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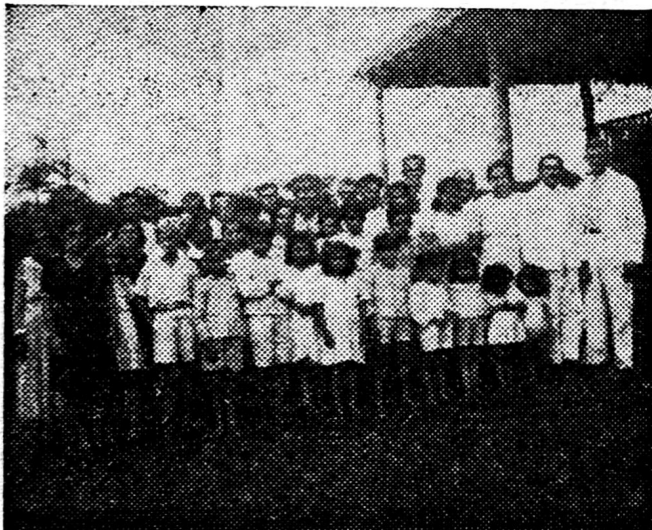
Go—Make disciples—Baptize them—Indoctrinate them. Matt. 28:19-20.

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MISSIONARY BRANDON NOW AT HOME



MISSIONARY J. F. BRANDON AT A PREACHING POINT

You will note Missionary J. F. Brandon at the right of the picture beside a man and his family and neighbors who have gathered at this preaching point to hear Brother Brandon preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. A new work begins like this. Many journeys are made and then after a while one is saved and then another and another. These believers are baptized into the Cruzeiro do Sul church which may be from 100 to 200 miles away. After years of labor and if, and when, the number gets large enough and the Lord leads, they are granted letters from Cruzeiro do Sul and organized into a church. In this way Missionary J. F. Brandon has organized ten Baptist Churches in Brazil in 23 years.

Send all offerings to: Elder Z. E. Clark,
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LETTER FROM MISSIONARY BRANDON

(Missionary Brandon arrived in Miami, Florida from Brazil on June 25, 1946 and is now with his family in Benton, Kentucky. This is the first time to see his family in four years and one month. He was in Brazil alone during this time and organized three Baptist churches during this four year stay on the mission field. The Lord willing, as soon as he gets some rest and some teeth and some glasses, he will begin his visits to the supporting churches to tell about the great work he is doing. He will also visit other churches that want to hear about this work. Some have already written about this. If you would like to have Brother Brandon speak to your church write to us at once at: 1210 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit 11, Mich. Editor)

Benton, Ky.

July 1, 1946

Dear Brethren:

Your letter of June 27th was received Saturday and I was glad to hear from you. Things and people are so strange. I am not acquainted yet. There is a greater difference than ever, so it seems. I should have written sooner and would have but was not able, and the circumstances in which I traveled would not permit me to do so. I guess you received the letter telling of the journey down river from Amonho and Campo Santano to Cruzeiro do Sul. Then of the baptisms of the old couples and of the worker at Campo Santano. That will leave a month of activities at Cruzeiro do

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Sul working with the church there before embarking. From the time Ebenezer was married until I embarked was about a month.

SIX CONVERSIONS IN ONE MONTH

I did all the preaching and the attendance was greater than I had ever seen it. There were no less than six conversions, one being a Pilot on a boat, and the Second Engineer, also the Bugler of the army barracks was converted and if he is able to make the grade with us he will be an outstanding one I believe. He has quite a record as a renegade. Just before leaving there was a young lady saved. She is the daughter of a believer but has been very indifferent until recently. The last Sunday I was there I buried her in baptism and at the evening service we celebrated the Lord's Supper. Then there was a man and his unmarried wife gave a profession of faith and will be baptized as soon as they can be married.

PASTOR IN MISSION HOUSE

I invited the pastor to live in the mission house while I am away and he moved in several days before I left. They have two small children now that cry day and night and I was glad to get away for that reason if for no other. I am sure that I wrote you about the purchase of the house. The papers were passed when I arrived from alto Jura and the final cost was \$650.00 if I am not mistaken. It was made in the name of the Mission as you suggested but against the advise of the Judge. However the trade is with and for the Lord and He will protect it as long as it is serving Him well, and if it were in the name of some other it would need His protection just the same.

CHURCHES IN GOOD SHAPE

I think I left the churches in good shape, but there is a greater activity on the part of heretics than I ever saw. The deceptions of riches is also making it more difficult for some to follow. In fact, brother, one may think that all is well when we are on the brink of a precipice. Therefore I will not say as to the strength, but as to their weakness I am quite convinced that it is up to standard. The keeping of the house is of the Lord. I have never left and returned but that there were some questions to be resolved. Pray for them all the more that all may be well. I left a believer in the newly bought house, half of which is being used for a preaching room and the other half is reserved for the believers to sleep in when the out-of-town ones come into town for a few days. We stand in need of such a place and the need is very great. So for the present it may be thus.

EMBARKED ON MAY 3, 1946

I embarked on May, the third, with all appearances of an unprofitable journey, and indeed for the flesh it was indeed tedious beyond expression. We journeyed down river for 800 miles where we were to wait for a large river boat from Manaos to transfer our passengers and cargo. We had to wait for twenty days and after the boat arrived there was another ten days in the transfer of cargo. Thus a 30 day delay in the hottest place on earth. In this time the conditions were so different and unfavorable that I would have lost my mind I think if it had not been for the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

BIBLE CLASS ABOARD SHIP

In the first days of the wait the Lord opened the way to have a Bible study class on board each morning and there was a group of young men that certainly did need some instruction in that way. There were six men of position who became interested in it and with their help the interest grew. This class continued until we reached Manaos, with a daily attendance of never less than twenty and often more than forty.

I was deeply grateful to the Lord and made every preparation before going to class so that all the time could be of profit to some if the Lord willed. This never occurred to me before and perhaps never will again. But the simple fact that it did this one time has strengthened my faith in the

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE, 1946

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	\$ 65.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	13.51
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	15.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	9.63
Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, Ky.	50.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	17.10
Northside Baptist Church LBC, Mayfield, Ky.	5.00
White Plains Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	10.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	9.24
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	157.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	13.23
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.	40.79
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich.	81.12
Grace Baptist Church, B.Y.P.U., Baseline, Mich.	5.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	15.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	66.40
New Hope Baptist, L.B.C., Dearborn, Mich.	5.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.	14.63
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	16.96
Don Grollmund, Wheaton, Ill.	1.00
Charles Holsinger, Walnut Creek, Cal.	10.00
Mrs. E. H. Purdom, Elmhurst, Ill.	10.00
Oscar Ahlswede, Glen Rilyn, Ill.	5.00
TOTAL	\$635.61

Z. E. Clark, Treasurer

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living God far more than I can tell.

REQUESTED TESTAMENTS

Brother, I know my capacity and strength, and when I go far beyond and have no break or weakness, there is a very good reason why. And I understand why. The Lord has done this and it is marvelous in my eyes. A number of them requested Testaments and hymn books. Fortunately I had some and could divide. I sought no professions of faith. These men were educated more than I, worldly, ambitious men that had never heard the Gospel. Enough time was given me to analyze the fundamental doctrines of the Bible and this I presented after prayer and study. I wanted them to understand that what we had was better than what they hoped for. The Spirit worked, they understood, and someday we too may understand just why in the providence of God this had to be.

PRIEST COMES ABOARD

When the transfer to the bigger boat was made and we had gone down river

three days already, a priest embarked. He was the one who had lived in Japyni for years and had left there because of his unmanly life among his own people. When he saw that we were engaged in a Bible study daily, he went to the Captain of the boat and tried to have it stopped, but the Captain told him that he was enjoying it very much and that it would continue as long as I felt so disposed. You see the Captain attended every day. I have known him 15 years and the First Officer was married to a believer, and he attended. One of the Pilots was also a frequent visitor.

ANGRY PRIEST DISEMBARKS

The priest became very angry and tried to have his mass each morning, fixing it at the same hour as the Bible study, but the First Officer told him where to get off and he had only one more mass. However there were but few that attended it and he disembarked before we arrived in Manaos. We arrived in Manaos in the early morning of June 15th (43 days from Cruzeiro de Sul) and there was a good boat to depart at ten that night down river to Belem (Para) 1000 miles away, but no pas-

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sage could be bought because they were already oversold. There would be no other boat for 15 days, so I went to pray and the Lord heard me.

PRAYER ANSWERED

When I returned to the street one of the first men I encountered was a doctor, who had been a friend for many years. He told me that he had bought passage on the boat to Belem (Para) but was obligated to go to Cruzeiro do Sul instead and if I wanted the passage he would let me have it. I was so happy I could hardly control myself. The transfer was made and I embarked at once. I did not have time to see and talk to the brethren and only a few were encountered. I was sad for that reason, but on the return it will perhaps be better. I received the letters that you had sent in care of the bank from Hardy. Will not comment on that now but only when we meet again.

REACHES BELEM (PARA)

Arriving in Belem, I went to the hotel and tried to get in touch with Mr. Sullivan but he had gone to the south of Brazil and no one seemed to know anything about the letters you had sent in care of him. There was no boat to be had to the U. S. and the money I had would not pay passage on the plane. I did not know that you had sent my May and June checks in care of Mr. Sullivan, so I requested by cable that you pay my passage on that end. I went to the office of the Pan American and so advised them and they reserved passage for me on Saturday, thinking that we would hear from you by then. You sent the money in care of Sullivan and also cables in care of the Pan American Airways, and the cables were not given to me until I was embarking on the plane.

FINDS MAIL

When we did not hear that you had sent the check, I went to the bank and borrowed the money to travel on and told them to prepare the ticket and I would pay for it there. Then on Friday night before I would have to embark on Saturday morning, one of the brethren came with the letters. He had been to the Post Office and they took the letters out of Mr. Sullivan's box and he brought all of them to me.

Now I had the checks for both May and June that you had sent in care of Mr. Sullivan and also the check for the passage on the plane to the U. S. that I had cabled for. I resolved to wait until Monday and avoid Sunday travel. So I went to the bank and corrected the trade with them and then to the Air Office and changed the passage to Monday morning. Still they did not give me the cables you had sent. I paid for the passage and left.

MEETS FAMILY AT FULTON

I cashed the two salary checks for May and June and had enough for passage on the plane to Miami and on the train to Fulton, Kentucky and some left over. I am returning the other check to you. I came by rail from Miami (instead of bus) to Fulton just because you recommended that I should and it was indeed a pleasant journey. They met me at Fulton and we arrived home about eleven at night. My eyes are hurting me very much, but tomorrow I will try to see a doctor. I want to be with you brethren there as soon as possible. I have no teeth. Do you think it would be better to have them made here or there? David is here (home from Germany) and Maria said she would be here July 10th. As my birthday is on the 25th perhaps I will not go there until after that and then tarry until you become weary.

FIVE NATIVES CARRYING ON

I want to return (to Brazil) if at all possible, the first opportunity after the first of the new year. Later I will tell you why it seems imperative. Later I will send you a list of the property in Brazil. I have it already made out but not at hand. You may send the check each month for the support of the native missionaries to the bank in Manaus. The bank will understand how to manage it. There are five native workers carrying on while I am away. Pray for them. My eyes are hurting so that I must wait to write more later. God bless you all. Remember me to all of the dear ones of the Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen.

Sincerely,
J. F. Brandon