

MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

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Cicero Bicipo
Ebenzer Guimaraes
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(Portuguese Language)

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Eld. J. F. Brandon, Missionary For 23 Years To Brazil, Returns There

Missionary J. F. Brandon sailed from New York City for Brazil to begin his twenty-fourth year as a missionary. Truly the Lord has greatly used him in these years. He has opened preaching points in the hardest of places and has led the people to receive Christ as their Saviour and then baptized them and then organized them into churches. He has organized 10 Baptist Churches in the last 23 years with others to be organized in the next few years. He was to sail from New York on the afternoon of January 30, 1947. Read the following letter from him:

New York City
January 28, 1947

I have not written you as yet because I was not sure when you would be home from your meeting in Russell, Ky., with Brother John R. Gilpin. However I think I sent you a card when I arrived in Washington, D. C., to visit Joe Jr., and wife. When I arrived in New York I was informed that the boat would not be sailing as had been announced so I returned to Washington to be with the children another little while. It cost me no more to do this than had I remained in New York City. The camera is here and I greatly appreciate it. The baggage that Bro. Clark sent has also arrived in time. The Lord willing I will sail at 5 P. M. on the 30th of January. I will be glad to get there and end the journey.

REQUESTS PRAYER

I hope that you will pray for me. The journey will not be comfortable by nature but the Lord we serve can make it to be profitable for Himself and that will be ever so much better after all. Anyway I desire your prayers. Sailors say that the sea is rougher than ever before and they do not understand, but I think I do, Luke 21:25-28. I will take about 20 rolls of film which will give a great number of pictures (12 for one roll). I did not write the church in Trigg County about them supporting Cicero, but you can, if you will, better than I. Am sending inside something for your rogues gallery. Had some made while in Kentucky and told John to send one to you when finished, this he will do. Must close, hope you are all well and happy and will continue to be by the grace and tender mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

If we never meet this side of Heaven, I am sure that we will be happy together over there. Remember me to your family and all the brethren and friends.

Sincerely,
J. F. Brandon



EBENEZER GUIMARAES

This is a picture of Brother Ebenezer Guimaraes a Brazilian Baptist preacher. He labors at the village of Campo Santana and surrounding territory. He and his wife are supported by the South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla. Brother R. H. Malcolm is the pastor.

TWO CHURCHES SUPPORT NATIVE WORKERS IN BRAZIL

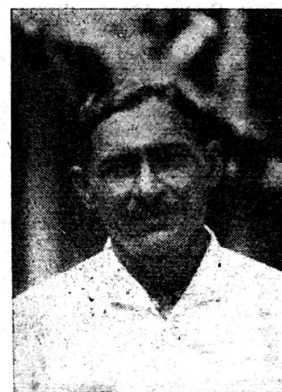
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
Cadiz, Kentucky

Two Baptist churches have recently voted to support full time a native Baptist Missionary in the Jurua River Valley of the Acre Territory of Brazil. The Mt. Pleasant Church near Cadiz, Ky., is one of the best country Baptist churches in the world. Recently a successful pastor of a large church of over a thousand members told us that Mt. Pleasant Baptist church was the best country Baptist church that he ever saw. Brother J. R. Guess is the successful pastor. Pastor Guess has advised that his church voted to send \$35.00 a month to the treasurer of Baptist Faith Missions for the support of their native missionary. Their missionary's name is Cicero Bicipo da Cruz and he labors at Amonho a village on the Jurua River 250 miles above Cruzeiro do Sul.

South Side Baptist Church
Winter Haven, Fla.

The South Side Baptist Church of Winter Haven, Fla., has also voted to support a native Baptist Missionary full time. This church sends \$35.00 a month for (Continued on next page)

Missionary R. P. Hallum, Wife, And Daughter Now Returning To Peru



CICERO BICIPO da CRUZ

This is a picture of Brother Cicero Bicipo da Cruz a Brazilian Baptist preacher. He labors at the village of Amonho and in the surrounding territory. He and his family are supported by the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Kentucky, Brother J. R. Guess is the pastor.

Missionary R. P. Hallum and Mrs. Hallum and their daughter Miss Marguerite Hallum sailed from New Orleans, Louisiana, January 12, 1947, for their return to their mission field in Iquitos, Peru in South America. They went from New Orleans to Houston, Texas then through the Panama Canal to the Pacific Ocean then to Buenaventura, Columbia and then to Guayaquil, Ecuador and from there to Calleo the port of Lima, Peru from where they will travel over the mountain by road, then down river to their field of labor at Iquitos. Take your map and trace their journey. This will make the trip interesting to you and also acquaint you with their field and how to get there. This is a different way than the one they went 12 years ago when they first went out as missionaries. Then they went to Belem, Brazil at the mouth of the Amazon River and up this river to Iquitos.

LETTERS WRITTEN ALONG THE WAY

Aboard John H. B. Latrobe
January 14, 1947

The Grace Line told us that the boat would sail the 9th of January but it did not sail until the early hours of the 12th (12:15 A. M. Sunday morning). The weather was rainy and bad and some of the cargo they were unable to load while it was raining, such as flour. The girl at the office made an attempt to get a room for us, but to no success. A former pastor and wife (when we were in Kentwood, La.) asked us to come and stay with them for the night. Each morning the sailing was postponed till afternoon and then until the next morning. The second day (Friday) we were allowed to put our baggage on board and spent the night on board. Saturday afternoon the other passengers (all missionaries of interdenominational groups) came aboard and at 12:15 A. M. we sailed. There are only eight passengers. Four in one family going to Bolivia and one woman going to Columbia and the three of us.

ANCHOR FOR FOG

Monday about 10 A. M. we had to anchor because of heavy fog. This morning (Tuesday, January 14) the fog lifted and we traveled for about an hour and now we are anchored again with fog all around us. According to the tentative schedule the Captain promises that this will be a rather long trip. We are to stop at Houston and Galveston, Texas and Panama and Buenaventura, Columbia (6 days for unloading and loading), Guayaquil, Ecuador finally arriving at Calleo, Peru. This boat is one of the Liberty Ship cargo vessels and very slow. This is the first trip that she has taken passengers. The passenger quarters are the one that the gun crews

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OUR FIRST JOURNEY TO PERU

By R. P. Hallum

Our first journey began at Kentwood, La. One rainy morning in May 1935 the pastor of the Baptist church took us to the railroad station and one of our neighbors had our baggage hauled. We went from there to Marion, Kentucky, for a few days and while there received notice that the boat on which we were to sail would be at Norfolk, Va., and would sail from there on a certain date. We boarded the train and arrived in Norfolk on the afternoon before the day the boat was to sail. The office people were getting uneasy about us when we arrived, afraid that we would get there too late to catch the boat.

OFF FOR SOUTH AMERICA

The head of the office took charge and sent us to a hotel and took care of our baggage and the next day we went aboard ship and sailed out for Belem, Para, Brazil about dusk for the 13 day journey. The boat was a freighter of the Booth American Shipping Corporation and there was only one passenger besides Mrs. Hallum and Marguerite and myself. The weather was perfect and the journey made without incident and there was scarcely any seasickness. About noon of the day before we arrived in the port of Belem, Brazil (we arrived at night) we noticed the dingy water and they told us that we were in the Amazon River. The water was not clear and blue like the ocean water.

THE HEALTH OFFICER ACTS UP

The morning after we arrived off port several Brazilian officials came on board to examine our papers. They Obed them and left. After they were gone the health officer came in and when he learned that they had already passed our papers he got hot, saying that the other officers should have waited for him as our health certificates should have been passed on by him before anything else. So he went off in a huff without passing our certificates. We sat there for two or three hours and finally the Captain of the boat made some sort of arrangement with the port officials and we entered the port.

THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

We had our passage paid to Iquitos, Peru and through the good providence of God a big Amazon river boat was in port preparing to sail up river the next day. We transferred our baggage from the ocean ship to the river boat avoiding the necessity of leaving it in the Brazilian customhouse. I asked the captain if it was alright for us to stay on board ship that night and he told me he had no authority to tell me not to stay, so we stayed on the ship that night. We made the round of the American, Brazilian and Peruvian Consulates to have our passports visaed.

OUR TRIP UP THE AMAZON

The following night at dark we started up the mighty Amazon River and for all that night and

half the next day we could hardly tell that we were out of the ocean because the river was so wide. Just here and there could one see what seemed like a little bunch of trees which were in fact islands. Few people have any true conception of the greatness of the Amazon River. I would estimate that the Amazon River is at least 15 or 20 times as large as the Mississippi River. At Manaus, Brazil which is 1000 miles up river from the ocean the Amazon must be at least 10 miles wide. We arrived at Manaus about 8 or 10 days after leaving Belem. It is slow traveling because of the swift current and also the boats use wood for fuel and much time is lost in stopping to take on wood.

MEETS MISSIONARY NELSON

Missionary Nelson who had been a missionary in Brazil for over 40 years in the Amazon valley had his home in Manaus. We wanted to visit him while the boat was stopped there but we did not know how to find his place and not knowing the Portuguese language we were afraid to start out on the hunt for his place. On the afternoon of the second day in the port at Manaus a Brazilian came on board selling things. We could not understand much of what he said but we tried to use the little Spanish which we had learned on him, and we made him understand that we were Baptists. He went home and sent his son to the home of Brother Nelson to advise him that some American Baptist Missionaries were on the boat

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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.

OUR NEEDS

Baptist Faith Missions needs a good adding machine. Brother Z. E. Clark gives his time as Treasurer and he has several ledgers to keep of all offerings and from whom they come and when, and also records of all checks written for support of the missionaries and for traveling expenses and journeys and equipment. This requires many hours of time week after week the year around. A good adding machine of any brand would greatly help in this work. Also the editor of the MISSION SHEETS needs some help on his typewriter. He has a 12 inch carriage Underwood that he has used for about 16 years. This machine is used almost entirely in connection with the mission work. Because of the many stencils cut for mimeographing, the rubber rollers are swelled and the machine is in great need of a complete overhaul so that it will be in good condition for use in the Lords work. It will cost about \$20.00 to get this needed overhaul work done. We feel that all we need to do is to mention the need for the adding machine and the overhaul of the typewriter.

HALLUMS RETURNING

(Continued from preceding page) used aboard during the war. It rained every day we were in New Orleans and we unable to take any pictures, but will take some before we leave the ship. This is Thursday night, January 16th. The fog lasted three days and we were unable to move. Today we knew why when the fog cleared we met 20 ships in this Galveston inlet on our way into Houston. It would have meant disaster to have tried to move in the fog. They say at this time of the year the fog lasts 12 days sometimes.

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

We were all praying the fog would lift and about one P. M. a strong cold wind started blowing and soon the fog was cleared completely and we saw ships all around us. January 26, 1947. A few lines to let you know our progress. We should reach Cristobal, Panama in a couple of hours. Will take some pictures if we are permitted to do so. We were in Galveston, Texas a day and a half. We had two days rather rough weather out from Galveston, but now the sea is very calm. We may be in Cristobal overnight as ships are not allowed to start through the Panama Canal after 3 P. M. It will probably take another two weeks before we reach Calleo, Peru.

Yours in His service
The Hallums

NATIVE WORKERS

(Continued from preceding page) the support of their missionary, \$20.00 a month in addition to help in the support of the Brandons and Hallums and the other native missionaries. Brother R. H. Malcolm is the good pastor of this real missionary church. Pastor Malcolm and his church have been supporting this mission work for a long time and now they take on the support of the

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 1947

First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	\$ 192.87
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	77.00
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	13.75
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	64.00
Hickory Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	10.12
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	37.28
Zoar Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	25.10
Kirbyton Baptist Church, Kirbyton, Ky.	25.05
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	12.00
Ralford Baptist Church, Ralford, Fla.	5.00
First Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	15.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	3.25
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	26.35
Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, Ky.	50.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	35.25
Hopewell Baptist Church Toledo, Ohio	10.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	14.27
Eaton Avenue Baptist Church, Young People, Muncie, Ind.	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich.	56.81
Grace Baptist Church, B. Y. P. U., Baseline, Mich.	8.50
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	48.00
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.	60.95
Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	7.15
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	30.25
Fenton Road Baptist Church, L. B. C.	5.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	5.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	11.62
Liberty Baptist Church Toledo, Ohio	10.25
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	50.00
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Fulton, Ky.	5.00
Mrs. E. H. Purdom, Elmhurst, Ill.	25.00
First Missionary Baptist Church, Coal Grove, Ohio	18.00
Miss Lodge L. Hendley, Farmington, Ky.	2.00
James Brandon, Benton, Ky.	5.85
Mrs. Lillian B. Kirk, Kermit, W. Va.	20.00
S. V. Wood, Providence, Ky.	10.00
John M. Holtzelaw, Corpus Christi, Texas	10.00
Don Grollmund, Fort Worth, Texas	10.00

Total \$1120.21
Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer

WORK AMONG WOMEN

By Marguerite Hallum

Apart from the regular Sunday School at the Church on Sunday morning, we have a service for women and children on Sunday afternoon in another part of the city. It is in a building rented for the purpose, in a part of the city not reached by any other evangelical group. The building is small and inadequate, but the only one we could find in that section. It is sometimes filled and overflowing. The average attendance was between 25 and 30. We teach them choruses and Bible verses, always taking the folding organ along. We usually get there about 20 to 30 minutes ahead of time, so as to give them time to get ready to come. After they would hear the music of the organ they would begin to get ready to come.

USE FLANNELGRAPH IN TEACHING

We used the flannelgraph lessons and usually hold the attention of even the tiny tots. In this same building a preaching service is held on Tuesday nights. On Friday night of each week

the women of the church meet at the church building for Bible study. They all like to take part in the service, even if it is only to quote a Bible verse. Dona Rosaria, an old lady of the church who did not know how to read or write, always quoted a verse taught to her by her daughter who is also a member. She attended all the church services up until a short time before her death. At this women's meeting they like to have open discussion about the Word of God and compare experiences in testifying.

MORE WORKERS NEEDED

The work among the women and children of Iquitos is truly a great one and the urgent need for more workers is apparent to we who have seen that field. Many mission points could be opened up in various parts of the city. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest.

HALLUM TRAIN WRECK

On Friday morning, December 27, 1946, Miss Marguerite Hallum was on the Illinois Central streamliner, the Panama Limited going from Hammond, La., to New Orleans, La., to make a deposit on the tickets for their journey back to Peru by boat. About 22 miles south of Hammond six of the cars went off the track and turned over including the last car which was the one Marguerite was in. In her letter dated January 2, 1947, she wrote as follows: "A week ago tonight I wrote you saying I planned to go to New Orleans to see about confirming our reservations, etc. I never did get there. The train I was on wrecked about half way between here and New Orleans. My brother and sister-in-law were with me. Six cars were derailed and partly overturned, including the car we

were in. I was thrown against the end of the wall, breaking my glasses, cutting my nose and lip and breaking off one of my teeth which came all the way through my lip to the cut on top. We were in the observation car and my legs were quite badly bruised by the furniture falling on top of me and pinning me to the wall.



My brother received a slight brain concussion and compression injuries of the chest. He was in the hospital two days. My sister-in-law got a sprained neck and bruises on the legs. The Lord was surely with us and spared us further injury. The train was a streamliner and was making about 80 miles per hour. My face is about healed up and the stitches (11 of them) were removed today. The bruises on my legs are quite painful, but will heal in time. No one was killed in the accident. About 75 were injured. Father went to New Orleans the next day to attend to the business I was going for."

All will rejoice with us that our missionary was not more seriously hurt and that she is well again and on her way back to Peru. Pray for them.

MISSION SHEETS

Would you like for each member of your church to be more missionary? Then have them read the MISSION SHEETS. People will not believe, and do, mission work unless they are taught and know about it. The more a church gives for missions the more she will give to every other cause. If you will send us the name and address of the person to receive them we will send you free each month (without obligation in anyway) enough copies of the MISSION SHEETS so that each family may have one. Most churches get 15 or 20. Some 25 and the real large ones more. Send us a card and tell us how many you want.

OUR FIRST TRIP TO PERU

(Continued from preceding page) and Brother Nelson came down to see us. He made himself known and conducted us to his home.

MEETS MISSIONARY BRANDON

We were surprised to find Brother Joe Brandon and family there at Brother Nelson's home. They were getting ready to go up river on the boat we were on. They had come from up river to Brother and Sister Nelson's home to rest and try to get well of the malaria which had gotten in their system while up river. The Brandons were all in poor health, especially Mrs. Brandon, but they boarded the boat with us the next morning and we all made the journey together up river for

a thousand miles or more to the town of Esperanza which is on the Brazil side of the Peruvian border. The Brandons got off there for the purpose of working with the few saints that were in that place and we journeyed on up river.

WE ARRIVE IN IQUITOS PERU

After three more days up river we arrived at Iquitos, Peru our place of mission work. The journey from Belem at the mouth of the Amazon River to Iquitos, Peru was a long hard hot one. It was monotonous and took 23 days just for that part of the journey alone. Occasionally we would see a shack on the river bank and a few small towns and villages here and there, but far between. Once or twice a day the boat would stop for wood for fuel. On the thirty-ninth after leaving Norfolk, Virginia we arrived at our new home in Peru where we were to do mission work for our blessed Lord. Not knowing anyone and having but little training in Spanish, the language of Peru (it is Portuguese in Brazil) here we were. We had studied Spanish but found that studying Spanish in books is not sufficient for one to understand and use it. One must associate with the people that use it and educate both ear and tongue.

THE BRITISH CONSUL HELPS

The British Consul in Iquitos helped us out by putting us in touch with an American family who were there at that time. The man and wife came to the boat to meet us and took us to their home for a visit that night. We returned to the boat later and spent the night on the boat. The next morning our American friend came down and helped us with our baggage through the custom house. Then we went to his house to stay for a few days until we could find a house for ourselves. We could not find anything suitable so the man rented us some rooms at a very reasonable price and we stayed with them for three months. We were treated very kindly by these people and our stay was agreeable except we were not in accord on many question of the Scripture. There was so much disturbance and confusion in the congregation over who was to be leader that we stayed in our rooms rather than attend the services with them. This caused the natives, who could not understand why we did so, to think that we were very selfish.

WE FIND A HOUSE

After three months we found a house and moved into it. I think it would be well to explain the religious situation existing in that region at that time among the evangelicals. There were three evangelical Missionaries who were formerly under the same Mission and supposed to be preaching the same things (it was an unionistic mission). These missionaries had stepped into the work of Mr. Carter who went out under the Amazon Valley Baptist Faith Mission and had started the work there and left the field because of sickness. It appears that because each of these Missionaries wanted to be the leader that there was confusion and division.

(To be continued in the next issue.)

OUR TYPEWRITER

The typewriter used for the mission work is now about 16 years old and has been used continually for the past five years in connection with this mission work. It needs a complete overhaul which will cost about \$20.00. Need we say more?