

MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

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DONNA MARIA

By J. F. Brandon

(In the November MISSION SHEETS was an article about Donna Maria. Here is another one about this Brazilian Baptist woman and the marvelous work that she is doing for her Lord.)

In 1937 while we were living in Cruzeiro do Sul I was returning home from a visit to the church at Japyni, coming down the Moa River which flows through the hill country. There came into my sight a small house located on a very high hill near the river. At once I was impressed that it would be a good place to preach. It was just 14 miles from Cruzeiro do Sul and the name of the community was Quatrosi. We stopped to see who lived there and was surprised to learn that it was a friend who readily consented for us to go there and have preaching services once each week. We agreed to be there the next Friday night if the Lord willed. Upon our arrival home we found that some of the brethren had attempted the undertaking with us. We left on Friday afternoon by canoe shortly after dinner and arrived in Quatrosi about 6 P. M. The owner of the house had advised the neighbors and the house was full of people.

DONNA MARIA GOES TO WORK

That the attendance might be better, Donna Maria had gone on ahead by land along a country road. She began to visit the homes and invite the people to attend the services. It was a good two days work but she did it well, talking with the people in their homes about the Lord which seemed to be the greatest joy of her life. As she was going along the road she met a young man who seemed to be interested in hearing something about the gospel, for he had, up to that time, been a great rejector of it. He began by accusing her of thinking that she was smart and that all the Baptists tried to teach the Catholics as though they knew nothing. Donna Maria brought up the age long question asking him from whence came John's baptism, was it from heaven or from men? Of course he was confused and unable to reply so he asked her what about it. She replied that John the Baptist was so called by Jesus and he had been sent from God to preach the baptism of repentance and to baptize the repentant ones in water.

MIGUEL IBERNÓN HEARS THE WORD

Then she was careful to show him that repentance was a gift from God to those whose hearts had been prepared by the gospel, yes to those who had not resisted the truth but received it, and that repentance was the command of God to every person and that it was a real sincere turning away from sin, primarily the sin of having other gods beside the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of

A BRAZILIAN FAMILY IN BEMEN



Many thousands like this Brazilian family have never heard about the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The field is ripe unto harvest and workers are needed.

Six Baptized In Brazil

A letter from Cicero Bicipo da Cruz the native Baptist missionary at Amonho tells about six being baptized recently. This is the church that Missionary Brandon organized in February 1946 and of which he is a member. Amonho is 250 miles up the Jurua river above Cruzeiro do Sul where Brother Brandon has his headquarters. Also a letter from Eufrazo Soraes another one of the native missionaries tells about twelve conversions in the place that he is working. The

the Living God. Then she told him that John preached in the wilderness and that the multitudes went out to hear him and that many were converted and turned away from sin to believe in the Lord Jesus and receive him as their own personal Saviour. Also that when many of these had been baptized, then Jesus came unto him for baptism too and as they were coming out of the water the Spirit of God descended upon the head of the Lord Jesus and the Father from Heaven said this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.

THE WORD OF GOD AT WORK

The man was gasping already, he had known Donna Maria for years and had no idea that she was so well informed in the Bible. She continued, now you see that Jesus was a man when He was baptized, He had no god-father, He was baptized by a Baptist preacher who received no money for it. She also showed him that the Father from Heaven had said that that kind of baptism pleased Him and that it was on that occasion that the Lord Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit. She showed that John had already baptized the men who were to become the disciples of the Lord and later He called them together and organized them into a church, Jesus Himself being the head of it, now she said, if Jesus after being baptized by a Baptist

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other native missionaries report much interest but no conversions. That is real mission work for which all rejoice and give praise to our blessed Lord. Also a letter from Lima a Baptist layman in Belem, Brazil at the mouth of the Amazon river advises Brother Brandon that the 22 boxes of equipment has been sent up river on a through boat to Cruzeiro do Sul. This is the equipment that was sent to Brazil about 20 months ago by a man who went out as a missionary and did not make good and had to be returned to the States.

RESOLUTIONS

The Amazon Valley Baptist Faith Mission Board has been in charge of the funds of that organization since the death of Bro. H. Boyce Taylor in May 1932. For eleven years we have supported Bro. R. P. Hallum, his wife and their daughter Marguerite.

The Board has endeavored to carry on the work of this mission as its founder the much loved Boyce Taylor desired, and now that these funds gathered by him and his fellow workers are virtually exhausted, it becomes necessary that other backing for our missionaries be provided.

After much prayer our board members present were unanimous in agreement that we had the Lord's leadership and guidance in turning our missionaries the Hallums over to the Baptist Faith Missions, Inc., now located in Detroit, Mich. Our boards committee offers the following resolutions:

I. We the board do humbly express our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the Hallums for their untiring efforts and acceptable labor on the field, giving God the praise for their unknowable accomplishments thereon.

II. We here and now heartily agree that our pleasant and much cherished relations to them shall

ANNIVERSARY TIME

This is anniversary time for the MISSION SHEETS. This paper is now five years old. In fact this issue is the first on the sixth year. In January 1942 we sent out 30 copies of the first issue and the circulation has grown month by month until it now is 13,000 and goes to every State in the Union and to many foreign countries. If you are a subscriber to the BAPTIST EXAMINER you get the paper free once each month. Also it is sent out in large envelopes to about 60 churches so that each family may have a copy. The subscription is free and we will send it to anyone who is interested in the work if they will just send their names and addresses. Also we will send several copies free each month to any church or pastor upon request with the name and address where to send them. This paper is for and about New Testament Baptist Faith Mission Work just like the Lord Jesus Christ commissioned His churches to carry on. It tells about the work of the Brandons in Brazil and the Hallums in Peru. It tells up to date what is being done, about missionary journeys, souls saved, new preaching points being opened up and new Baptist churches being organized. Pray that the Lord will bless our efforts and use this paper to the honor and glory of our blessed Lord. If you read this and are not a subscriber to the BAPTIST EXAMINER, send \$1.00 for two years and get this weekly Baptist paper and it will enrich your Christian life. Send your subscription to Elder John R. Gilpin, Russell, Kentucky.

not cease, but only be transferred to the Baptist Faith Mission Board of Detroit, Mich., of which Elder Hafford H. Overbey is the much loved and efficient secretary.

III. The remaining funds now held in trust by the Amazon Valley Baptist Faith Mission be disposed of in following manner: Our board is to pay salaries of Bro. Hallum and family to January 1, 1947. Also, to pay their return fares to their field of labor Iquitos, Peru, and voted to hand them a check for the remainder of our funds, to use for themselves.

The above was officially authorized by said Amazon Valley Baptist Faith Mission Board, in the building of Memorial Baptist Church, of Murray, Kentucky on September 26, 1946.

The Committee
Elder D. W. Billington
J. R. Melugin
E. B. Holland

Persecution In Iquitos

By R. P. Hallum

One morning I was at the bakery early to get bread when a woman who is a member of the Baptist Church in Iquitos came to me and said that some men had broken into the church house and had thrown some of the things into the street and that the police were waiting for me to come to the church house and I immediately hurried over. I found one of the policemen there making a list of things in front of the house that had been thrown out.

WORK OF DRUNKEN CATHOLICS

Three drunks had been out to some kind of a party and on their way in that morning, had pushed the door open, entered the church building and were carrying things out into the street. They made so much noise that a woman near there heard them and saw what they were doing. She called the police department and the police came and caught them in the act and took charge of them. They had thrown out several benches, a table, pulpit, books including Bibles, and the folding organ they carried and threw into the gutter in the middle of the street, no doubt thinking that it would be ruined, but we were happy to find it undamaged. A boy came along and saw it and got it out. I don't remember all the things that were thrown out.

TOOK ME TO THE POLICE STATION

The police had me to go along to the police station with them and it was right funny afterwards. After I had answered several questions and put my signature to two or three papers, they took my finger prints as if I were the offender. I do not know why they did all that with me, I suppose it was because I was a foreigner. I did not see the prisoners but could hear someone being questioned in an adjoining room. The police made their report of what was found but nothing was done with the criminals. I received a few "soles" (Peruvian money) for the damage done to the property but the men were not prosecuted any further for the crime committed.

USELESS FOR A MISSIONARY TO TRY TO BRING THE NATIVES TO JUSTICE

I did not wish to take time that would be required to try to bring them to justice; moreover I did not believe that I a foreigner could bring them to justice. I had seen other Americans in court before, in Peru and learned that nothing could be done against the will of the Roman Catholic Priests.

CHURCH ENTERED BY THIEVES AGAIN

Later on the church building
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NOTICE

Anyone desiring more information about this mission work write to the Secretary of the Mission. Address your letter to:

H. H. OVERBEY
1210 E. Grand Blvd.
Detroit 11, Mich.

D. V. B. S.

Iquitos, Peru 1945

By Marguerite Hallum

Vacation months in Iquitos, Peru are January, February and March as they are the hottest months. Before choosing the time for the Bible School we had to take into consideration that Carnival was to be in February and it would be impossible to have it then, as the kids start throwing water, starch, etc., on each other at least two weeks before the official time. So we decided that about the last week of January would be the best time to start. As we had never conducted a Bible School before, we did not exactly know how to go about it or just how many children to prepare for. However, we did know that before we could have one the people must know about it, so we had handbills printed advertising the date of enrollment, opening day, and just what was to be taught. At the bottom we told them all the materials used would be furnished free. That seemed to have been the main thing that drew them.

PREPARED FOR 50 CHILDREN

We bought material enough to take care of 50 children, thinking that would be more than needed, but on enrollment day, (the Saturday before school opened on Monday) we learned otherwise. Between 60 and 70 children enrolled, much to our amazement and joy. Saturday afternoon I busied myself buying more pencils, notebooks, etc., needed to take care of the extra ones. Since we had been told that some who were unable to enroll on Saturday wanted to come on Monday, I bought enough supplies to take care of 100. Monday there was some confusion as the whole thing was new to most all concerned, but Tuesday things went better and by Wednesday things were running rather smoothly. On Wednesday afternoon we were provided with some anxiety when a lady came to the door of our house asking about her little girl. We told her we had not seen her since she left church. It seems that on two previous days she had come for her, but on that day the children had gotten out a bit earlier and she did not know where the child had gone. The next day we learned that she had gone home with some other children.

MORE CAME THAN WE COULD HANDLE

Since we did not have enough space nor teachers to divide the children properly for the Bible lessons, it seemed best to have it all together, later dividing for the handwork. We used the flannelgraph lessons, finding it very useful in holding the atten-

PERSECUTION IN IQUITOS

(Continued from preceding page) was entered on three different occasions and about \$25.00 worth of property taken including Bibles, curtains for Sunday School rooms, light bulbs, a rubberized sack and other things. As on the first occasion, when reported to the police, my fingerprints were taken. We have tried since to make the church house more secure.

tion of such a large group, and helping them to remember the lesson taught. Each day during the first week new ones would come to enroll until there were 108 on the roll. During the last week we had to turn the new ones away, as we had not teachers nor facilities to care for them. The



MISS MARGUERITE HALLUM

average attendance was around 80. The children were very enthusiastic with learning the songs choruses, Bible verses as well as the handwork. We had the closing exercises in the form of an oral examination. The parents responded well to the invitations to attend. The children answered questions regarding the lessons they had studied and quoted the verses learned. One father after hearing the program said he did not know how they could learn so much in so short a time.

ANOTHER PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR

We hope to get back in time to have another Bible school this year. If time permits before re-opening of school we might be able to have the enrollment and then divide the children so as to have two schools, covering a period of four weeks, and thus be able to care for all more adequately. Children who are not permitted to enter our Sunday School Sunday morning are allowed to attend Daily Vacation Bible School, and thus many are reached who otherwise would not be.

DONNA MARIA

(Continued from preceding page) preacher called twelve men together who were also baptized by the same Baptist preacher and organizes them into a church, could there be any doubt about that being a Baptist church? Of course the man remained without a subject. There was really nothing he could say, but by that time they had arrived at his home. He was so interested that he got ready and together with his wife he came to Quatrosi to the services that night.

THE MAN IS SAVED

We were happy to see this man and his wife at the service, they were so attentive and promised to return the following week. After attending the services for a couple of months he was converted and gave a thrilling profession of faith. He found the Lord and was stirred to follow Him in a very active way. As he professed faith his wife burst into tears, she thought it would be their ruin for them to abandon the religion of their fathers, and this was more than she could endure to think of. For days she was very unhappy and threatened her husband with many things, among them was the threat of

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1946

South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	\$ 20.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	60.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	10.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	17.06
McRoberts Baptist Church, McRoberts, Ky.	15.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	19.48
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	21.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	9.05
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	55.85
Oak Baptist Church, L. B. C., Royal Oak, Mich.	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	4.00
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla.	5.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	288.25
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, W. M. U., West Union Assn., Paducah, Ky.	10.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	47.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	13.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	12.44
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.	41.51
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich.	72.51
Grace Baptist Church, B. Y. P. U., Baseline, Mich.	9.80
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	17.75
Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	50.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.	16.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	7.62
Fenton Road Baptist Church, L. B. C., Flint, Mich.	5.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	97.20
Mrs. Voise K. Ward, Kermitt, W. Va.	24.00
Clifford Lewis, Stillwell, Okla.	100.00
John M. Holtzclaw, Corpus Christi, Tex.	10.00
Mrs. Robert H. Cook, Orange, N. J.	5.00
Oscar Ahlsvede Glen Ellyn, Ill.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Larson, Seffner, Fla.	10.00

(The following offerings were given to Brother Brandon while on his speaking journey in November and turned into the treasurer in December.)

Sassafras Ridge Baptist Church, Hickman, Ky.	10.00
Midway Baptist Church Hickman, Ky.	14.92
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	40.75
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Fulton, Ky.	10.00
First Baptist Church Murray, Ky.	25.00
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	80.75
Loves Baptist Church, Loves, Ky.	23.15
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	15.00
Bell City Baptist Church, Bell City, Ky.	20.08
West Ky. Preachers Bible School, Mayfield, Ky.	49.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	25.00
W. M. U., Detroit River Assn. Annual Meeting	40.00
B. Y. P. U., Detroit River Assn. Annual Meeting	10.00
W. M. U., Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich.	
(for mattress)	35.00
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.	50.78

Total \$1577.95

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer

As the Lords leads you, send all offerings for this mission work to the Treasurer of the mission. It is best to send by check or money order. It is not safe to send cash. Address your envelope to:

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

leaving him. He consented that she might go, but that he was going to follow the Lord Jesus and be baptized. When she saw her threats were of none effect she returned to the preaching services with him.

THE MAN'S WIFE IS SAVED

In another month she too was converted and gave a soul stirring profession.

Then the two went together to the home of her father to tell him of the new found joy of their salvation, but that proved to be a very sad day for both of them. The old gentleman had already heard about it and was very angry and he being a violent sort of man met them at the door with a loaded rifle and after much abuse drove them away telling them to never return. He told them that he had three guns loaded, one for him, one for the Baptist deacon and the other for Missionary Brandon and should any come near he would have no pity but kill on sight, furthermore, he said, that it was all Brandon's fault for he has persuaded you to leave the religion of your fathers and become Baptists. The newly converted couple came to my home in Cruzeiro do Sul where we talked it over and prayed for the direction of the Lord. We tried most everything but the man became harder and harder.

DONNA MARIA AT WORK AGAIN

Finally it seemed that Donna Maria had the key to the situation. The man was a farmer and he and his boys worked in the field while his wife and daughters remained at the house doing the work there. Donna Maria would go to the house as often as she could get admission and talk to the wife and daughters while the man and his boys were away at work. Then the believers would invite his boys to the gospel services at Quatrosi and we would do all we could to interest them. The church remained at prayer for this man and his family. Months passed, but the gospel works in the heart in a way unknown to man. Two of the boys were converted and the father drove them away from home. Later another was converted and he too was driven away with a curse. This left the old man without any help on the farm but the small children and the girls. He was heart broken, he had driven his boys away from him and he did not know what to do. He went to his wife for consolation and he began by accusing the gospel and speaking evil of the believers. Then it was that his wife manifested her faith by reproving him and defending both the gospel and the believers much

to his surprise. She frankly told him that both she and the girls were believers and that Donna Maria had visited them many times while he was in the field and that she had given them a Bible and song books and that they had read the Bible and sung songs while he and the boys were in the field.

THE OLD MAN SENDS FOR THE MISSIONARY

The old man was so broken hearted that he wept, there was nothing that he could do. He was overcome, the Spirit had done His work. His wife suggested that he write and invite Brother Brandon to come there and preach the gospel in their home for it was nothing evil as he had thought, but instead he himself would appreciate it when he heard and understood it. This he did and you can well imagine the happiness among the brethren when I received the letter inviting us there for a service some Sunday afternoon. We planned to go the next Sunday and the one who brought the letter returned with the answer so everything was made in readiness.

A large number of believers went along and it was one of the greatest services they had ever attended. The old man met us at the door, this time not with a gun, his son-in-law was with me in front of the others and there the old man embraced us and invited us in the house. The house was ready and his family seated, the neighbors were there. The old man begged our forgiveness and invited us to begin the service.

FAMILY OF TEN BAPTIZED

I am sure the readers would have enjoyed that service. I believe it was one of the greatest services I ever attended. The Lord was there in great power and everyone was so happy. A number of songs were sung and then the deacon preached and I took up where he left off and at the end of the service an invitation was given. The old man was on his feet in a moment, weeping and laughing and confessing his sins as he professed his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and accepted Him as his only God and Saviour. As he stepped aside his wife came forward followed by eight children, each giving a bright profession of faith. Two weeks later these ten with two neighbors were buried with the Lord in Baptism near by in the presence of a large crowd of people. Later we all assembled in the church building at Cruzeiro do Sul where we celebrated the supper of the Lord Jesus Christ.

DONNA MARIA'S WORK IS REWARDED

This became one of the happiest homes I have ever entered. The son-in-law, Miguel Ibernson, who was first converted was later ordained to be the pastor of the church at Cruzeiro do Sul where he is still leading them on in a most noble way with the blessing of the Lord Jesus Christ. This family is very remarkable and has an important place in the gospel work in and near Cruzeiro do Sul. Zealous, sincere believers in Jesus Christ all of which date their conversions back to the untiring efforts of Donna Maria a Brazilian Baptist woman, as she would walk out there the fourteen miles and spend hours in the kitchen reading the Bible to them and telling them about her hope in the coming Lord from Heaven and the everlasting rest of all those who believe in Him and are saved. More about Donna Maria at another time.