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LETTER FROM MISSIONARY BRANDON

Cruzeiro do Sul, Dec. 10, 1945

Dear Brethren:

I returned from Japyni a week ago but have not found time to write to you until now. There were a number of letters waiting for me and I enjoyed them ever so much I assure you all. A letter from my wife and three from the children, Jim, Joe and Marie. There was a letter from you and two MISSION SHEETS. You sent a letter by Rio Branco but as yet there is no connection between the two places and the letters arrived together. All of our correspondence goes through the Post Office at Manaus and they understand there is no connection so they sent them both together.

Glasses Sent Unsuitable

The only way to win out is to be patient. We cannot force the issue, however great may be our desire to have air service. I advised you sometime ago that the glasses were improper and would not serve me at all. I don't imagine that another of the same kind would help much. My eyes are better. I can't use them much, but they are under the watch care of One whose love faileth not. I have been reconciled for months, for I see that it is His Will. I have said in writing to you that my eyes troubled me, just listing a complaint. Forgive me, I am making it fine without any, and the Judge of all the earth will do right in this case as in all others.

Patient In It All

The brightness of the summer sun does hurt them, and so far this year all has been summer. When I write or read too much or walk, the next day I am down with

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PECULIAR AND SEPARATE

Baptists are a peculiar people. They have always been a peculiar people. The Lord made them that way and wants them to stay that way. The Bible says so, (Titus 2:14). A true Baptist has no other choice. The word here translated peculiar means: "Special and distinct characteristics." Baptists are peculiar in their doctrines. They are peculiar in their baptism. They take the Bible as it is and do not change or try to explain it away. They are peculiar in their doctrine of the church.

CHURCH, KINGDOM AND FAMILY

They believe in the local church, because that is the kind the Bible tells about. They believe when a person is born again that that person enters the kingdom of God by that new birth. The Bible says so, (John 3:5). They believe that that person also enters the family of God, Eph. 3:15). We believe that the born again person who is in the family of God and the kingdom of God, gets into the church by baptism. We do not believe in an invisible church because the Bible does not teach such. We do not believe in a universal church because the Bible does not teach such. The Bible tells of an individual local church, and then it tells of local churches.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Baptists believe that it is a church ordinance and if the person is sound on the doctrine of the church he will be sound on the doctrine of the Lord's supper. The Lord's supper is not for all Christians to take together. It is for baptized believers and not for unbaptized believers.

It is for each local church. Call it close communion, close baptism or what you will, it still is Bible and true Baptists believe and practice it.

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TWO DOCTRINES

Any Baptist that is sound in the doctrine of grace and church, is sound on all of them. If he is sound on the doctrine of grace, then he is sound on depravity, election, the new birth, security of the believer, that the lost must hear the word and believe, justification, redemption, sanctification, glorification, etc. If he is sound on the doctrine of the church he is sound on baptism, the Lord's Supper, when the church was built, who built her, her government and discipline, the call of a pastor, the election of deacons, ordinations, being a separate people, missions, etc. To do Baptist mission work one must follow the commission that the Lord Jesus gave the church, (Matt. 28:19-20).

MUST BE SEPARATE

One must be separate from those who believe and teach different doctrines. God's word says so, (II Cor. 6:17). He must be and work separate because two cannot walk together except they be agreed. God's word says so, (Amos 3:3). Baptists recognize all born again ones as their brothers in Christ, because they are saved and are Christians and are in God's family, but they do not recognize them all as being in the church, whether they are a member of some man made church or no church at all, whether they be interdenominational or nondenominational. Jesus built the church, not man. The Bible says so, (Matt. 16:18). And any man made church is not the one that Jesus built because they were all organized by the wrong person, in the wrong place and at the wrong time.

NARROW WAY

Someone may say "But isn't that being narrow?" Our answer is yes, because the Lord made the way narrow and if we walk in it we must be narrow also. The Bible

says so, (Matt. 7:14). We are as broad as the Bible permits. We cannot add to nor take from the Word of God. The Bible says so, (Deut. 4:2; Prov. 30:6; Rev. 22:18-19). If you are sound on the doctrines of grace and of the church, you will be a Baptist and a sound Baptist. Some one may say, "But I do not believe these doctrines." Well that doesn't change them one bit. They are still true and in the Bible. If you are a saved person and will lay down your anger, prejudice and relatives then you will believe them. This is the kind of mission work that we believe in and practice. Any doubt in your mind about any other beliefs, just write us and we will tell you where we stand. Now if you love missions and want to support New Testament Baptist Faith Missions, we invite you to send your offerings to the treasurer:

ELDER Z. E. CLARK,
5216 Concord Ave.
Detroit 11, Mich.



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the headache. Mentholatum has helped me more than anything. The word translated eye salve in Revelation, is translated "calrio" in Portuguese and is highly recommended as an eye medicine and I tried it but the result was not good. I wrote to you about a treatment for leprosy, but as yet have heard nothing from you about it. Our church here is reserving some money to treat some of the believers who are condemned with this malady.

Baptist Mother A Leper

The afflicted ones also have some recourse. If it could be sent to me it would be the greatest blessing known. Yesterday we were shocked when a young man, not baptized, came to advise me that his wife, a member of our church here had been pronounced a leper. They have three small children and are poor.

If at all possible send a treatment for one or two with information required and directions in full. Our services at the leper's colony have not been less than forty inmates for many weeks.

Receives Song Books

I received some song books and gave them, and they were happy to receive them. They are so neglected by the ones who are
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FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky. | \$74.19 |
| Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky. | 86.83 |
| Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky. | 50.00 |
| South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla. | 15.00 |
| Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky. | 34.26 |
| Friendship Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. | 14.10 |
| Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky. | 8.31 |
| Liberty Baptist Church, BYPU, Toledo, Ohio | 10.00 |
| South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. | 31.00 |
| Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. | 83.50 |
| White Plains Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky. | 10.00 |
| Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky. | 45.00 |
| Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. | 69.00 |
| Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich. | 62.24 |
| Grace Baptist Church, BYPU, Baseline, Mich. | 5.00 |
| Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky. | 58.91 |
| Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio | 12.00 |
| Hopewell Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio | 5.00 |
| Friendship Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. | 10.00 |
| Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich. | 7.65 |
| Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich. | 11.49 |
| North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky. | 20.00 |
| Mrs. Lottie Brown, Wasco, Ill. | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Anna L. Barber, Elois, Fla. | 10.00 |
| Mrs. W. M. Sheppard, Detroit, Mich. | 7.00 |
| Braxton Click, Emma, Ky. | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Anna Coulter, Mt. Vernon, Ind. | 3.00 |
| John Brandon, Benton, Ky. | 25.00 |
| Alex Sumpter, Union Grove, Wis. | 1.00 |
| Mantemas, Pa. | 1.00 |
| Joseph S. Hicks, Berkeley, Cal. | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Alice Simpson, Paterson, N. J. | 3.00 |

\$781.48

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST
CHURCH

Feb. 19, 1946

Dear Bro. Z. E. Clark:

In the MISSION SHEETS a few months ago you had the experience of Brother Brandon on a mission trip up the rivers and the main part was that the expenses were nine dollars per soul saved on the trip. And to think that a soul is worth ten thousand worlds. We as a church read that in prayer meeting and wanted to have a part in missions and made a regular part of our offerings to your work. And here of late the church has had a few special offerings for the cause. One Brother gave \$50.00.—All through the church and for God's glory.—We have a wonderful pastor and know that he loves the Lord and we give God the praise. The total offering this time is \$86.83, and may the Lord bless you in your efforts to serve Him. Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

M. J. PUCKETT, Treas.

BUFFALO AVENUE BAPTIST
CHURCH

Dear Bro. Clark:

Feb. 14, 1946.

We had wonderful news from China last week, a letter from our native missionary in China advising that all of our native workers were still safe and carrying on their work. Not one lost during the war. Suffered a shutdown for a short time but had suffered many hardships for the past three years, not being able to get funds to them. We can now get funds to them again to relieve the situation and ask that you join us in prayer for this work in China which is independent faith work carried on by one of the former Southern Board missionaries, who was cut off several years ago account of lack of funds to retain him longer and being an old school mate of Dr. Mason, when we learned of him being cut off went to his rescue. He has been doing a wonderful work during these many years. We also have native workers over there

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BUFFALO AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

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supervised by our Mission Board. We hope to hear from this field soon. The Lord continues to bless us. We have been able this year already to give to two men their marching orders for the Lord. Ordaining one in January and last night we ordained the second man to the ministry. Pray that the Lord will give us one a month through 1946. Yours in His service,

S. W. Williams, Treas.
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church



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over them. Last month they appealed to me to get them an injection outfit, and when I gave it to them they were so happy. I bought a new one, and better than any they had had. I have in mind buying a house in the center of town. It will cost seven hundred dollars and some repairs. It will be a great blessing to the work. When amended will give a large preaching hall and ample room for a family to live and a room for myself. I am expecting to get out of this house when the other missionary comes.

I have worked hard lately and the Lord has blessed the work. The attendance has been better. No professions of faith in Japyni, that is openly. There are three men greatly interested, all three living with women without being married, having from two to ten children. If men can be saved living in these conditions, then I feel that these are. I have heard so many profess faith that I hardly know how to judge. Once I thought I did know, but now I know the thought was in vain.

Four Native Missionaries

At present I am using \$135.00 a month paying four native workers and soon it will be more, for the cost of living is leaping as never before. I bought some gasoline at a dollar a gallon, but I am not able to go alone on the trip up river. Cicero has been persecuted a lot but his letters are cheerful. While I was in Japyni the new Holy Roller pastor went visiting the Baptists and using every possible persuasion to take them into his membership. So far none have gone. They say he is a good preacher and every church that they have in Amazon Valley was organized by taking from the Baptists.

Looking For a Helper

I never heard of anybody being thus afflicted as you speak of the children of the missionary (Bro. Boeker) in Belem. I sent him a wire Saturday asking him when we could expect him. The brethren are getting very anxious and some are becoming doubtful. I think if he would come on, God would bless him and provide for his children. "He prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." Yes, He gives bread in the desert to those who look to Him for it. It may be that if one tries to provide these things for himself, that the Lord's responsibility will cease and the man then must look out for himself.

May Go Down River

The work will be in shape for me to go down river soon if it becomes necessary. I thought I had better go down there and if he doesn't intend to come up here, I can return with the equipment and the baggage that falls to my lot. Our work is being hindered, yet I don't feel free to coax him on up. The price is greater than he had considered perhaps. But I tried to make things plain. I am not as young as I once was and for years I have lived here. People say I am no longer an American. I don't say this in a boasting way but they recognize that I work more and endure more than they do. Please don't misunderstand.

Catholic Priests Persecute

The priests are beginning another way of persecution. In their weekly paper and the sermon of the bishop Sunday, the American people were held up as the most immoral race on earth, just a band of common thieves, degenerated with diseases come from immoral conduct. They criticized very much the American government for sending out missionaries to evangelize a people further advanced in civilization. As an American citizen I resent it, yet as a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ I don't feel that I should reply. They are involved in every political question and live only to accuse Americans and Baptists. And the accuser of mankind is the devil. And I think the best way to fight is with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. And that we are doing with all we have.

Sincerely,
J. F. BRANDON.