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ORGANIZES CHURCH AT AMONHO

LETTER FROM MISSIONARY BRANDON

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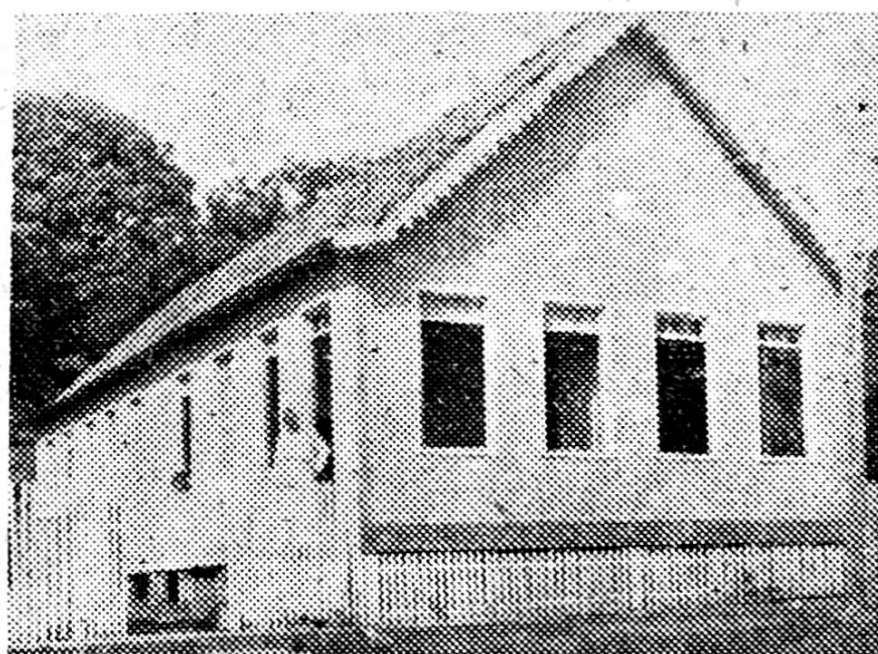
Dear Brethren:

I left Cruzeiro do Sul on January 28, 1946, and arrived in Amonho on February 2nd. I came as I told you in another letter, towed by one of the motor boats. It was the only way I could come since there is such a scarcity of gas and it is next to impossible to get and very dear in price. I stopped in Campo Santano for about a half an hour and promised to remain there some days with them on my return down river. I came with the hope that there would be plenty of water, but since arriving the river went down until it is dangerous to travel, then too, I have but a small amount of gas, perhaps half enough to reach Cruzeiro do Sul and the water is so sluggish that it would kill one to paddle this canoe 250 miles.

Organizes Church At Amonho

I have waited for water for a week. Last night it rained and a little water came by the river. We have asked the Lord about it more than once, but He has not sent help so we will have to wait still yet awhile. On February 10, 1946, we organized the church here at Amonho with 18 members, I myself being included in that number. All of you would have enjoyed taking part I am sure. They were all so happy and they were so eager to have a church here. After the organization there was a profession of faith, a young lady, and she was baptized by Cicero, the new pastor who was recently ordained in Cruzeiro do Sul.

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Mission Home and Headquarters
in Cruzeiro do Sul

This is the much talked of mission home at Cruzeiro do Sul. I hope that you are not disappointed in its looks. I have spent some money in repairing it and it is very nice. This is not the church building. It is in another part of town. This is where I live when not on journeys and also the headquarters for the mission work. We have had regular preaching services here and the people came well for a while, but lately only the members come. I have rented a mission hall nearer the central part of town where the traffic is heavier and with better results and if the Lord wills I will buy the place later. The Lord willing I will soon send a list of all our property with pictures of the various places and buildings if I can get them taken. We now have five Baptist churches in the Jurua river valley in the Acre Territory of Brazil for which we give the Lord all the honor and glory. Your offerings have enabled us to carry on and make this work what it is today.

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ANOTHER LETTER FROM MISSIONARY BRANDON

Cruzeiro do Sul March 8, 1946

Dear Brethren:

I arrived home (Cruzeiro do Sul) on March 5th in the late afternoon and found all in peace. Thank the Lord Jesus Christ. The journey was one such as I had not experienced. In some ways it was better but in others it was not. I do not know the exact cost of the journey. I am trying to do the will of the Lord, but I find it so hard to do so and then I sometimes wonder if I am. The truth of the matter is that He is so precious and my constant guide and companion. Brethren, Jesus Christ is faithful and He becomes dearer each step of the way.

Was Expecting New Missionary

I returned sooner than I would have, expecting the missionary but received a wire from him yesterday that he was sending two boxes, but he said no more. If it were boxes to send he might have sent them ten months ago. The brethren here are disappointed that he is not coming now and I am disappointed in him to learn that he is in fellowship with Mr. ____ and his comrades. Perhaps he would be better satisfied to work down there with them after all. No doubt he will be disappointed in our work after receiving the blessings of its enemies.

Six Professions On Journey

There were three professions at Campo Santano and one baptism, one baptism at Amonho, one profession in Ouro Preto and two others at Amonho. I intended to return from Camp Santano with the motor but it refused to work and we returned by paddle. It was our intention to have a great work at the arrival of the new missionary (he was expected on the Sao Pedro but did not come). I brought two couples down river to be married and then baptized. The older couple are 71 and 66 years of age and the other 45 and 38. This

ought to open the eyes of some of the better thinking people here. I wanted the new missionary to be here to get the picture as this will never happen again.

Pictures Of Work Up River

The man who takes pictures here is up river now, and I told him to get one of the house in Amonho, and another of the house in Campo Santano as he came down the river. When I get them I will send them to you for the MISSION SHEETS. I would like to return to Campo Santano to organize them into a church. I have said a number of times that I would likely go down river soon. I have felt that it is the will of the Lord, but since the missionary did not come I may take a different course. At times I feel that the Lord would have me go there to the States for a few months. But He knows that I did not want to go there and if I should it would be only to please Him.

Without Glasses Or Teeth

I have no glasses nor teeth, but it is a miracle indeed how the Lord has blessed me. At times I have severe headaches, perhaps because of my eyes. My teeth are all broken up and that is not all the trouble. There seems to be some hard substance working out of my gums and my mouth remains sore. Brother Gough going to Benton is in answer to prayer 18 years ago, so I am convinced that it is of the Lord. I have written Brother Lee Cox more than once and so has Cicero, I sending his letters in Perte, Eng. Also I will try to write him again soon.

Cicero Debates The Bishop

A Catholic Bishop went to Amonho with the intention of putting the Baptists on the run. He invited Cicero to his "novenas" and Cicero invited him to discuss the Word of God with him. They had a discussion in the street for the entire afternoon. There were a number of men who had longed to see this and now they are convinced without a doubt that the Baptists preach the truth. The priest was unable to discuss with Cicero and proved his inability before all. The Catholic priest is not able to base his doctrines on the Bible, and to abandon the Bible, they abandon the basis of Christianity. Remember me to all the brethren.

Sincerely,

J. F. BRANDON

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL, 1946

Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky. -----	\$10.33
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla. -----	15.00
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. -----	30.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky. -----	12.44
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky. -----	15.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky. -----	68.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. -----	30.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich. -----	18.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich. -----	17.36
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky. -----	25.33
White Plains Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky. -----	10.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. -----	31.35
Liberty Baptist Church, Fulton, Ky. -----	22.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky. -----	6.00
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky. -----	50.45
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky. -----	6.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio -----	12.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio -----	5.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich. -----	7.04
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. -----	75.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich. -----	12.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. -----	10.50
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich. -----	90.16
Grace Baptist Church B. T. U., Baseline, Mich. -----	5.00
Mrs. Lottie Brown, Wasco, Ill. -----	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Coulter, Mt. Vernon, Ind. -----	10.00
Mrs. Emma Cook, Orange, N. J. -----	10.00
Mrs. Anna L. Barber, Eloise, Fla. -----	20.00
Michael Rodat, Milwaukee, Wis. -----	2.00
Don Grollimund, Wheaton, Ill. -----	1.00

TOTAL ----- \$627.96

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH Fulton, Kentucky

A few weeks ago we had a letter from John Brandon, a son of Missionary J. F. Brandon, who has recently returned from Japan and is now discharged from the Army. John told us about his visit with Pastor Bob Covington and his good people of Liberty Baptist Church at Fulton, Ky. John spoke to them about his father's work in Brazil and they were very interested. We are now happy to announce that Pastor Bob Covington and Liberty Baptist Church have joined the list of supporters of the New Testament Faith Mission Work by sending in a nice offering for April. May God bless both pastor and people and lead other churches who love the truth to join with them for the salvation of the lost in Brazil.

MISSIONARY BRANDON COMING HOME ON FURLOUGH

We sent Brother Brandon a cable about Brother A. A. Boeker no longer being connected with this mission work and he replied by cable that he would come down river to get the mission equipment that was sent to Brazil with Brother Boeker. Since then we have a letter from Brother Brandon advising that when he gets to Belem that he will store the equipment and come on to the United States for a few months with his family and to get glasses and teeth, as he is without both. Brother Brandon has been in Brazil now four years this month and everyone will rejoice that he is coming home to see his family and see the pastors and churches that support him and his great work. Pastors should write us now so that we can make a

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LETTER FROM MISSIONARY BRANDON

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A Baptizing And The Lord's Supper

At the baptizing there was a large attendance on the river bank. It was announced that we would celebrate the Lord's Supper in the evening service and the house was full for that service. I am very happy for the Lord is with us and manifested His presence and approval. I feel quite relieved too, for since 1926 I knew that it was for me to do this work. When I came up the Jurua the first time it was revealed to me that there were two churches to be founded. It has taken years to overcome the difficulties but at last it is done. Now to see the progress of the work is my heart's desire.

The People Are Poor

It seems that if it had been anybody else the work would have been done years ago. I have done a lot of work in many places, thinking I was on the right track but perhaps not at all. Now the church is composed of the poorest of people and is the only church I have organized where there is no one able to take up and carry on themselves. There is one old man who really is but he has such a battle with his wife that he is disheartened. You see she gets drunk and is such a spectacle that it is shameful. She refuses to hear the gospel. They have a number of children and he is still carrying on because of them.

Cicero Is The Pastor Here

The people here have never had any instructions in anything. The Indians seem to live better than they do. One could have no idea how vile the conditions are unless by seeing. Cicero is the pastor and is working with them in patience and is helping them, but we are persecuted by the chief men of the place. There are three men who are our enemies and some of the women and they work overtime to keep people from coming to the services, however some do come, yet not all. I did not ordain the old brother as a deacon because of his family relations. However, this is not the only case of its kind but it is the only one among the Baptists. There are two other men converted and one woman, but none of them are married and at present it is impossible for there is no civil authorities here to do it. I hope to arrive in Cruzeiro do Sul the last of the month.

Sincerely,
J. F. BRANDON

MISSIONARY BRANDON COMING HOME

schedule for him to visit the churches. At this writing the Boekers are still in Belem waiting for a boat to come back on. As soon as he returns we will give a complete report. If you want Brother Brandon to visit your church write to the editor of the Mission Sheets at: 1210 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit 11, Michigan.

MISSION SHEETS

This paper is sent free to all. It costs at least \$30.00 each month to print and mail it out to about 2,000 homes. Will you pray about this? Also, will you keep us informed as to your correct address? Will you send us the names and addresses of others that would be interested in getting this paper free each month? And if you are on the mailing list and do not want the paper to come to you, please advise us to not send it any more. This is a Baptist Faith Mission Work and there are no paid officers or unnecessary expenses. We now support Brother J. F. Brandon and family and four native missionaries who work with Brother Brandon. This includes the cost for journeys and cost of needed equipment and the cost of this paper. If the Lord leads you to have a part in the support of this great mission work, send all offerings to the treasurer:

ELDER Z. E. CLARK
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Detroit 11, Mich.

PICTURES

Last month we had a picture of Missionary J. F. Brandon and three native Brazilian Baptist preachers. One of these is a pastor and the other two missionaries. At the present we have four native Baptist preachers working under Brother Brandon's leadership. We do not have a picture of the other two native missionaries. We hope in the future to have pictures of them and then we will run them in the MISSION a picture of the MISSION HOME which SHEETS. In this issue we are showing is the building purchased about two years ago and is used for a daily preaching place as well as living quarters for Missionary Brandon. Then in later issues we plan to run a picture of Brother Brandon baptizing in the Moa river and then one of a crowd at a preaching point, and then others as we receive them.