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### OUR MISSIONARY VISITS CHURCHES

#### MISSIONARY BRANDON GIVES REPORT

July 5, 1946

Dear Brethren:

Below is a list of church properties and mission properties in the Jurua river valley and their locations, etc.:

Church property at Cruzeiro do Sul	\$1000.00
Church furniture	150.00
Church property and home at Japyni	250.00
Church property at Amonho	250.00
Church property at Morapirango	150.00
Church property, Camp de Santano	300.00
Church being built at Parana	

TOTAL \$2,100.00

Mission home and headquarters	\$3,000.00
Furniture for missionary but not in use: living room set, dining room set, kitchen furniture, desk, chair, book case, wardrobes, chest of drawers, filter and Singer sewing machine	800.00
Books	100.00
Mission home	700.00
Mission furniture, benches, chairs, tables and pulpits at preaching points, etc.	250.00
Lot near Cruzeiro do Sul	100.00
Johnston Outboard motor (16 H.P.)	400.00

TOTAL \$5,350.00

GRAND TOTAL \$7,450.00

These prices are the original costs, but the present value is somewhat more. The church at Parana is now building a building that will be about equal to that at Morapirango and the church at Japyni is taking out the lumber to build another and

(Missionary J. F. Brandon is now visiting the churches that help in the support of his work in Brazil. The Lord willing he plans to visit all of these churches before he leaves for Brazil the last of this year 1946. Also other churches are interested and want him to come and tell them of his work. He plans to visit these churches also. If you would like to have him in your church please write to the editor about it and we will make the arrangements. He will thrill your hearts with a real New Testament mission work. If the Lord should lead you to have a part in this work, send offerings to:

Elder Z. E. Clark  
5216 Concord Ave.,  
Detroit 11, Mich.

—Editor)

a better building. I intend to help them some on it. Our preaching points in Cruzeiro do Sul are the following: Mission homes, church building, jail, leper's colony, two believer's homes and here are the places up the Jurua but not all of them: Tresi de Maio, Parana des Morou, Carloute, Butano, Russa, Humaita, home of Firmino Pezeiro, Ouro Prieto, Boa Hespidadem, Grajaruzinho, home of Henrique Martins, Grajaru, Retire, Prolongabo, Triumphe, Oriento, home of Raymundo Brzeiro, Sabuga, Arara. Also there are some on the Preto and Moura rivers, but I do not recall how many. There are five native preachers or native missionaries now being supported by your offerings: Miguel Ibernou, \$25.00 per month; Cicero Bicpo, \$35.00 per month; Ebenezer Guimaraes, \$35.00 per month; Maio Dutro, \$20.00 per month and Eufrazo Soraes, \$20.00 per month. The latter two will have to be increased soon as

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it will not give but for a season. There have been about 250 baptisms in the past four years.

Sincerely, J. F. Brandon



## LETTER FROM MISSIONARY BRANDON

August, 1946

Dear Brethren:

In Christ's commission to His church to preach the gospel to every creature, He included the uttermost part with the same emphasis as the near Jerusalem. A look at your map will convince you that these uttermost parts are found in various parts of the earth. For example, the head waters of the Amazon river system. People have gone as far up these rivers as they possibly can, being hindered by natural barriers, they have remained from going further and have raised families for generations. They know but little of what is going on in the outside world. Indeed they are poor and without friends, with little or no hope to come down river, however but few of them have any desire to do so. The only way to contact them with the gospel is to take it to them as the Lord commanded in Acts 1:8.

### BURDEN OF THE HEART

The burden of the writer's heart since the beginning of his ministry has been to reach this forgotten people with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. I came to know the Lord in salvation in February, 1922 and on October 10, 1923 I embarked with my family at New York for a place that I had only seen by the eye of faith. Upon our arrival in Brazil, of course, we encountered some hindrances that had not been calculated, these of course, are permitted that the servant of the Lord will learn to trust in Him and overcome.

## LOWER AMAZON VALLEY

Our first stop was in the lower Amazon river section between Belem (Para) and Manaus, living in Santarem at the mouth of the Tapajos river and working that section including many town and communities by sail boat. Our work did not progress in these parts, however, our sacrifice seemed great. You see we had stopped half way in the journey. The Lord had called to go further along. From there we went to Manaus and labored hard to establish ourselves, still we felt that we were in the territory of another man and the Lord would have us go further on. Later we went to a village far above Manaus in the interior where there was no work at all.

## UPPER AMAZON VALLEY

We lived in a small village in the far interior of a foreign land, beginning from the bottom and cultivating the friendship of this new found people who were so far from God and without hope of salvation. For a distance of 600 miles along the upper Amazon river we labored for seven years, living in three different towns, organizing five churches and serving them in the gospel. Of course, the Lord raised up native workers among the brethren which we helped in every possible way, teaching them in our home and in journeys the doctrines of our faith, how to study the Bible, how to preach and how to sacrifice to get to places to preach and then preach when there, how to serve others at your own expense either physical, spiritual or material. In time, of course, these men were ordained to the full work of the gospel and the churches in the United States would send offerings for our support, which we divided according to our needs. We never named salaries, but the Lord who knew our needs would lay it on the hearts of the cooperating churches to send enough for our support. The churches were small.

## FIVE CHURCHES IN THE AMAZON VALLEY

These five in the Amazon Valley in the state of Amazonas had an active membership of about 200. What we lacked in numbers, perhaps, was supplied in other virtues. It seemed that they loved much. It was so encouraging to work with them and see them grow in grace. You see we had been the instrument of the Lord in bringing them from the other side. We had known them as vile sinners and unbelieving sinners and we had helped them

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## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY, 1946

Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky. -----	\$21.18
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. -----	5.00
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First Baptist Church, Wheaton, Ill. -----	35.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky. -----	10.25
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky. -----	57.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla. -----	15.00
White Plains Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky. -----	10.00
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. -----	45.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. -----	32.50
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. -----	45.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky. -----	11.47
Scott's Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky. -----	20.00
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich. -----	57.30
Grace Baptist Church, BYPU, Baseline, Mich. -----	5.00
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. -----	50.00
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky. -----	25.98
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky. -----	20.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio -----	12.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich. -----	8.42
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich. -----	5.45
Hopewell Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio. -----	5.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich. -----	11.50
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. -----	58.60
Charles Holsinger, Concord, Cal. -----	10.00
Don Grollimund, Wheaton, Ill. -----	1.00
James Brandon, Benton, Ky. -----	40.00
John Brandon, Benton, Ky. -----	10.00
Mrs. R. H. Cook, Orange, N. J. -----	10.00

TOTAL -----

\$642.65

Z. E. Clark, Treasurer

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as they entered the kingdom and we had seen them overcome. We loved them sincerely in the Lord and in return, they loved no doubt in greater measure. The need was so great there that we could have finished our lives working among them and still there would have been more to do. It seemed that the call of the Lord was coming from the regions yet beyond.

## JURUA RIVER VALLEY

The Jurua river is one of the leading tributaries of the Amazon river, being very well populated especially in its highlands. We felt duty bound to God to go there and preach to them as we had in other places. The place was a Federal district, the Acre Territory of Brazil, with officers appointed by the Federal government and they felt that they were further advanced, but in many ways it seemed to me that they were not so much so. The town which we went to and where we now

live is Cruzeiro do Sul which is the largest and with more advantages, more people together and easier to get them together, yet further away from the civilized world and seemingly further away from God. Our work was begun in the streets, in the market place and in the homes of the people, just wherever we could contact them. A large hall was rented and the preaching of the gospel was begun.

## ROME PERSECUTES

Bitter protests and later persecution arose from the Roman clergy, but of course that was nothing new. Rome knows no other way to receive the true gospel of the Lord Jesus but in bitterness and persecution. As months passed the interest grew and sound thinking men and women were giving the gospel every consideration necessary to genuine conversion. So at the end of seven months there were no less than ten of these people professing their faith was in the Lord Jesus and none other, and these were asking for bap-

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tism as they had learned it from the gospel. Their professions were accepted and they were baptized or organized into a church of the Lord Jesus Christ. A few months later a pastor was ordained together with a deacon and the church was left alone for awhile to see if they were able to stand. Conditions in some of the other churches demanded that the newly ordained pastor go to serve them for a season.

## THE REGIONS BEYOND

When we would have gone from this field there seemed to be the call from above that would not consent for us to go. Difficulties were many and problems grew, enemies were strong and without pity, but the grace of Jesus Christ was much greater. Friends were gained and friendships cultivated and newly converted ones testified to the amazing grace that saves the sinner from his sins to the blessed hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. People from the interior would visit our services when they came to town and thus we were gaining ground both up and down the river. Finally invitations were coming in from some of the points in the interior and as soon as possible visits were made with the most satisfactory results. God was working in a mighty way in and among us. To be sure the people are ignorant. The Roman church can only thrive among such, but when they are willing to listen and learn of the way of life, there is certainly hope for them.

## JOYFULLY RECEIVED

In all of these country preaching points we were joyfully received and year after year many have been converted, until now we have five Baptist churches in the Acre Territory (in addition to the other five mentioned above). At the present this territory is being served by these five little churches and four congregations, all cooperating in the work of the kingdom of the Lord Jesus. The active membership of which is no less than 300. There are many others who have professed salvation, yet unfortunately they cannot be baptized because of illegal marriages or none at all. There is much of the territory yet unreached and it will require some time to get to them with the Word of life. There are fewer people in these parts than in the large cities, but there they have many missionaries and here in the uttermost parts we have only one.

## TILL JESUS COMES

Much sacrifice has been made to organize and maintain this work but the kingdom of Jesus Christ merits all of this and it is our intention to carry on there until the coming of the Lord and there is no other legal witness except the churches who recognize Him as their head and contend for the doctrines and the faith He delivered unto them. The gospel is indeed impressive and the population as a whole is convinced that it is the truth. Many miracles have been performed in the salvation and consecration of some of the vilest of citizenship. Again, they are impressed with the calling of some of the most impossible men as servants of the Lord, in the preaching of the gospel.

## FUTURE PLANS

As soon as we return we hope to install a loud speaker and organize a small school for the children of the believers. We have none at the present and the need is very great. We hope to be able to help the inmates of a leper colony nearby where there are no less than 150 people already condemned. Modern science claims to have effected, perhaps not a cure, but a treatment that offers a wonderful relief. Now our hope and prayer is to return with enough of this to relieve much of the suffering among a people who so attentively hear the gospel each week, Many of which profess to be among the called.

## TEN CHURCHES ORGANIZED

Thus in twenty-two and one-half years we have organized ten Baptist churches in Brazil. Five in the State of Amazonas which are no longer under our care and the other five in the Acre Territory where we now labor. In addition to these we have two other congregations that we hope to organize into churches when we return the Lord willing. Then there are at least thirty places that we call preaching points, where we go, or stop on journeys to preach the gospel when we have the time and strength. While I am away the work is being carried on by five native Brazilian Baptist preachers that we call native workers or native missionaries. Will you join us as we pray?

Sincerely, J. F. Brandon