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### LETTER FROM MISSIONARY BRANDON

Jayni, Acre, January 9, 1946.

Dear Brethren:

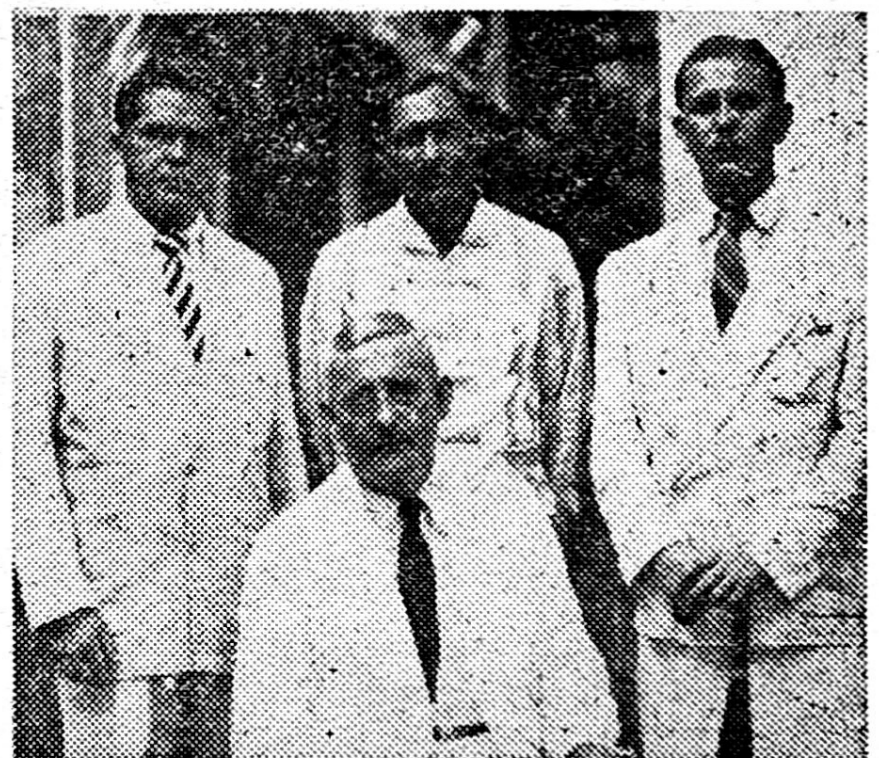
I have been here at Japni now for about two weeks and with intention to return to Cruzeiro do Sul tomorrow. One of the brethren is going down with a canoe full of hogs and invited me to go along to complete the cargo. I have preached and worked hard here and without visible results, so I begun to observe some reasons. They have a dance here they call the Bull Dance and it is carried on after the savage African manner. About the kindest comment one could make in favor of it is, that it is very indecent. The people appreciate it very much and it is held at certain seasons of the year in each community.

#### Fifteen Nights Of Sin

The people of the communities themselves organize and practice for the occasion. The songs and parts to be memorized are sent from the south, the government cooperating with the movement in finances. Everyone attends and pays admission and it lasts for fifteen nights. Well that was in full blast when I arrived. I did not know it, however. At the end of the time they asked for five more days and the officers gave it. The people know nothing better and it admits them with all their vices and idolatry. The religion of Jesus Christ commands repentance, Acts 17:30. All such customs being classed as excess and must be left without.

#### Two Dance Leaders Converted

The love for such things breaks fellowship with God and God's people, I John 2:15-17. How God's elect become so entangled in such things and then drawn out  
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Standing left to right: Miguel Ibernion, Cicero Bicipo da Cruz, Ebenezer F. Guimaraes. Seated: J. F. Brandon.

Dear Brethren: These are three of the Lord's workers. They are native Brazilian Baptist preachers whom I have led to Christ and trained. Miguel Ibernion is the pastor of the Baptist Church at Cruzeiro do Sul. Cicero Bicipo da Cruz is the missionary at Amonho which is 250 miles up the Jurua river above Cruzeiro do Sul. He is supported full time by Brother Lee Cox, a Kentucky Baptist layman. Cicero was ordained on December 24, 1945, at Cruzeiro do Sul. Ebenezer F. Guimaraes was a salesman converted in July, 1945, and could not resist the call of the Lord Jesus to preach. We were constantly together from July until December while I was training him. He is the missionary at Campo Santano where we hope to soon organize another Baptist church, he also works with the brethren at Humaita as much as possible and the Lord is blessing his work. These are good gospel preachers, sound in doctrine and trustworthy. They know the book and preach it each day. They appear dark is the picture but they are all white.



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## MISSIONARIES NEEDED

Now that Brother Boeker is returning to the States, we need a missionary to go and labor with Brother Brandon. This is one of the best opportunities in the world for a God called man with a wife that will let her husband be the head of the house. We have a building with furniture ready at Cruzeiro do Sul and God is able. It is hot, hard and trying. It will not be a honeymoon trip for anyone. It will require a man of faith. There may be much sickness and there may be death. Most certainly there will be persecution. Only God called men need apply. Only men that are clean in their lives and sound in doctrine need apply. Only men that are willing to go on faith should attempt it. Will YOU go for Him?



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by the gospel. The leader of one of these dances in Cruzeiro do Sul was converted many years ago and is still one of the most faithful members of the church there. One of the best preachers we had was the leader in Coary. He was converted and proved to be a great blessing to the place and people. He died some years ago. The immoralities of this dance being brought closer to my vision I begun to take note of some things.

### Village Officers And The Leaders

The chief officers of the village are appointed by the Federal Government. The Chief or Delegate, the Recorder or Scribe, the Soldier (at present one), another with knowledge to give injections and deal out quinine and other medicines to the people. The Chief abandoned his wife and twelve children and five grandchildren to take another woman and he has two children by her now and another soon to be. I have labored to win this man for Christ. He is very influential and could be transformed into a most lovable character. He often attends the services and admits that it is

the whole truth.

### The Chief Defends The Believers

He defends us when we are being persecuted and often says "God save me from dying where I now am," but has not the moral courage to forsake all and follow Jesus. The Scribe is an excluded Baptist and I believe that he is a believer, but such a shipwrecked life. His wife and oldest daughter are prostitutes in the streets of Cruzeiro do Sul. They were among the first converted and went for many years, but alas. The Soldier and Medical Assistant have partnership wives, who only entertain their friends and seem to have no enemies. Thus describes the officials of the law at Japyni.

### Two Hundred Families In This Circle

Of the twenty-eight families living within the limits of the village there are only three of these legally married, two of these being Baptists. There is a colony of people living above and another below the village, each about a mile and a half away. There are about two hundred families living in this circle with no more than ten of them being legally married. In this I do not include the Baptists. There are ten or twelve Baptist families, the most of which (if not all) were married in order to be baptized. The fact that Jesus came to save sinners gives encouragement, His grace being manifest brought salvation to all men. Luke 19:10; Titus 2:11.

### Amazing Grace

When one of these is drawn out from among the others and saved, you may see that it is by the grace of God through Jesus Christ, thus we call it amazing grace. The people are amazed and I judge the angels are too. I am sure there is no other way known under heaven or among men to do this work but by preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### A Journey To Barao

Last Saturday we had an invitation to go to Barao, the largest rubber plantation on the river Moa. Three of the brethren and their daughters went with me in a canoe. It was a seven hour journey up stream and then to walk a mile through slushy mud almost knee deep to arrive at the home of a believer. We received a very hearty welcome and were indeed very glad to get there and rest a while from the hot sun. The priest was there in the home of a neighbor. He had gone to marry a couple without the authority of the law, and to

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## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 1946

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.-----	\$ 50.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.-----	15.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.-----	18.89
Bellview Baptist Church, Cleaton, Ky.-----	40.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky. -----	9.13
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.-----	60.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.-----	19.80
White Plains Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.-----	10.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.-----	219.25
New Hope Baptist Church, LBC, Dearborn, Mich.-----	5.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.-----	32.00
Boys Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.-----	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich.-----	85.76
Grace Baptist Church, BYPU, Baseline, Mich.-----	5.00
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.-----	67.91
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.-----	65.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.-----	14.00
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.-----	5.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.-----	9.08
Friendship Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.-----	15.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Hopewell, Ohio-----	5.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio-----	13.50
Mrs. J. F. Brandon, Benton, Ky., MS-----	10.00
Mrs. Linnie Dodd, Benton, Ky., MS-----	1.00
T. D. Harsha, Miami, Okla.-----	25.00
Mrs. C. Sheppard, Detroit, Mich.-----	5.00
Mrs. Lottie Brown, Wasco, Ill.-----	1.00
R. B. Knight, Cherokee, Ala.-----	10.00
Mrs. W. P. Roberts, Murray, Ky.-----	5.00
Elder D. W. Billington, Murray, Ky., MS-----	2.00
Elder Tollie McMillen, Murray, Ky., MS-----	1.00
Charles Holsinger, Concord, Cal.-----	15.00
Mrs. E. H. Purdom, Elmhurst, Ill.-----	10.00
Mrs. Anna L. Barber, Eloise, Fla.-----	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Powell, Paducah, Ky.-----	70.00
Miss Dixie Powell, Paducah, Ky.-----	3.00
Mrs. W. M. Wilkerson, Paducah, Ky.-----	1.00
Don Grollimund, Wheaton, Ill.-----	2.00
Mrs. Walter Powers, Tennessee Ridge, Tenn.-----	5.00
Bertha Grollimund, Paterson, N. J.-----	3.00
Mrs. H. L. Hahn, Tampa, Fla.-----	1.00
Beverly Hahn, Tampa, Fla.-----	1.00
Total -----	\$995.32

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Aaron A. Boeker is no longer our missionary. He has severed his connections with Baptist Faith Missions by his own actions. He and his family are to be returned to the United States as soon as possible. We have notified Brother Brandon by cable and he replied by cable that he was leaving Cruzeiro do Sul for down river to Belem to get the equipment. The Lord willing we will give a complete report about this in the next issue of the MISSION

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### A GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITY

In the February issue we mentioned about the support of native missionaries and have had a reply from one who is interested and wanted more information. The young man, Ebenezer Guimaraes, whose picture is on the front page in the group with Brother Brandon, is the one referred to. Ebenezer is now a missionary at Camp Santano (where we hope to have a church organized soon) and Humaita. This is a good opportunity for great joy here and great reward

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## SPECIAL NOTICE

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SHEETS. Pray for the Boekers that they may have a safe journey back home. Pray for Brother Brandon that he may have a safe journey and find the equipment in good shape.



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hereafter. Now who will support this native missionary full time or maybe two will join in his suport? Also, we need a good large house at Amonho for the missionary to live in and the front part for a church building. This is the place where Cicero is the missionary. This is a good opportunity for someone to invest about \$800 or \$1000 in a good building for the Lord's work at this place.



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disgrace five children with his so called baptism. For this service he received \$15.25 then mounted his horse and rode away.

## A Hard Sinner Converted

Religion is indeed an extravagant term, to embrace such ridiculous and ungodly procedure. This man boasts much that he is highly educated and I think it very timely that he tell the people that he is, else they would not know it. I am sure that such actions do not prove an education. Our services were well attended, there were more than fifty people at each of the three services and one of the hardest sinners known in the place was converted, the kind of conversion that strengthens the faith of the believers.

## This Is A New Preaching Point

For years I have tried to get there to preach but everything hindered in some way or other. Now that we have made a beginning it will be imperative to return to enlarge the work and encourage the believers. We arrived back in Japyni Tuesday afternoon and found all well. The worker here is anxious to go up the Jurua river to work at a place called Ouro Preto at the mouth of the Preto river, where we have a number of believers, seven I think. We need a worker there very badly and if I locate him there it will be well. There are hundreds of people in that section and the most of

them have never hard the gospel.

## Locating Native Missionaries

This worker knows what the grace of God can do for one overcome by Satan. As soon as possible I will go up the Jurua with the intention of locating him at Ouro Preto and another at Parana de Moro where we have five baptized believers and a wonderful prospect for the future. Locating men in these places costs more than I had calculated but for the future work, will prove effective. For example our house and furniture at Amonho may be valued at no less than \$200.00 and will serve only for the time being; everything there is quite dear. We have a good house in Campo Santano costing about \$300.00 and will serve for a meeting house and a home for the worker. My intention is to do the same thing in the other places.

## Church Buildings

We have a good house here in Japyni and at Cruzeiro do Sul and at Morapirango and they are building a house in Parna. Later I will give you a list and value of all so that you can publish it. We have spent a lot of money, yet there is something to show for part of it. Monday morning when I began this letter I thought I would return to Cruzeiro do Sul at once but was hindered. The work over Sunday was good, the Lord was with us in very happy meetings. One of the believers offered to take me home tomorrow and if the Lord will we will go.

## Invited Back To Barao

I want to go up the Jurua but received word from Barao that the field was right to preach, for there was much interest and one of the believers from there sent word that he would be in Cruzeiro do Sul in a few days and I could return with him. I feel that I am needed badly on the Jurua but this is near by and it may be the will of the Lord to attend to it first. The people here have revolted against the priest. I think they should have done it long ago. Tomorrow, however, they will be in a good humor. The priest is tricky and has just given them a good soak. I have seen the people this journey convicted by the Holy Spirit and the Word without doubt, so I believe we will hear from this journey later. I hope so, I have worked hard and caught nothing. The day is breaking, I must go and preach the gospel in other villages too.

Sincerely,

J. F. BRANDON.