The other two were in the Acre Territory in the Jurua valley.

**Heartaches Along The Way**

The two mission fields that Brother Brandon had established were about 2,000 miles apart by river boat. He left the five churches in Amazonas each with their own church building and native pastor. In 1938 while he was on the field at Cruzeiro the five churches in Amazonas were visited by a missionary who made them some great promises. Even though these church buildings had been paid for almost entirely by Brother Brandon out of the offerings he had received and the native pastors for the most part supported by him, this man persuaded them to assign the church buildings over to, and, to come into the Convention. Thus the five churches of 15 years labor by Brother Brandon were taken from him while he was away 2,000 miles at work on his other field in the Acre.

**Returns Home With Family in 1941**

In 1941 Brother Brandon returned home with his family for their third furlough. While he was home on this furlough those who had taken care of the work on this end, put it aside. The Lord led H. H. Overbey and Z. E. Clark to take up the work in the home land and to start a mimeographed paper in the interest of the work. H. H. Overbey edited the paper which soon began to be called the MISSION SHEETS, and Z. E. Clark acted as treasurer.

**Returns To Brazil In May, 1942**

Due to poor health and also the war,

Mrs. Brandon and the children remained in the States and Brother Brandon returned to Cruzeiro do Sul alone in May, 1942. The work began to grow as never before. Many who had been supporting the work for years continued to do so and many new churches and individuals were added to the list of supporters and in January, 1945, the work was incorporated as Baptist Faith Missions.

**More Heartaches Along The Way**

While Brother Brandon was home on furlough in 1941 a missionary from Detroit, Michigan, who was in Brazil went to Cruzeiro do Sul and began to work in the church there, that Brother Brandon had established as his first church in Brazil, and to turn the people against Brother Brandon. This man bought himself a house and moved there and did great harm to the work. In 1944 this man sold his house and furnishings to Brother Brandon and moved to another field that he had bought. But he still continues to interfere by writing to the native church members and by sending telegrams to the native pastor with offers trying to get him to leave Brother Brandon and come work with him. We had hoped that when he moved away he would leave Brother Brandon's work alone, but from the letters he writes it is plain that he still covets the work. He wrote, "I liked Cruzeiro do Sul better than any other place I had visited."

**Organizes Eighth And Ninth Churches  
In 1943 And 1944**

Brother Brandon organized his eighth church at Morapirango in 1943, and his ninth at Parana in 1944 which makes four churches in the Jurua valley and nine in all for Brother Brandon to organize in Brazil. The work as of the report of May, 1945, consists of four churches and 18 active preaching points in the Jurua valley with 226 members and 14 native men able to carry on a preaching or teaching service. At present there are four native Baptist missionaries being supported and working under Brother Brandon's leadership.

The Lord willing we hope to announce soon that the tenth and eleventh churches have been organized. This work has no paid secretaries or big overhead. It is a Baptist Faith Work now in its 23rd year. If the Lord leads you to join with us in its support, please send all offerings to the Treasurer:

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