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### LETTER FROM MISSIONARY BRANDON

(We had expected Missionary Brandon to be home by this time, but to date we have had no further word from him. Pray for him. Editor)

Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre  
March 30, 1946

Dear Brethren:

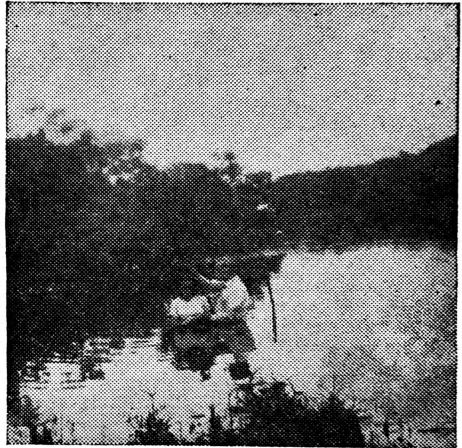
Your letter dated February 18th was received yesterday afternoon. A boat that was not expected to come soon came in and we were all so glad. I received the cable in the morning advising that connections with Boeker had been severed and I was not surprised. I replied to your cable yesterday by cable and you should receive it not later than Monday, April first, the Lord willing, or in four days. I can not make the boat that is now in port, then it would not be wise to do so. The Chata will be here about the tenth of the month and then I will embark for Belem (Para).

#### Coming Home For A While

If Boeker should still be there it will be better, that I may know him and talk with him. But if he is not I will store the equipment for a few months as there will be no more navigation between Belem and Cruzeiro do Sul until the latter part of the year or the first of another. The boat that I appealed for Boeker to come on was the last through boat with this year's water. If possible when I arrive in Belem I will come home for a few months. I need a change for a little while, so I am making plans to be at home with my family in Benton, Kentucky, by the fourth Sunday in May.

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Missionary J. F. Brandon Baptizing In  
Moa River, Acre, Brazil



This is a picture of Missionary Brandon baptizing a Brazilian girl in the Moa River. The Moa River is one of the many rivers that empty into the Jurua River and help to form the Jurua River Valley which is Brother Brandon's mission field in the Acre Territory of Brazil. The headquarters of this work is at Cruzeiro do Sul just in the edge of the Acre Territory over the line from the State of Amazonas. The work extends from Cruzeiro do Sul up the Jurua River for 250 miles to Amonho, where Bro. Brandon organized his tenth church on February 10th of this year (1946). The Jura River runs from the south to the north and there are many rivers that empty into it flowing from the east and from the west which all together comprise the mission field in the Jurua valley. In this valley are five Baptist churches and eighteen active preaching points, all the results of Brother Brandon's labors.

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### Work In Good Condition

The work here is in better condition to leave than ever before, but not for that would I leave it, John 2:24, because I know what is in man. But I am trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ who is the head of this work and I believe that it is His will that I should come home now for a while. This letter will leave here day after tomorrow (April 1, 1946) and you should get it by May 15th or sooner. I hope you will pray about it, as soon as I get to Manaus I will communicate with you. If I can have a few weeks with you all in prayer, then we can talk things over better and I think it will do all of us good to get together again.

### A Leper Boy Dies

I have not sent pictures of the work sooner because it was impossible to do so. As often as I can I will send others. I have written Brother Lee Cox three times giving him all the information possible about the work and worker. One of the little leper boys died this week singing a gospel hymn and they said that he stood firm in the faith to the end. News has just been received that one of the women members who lives at Campo Santano died last week. It was with child birth. I wrote to you many months ago and requested that you send me some medicines and an injection outfit for the lepers, that is a special kind, but as you did not receive the letter it is all well as I will attend to it when I arrive in the States.

I understand that it is not well to send such things by parcel post and I would not have asked, but I understood from the PO authorities here that it would come through because it was for the lepers. I must close to get this off. I will write you from Manaus and from Belem. I hope that you are all well and your work prospering.

Sincerely,

J. F. BRANDON

## A. A. BOEKER

The Boekers arrived in the U. S. from Brazil on May 27, 1946. We regret that Mr. Boeker turned out as he did. He gave every assurance, over and over again, for six months (Nov. 1944 to May 1945) that it seems possible by word of mouth to give, as to his soundness in the faith, his call as a missionary and his loyalty to those that supported him. The day he left for Brazil Mr. Boeker was told that if for any reason whatsoever he wanted to back out and not go, to say so then at that late hour. He replied by again giving every assurance possible by word of mouth of his call and his beliefs and then he told how that relatives had made him move from their house because he would not change. A few hours later at his farewell service, before a church full of witnesses, he again told of his call and his beliefs and stated that he was going to Brazil to work with Brother Brandon and would preach and teach the Book just as Brother Brandon had been doing for the past 22 years, even enumerating several of the doctrines. He told how it was easy for him to go because all his relatives had turned against him because he was a Baptist and closed by saying that he was going to Brazil and would do as he had said he would do and would stay even if the Lord should take his wife and children in death. He then went to Brazil and took with the person who has been trying for several years to take Brother Brandon's mission work at Cruzeiro do Sul away from him. In addition to this he wrote letters, over a period of six months, to a young Baptist preacher, in which he ridiculed those who were supporting him, and denied saying the very things that he had said before a church full of witnesses, and then in a letter dated December 30, 1945, he said of those who were supporting him the following: "To me it seems more and more that Missionary Baptists are just a sect for whose existence there is no excuse." The young preacher who received these letters wrote to us about them, and later gave them to us, even coming to Detroit at his own expense. These letters are now in our possession. After we had caught up with Mr. Boeker we sent him a special letter covering these things and asked for an answer. Also, we had sent him a list of questions trying to find out what discussions or agreements, if any, he had made with the person he took up with, regarding them working together and trying to take over Brother Brandon's mission work in his absence or at a later

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## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY, 1946

Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky. -----	\$ 8.32
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla. -----	15.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky -----	65.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky. -----	18.33
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. -----	85.50
New Hope Baptist Church L. B. C., Dearborn, Mich. -----	5.00
White Plains Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky. -----	10.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky. -----	11.58
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich. -----	81.60
Grace Baptist Church, B. Y. P. U., Baseline, Mich. -----	5.00
Bellevue Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. -----	34.43
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky. -----	10.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky. -----	21.26
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich. -----	14.76
Oak Baptist Church, L. B. C., Royal Oak, Mich. -----	10.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich. -----	8.80
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio -----	11.20
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. -----	65.00
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky. -----	39.22
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. -----	65.00
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky. -----	8.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio -----	5.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich. -----	12.64
Mrs. E. H. Purdom, Elmhurst, Ill. -----	8.00
Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Wahoner, Lewisburg, Ky. -----	50.00
<b>TOTAL -----</b>	<b>\$663.64</b>

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer

### ANOTHER LETTER FROM MISSIONARY BRANDON

Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre  
March 28, 1946

Dear Brethren:

I have before me this morning the **MISSION SHEET** for the month of January, 1946 (the first issue to be printed) together with a group picture of your family that I very highly esteem. There was no letter but the picture speaks for itself. I thank you very much indeed. I sent you some pictures of the work so it seems that we had the same idea about the same time. No doubt you have received the pictures I sent by now. (We have and are running them in the **MISSION SHEETS**. Ed.) The picture man was up river at the time I was and he agreed to take pictures of the house at Amonho and of the house at Campo Santano and when he arrives here again I will get him to take one of the church building in Cruzeiro do Sul and then send them to you for the paper.

### Married To Be Baptized

The marriage of the two old couples was realized on last Saturday. If I am not mistaken the older ones have sixteen children and forty-two grandchildren. That will do for a beginning, don't you think? The others have eight children and two grandchildren. Maybe you think there was a lot of talk on the streets about these people coming from afar to be married so that they might be baptized. But the praise was given to the cause of Christ in every instance. The gospel builds up society that the Catholic Church tears down. To that our enemies agree. A legitimate child is better than illegitimate one and the lawful marriage is better than adultery.

### Made Great Sacrifice

These are poor people and made a great sacrifice to make this long trip to be married, but they did it themselves, I paid no part of their expenses, thus the reward is theirs as it should be. They came 125 miles  
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**A. A. BOEKER**

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date, etc. Mr. Boeker refused to answer either the questions or the special letter. We had no other course than to notify him that he had severed his connections with this Mission by breaking the agreements he had made, and by his own denials and accusations, etc. Mr. Boeker has refused to give us a list of the mission equipment that was in his possession, (we requested this list over a period of months). He also refused to send us the name of the person with whom he left the equipment in Belem, Brazil. This is a brief statement of facts for the information of those that helped to support Mr. Boeker. BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS. D. O. Calvin, President. H. H. Overbey, Secretary. Z. E. Clark, Treasurer.

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in a canoe and waited 21 days. The enemies raised up a number of obstacles but by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ they were overcome. Then they returned by river motor a two days journey. The Lord made them happy every step of the way. People that I didn't think would notice such, actually came out and congratulated them. On the bank of the Jurua River on Sunday afternoon there was more than a hundred people. Indeed they were attentive as I spoke to them in the Gospel and after they were buried with the Lord in baptism, the brethren sang "Happy Day" with joy in their hearts and for we who are far off. Acts 2:39. Indeed it was.

**Ebenezer Gets Married**

The old couples returned to Campo Santano Sunday morning. The native missionary, Ebenezer Falcao Guimaraes, who labors at Campo Santano also came down the river with me to be married. He was married yesterday to a young lady believer, Mitra Maira Machaco. He is indeed a good and consecrated man and a good preacher of the Gospel. Pray for him and recommend him to someone for them to support as their own missionary. No better investment could be made with money I am quite sure. Sunday night we celebrated the Lord's Supper and such a happy feast it was. The Lord was among us and all were

blessed.

**Visits On The Moa River**

Yesterday the local pastor went to visit some of those on the Moa River. Something untimely has happened there, thus a call for the pastor. We have had much sickness among the believers and last night a thing happened at prayer meeting that needs to be spoken of. A man came in from the alto Jurua, he said he was here last year and fell sick and it did not seem that he would live, but one of the believers came to visit him and said for him to be of good cheer that the Baptist Church would pray for him and he would get well and thus it was, the church asked the Lord to heal the man. Now he has some ugly sores on his legs and he came to request the prayers of the church.

**Hears The Gospel**

I assured him that the church of the Lord Jesus Christ was not a drug shop but a spiritual body of sincere worshippers of Jesus Christ who had been cleansed of their sins in His precious blood, and that his healing last year was for no other purpose than to reveal to him the power and love of God for him, to heal his spirit from the guilt of sin, that he should repent of his sins and believe the gospel and receive the Lord Jesus as his own Saviour and Lord. He and two others remained and seemed impressed with the services and promised to return tonight. I hope the Lord will have mercy on him. All the brethren prayed for him last night.

**Hoping For A Better Day**

We are hoping for a better day. I hope to go to Japyni as soon as the pastor returns and then to Barao, where I hope to see some results now. Letters from my family helped me, hope that the boys will be returning soon. You have a fine handsome family, brother, the prime factor being Jimmie. As I watched him in your home I was perplexed to know how so much energy could be concealed in his little hide. I think he will make a great man. God bless you all and keep you in the faith. Don't get in too big a hurry. Ps. 31:23-24 and 37:5 and 25:21 and 27:14, 31:14, 46:10 and 1:17. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Sincerely,

J. F. BRANDON