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Some More Facts Concerning Our First Journey To Heathen Peru

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The Situation In Iquitos Peru

When we arrived at Iquitos there were two little congregations of evangelicals, a little later there were three. I knew very little of the situation in Iquitos when we arrived there. Our American friend asked me if I came to take over Mr. Carter's work which he had nicely started and unthoughtedly I told him that I had. I did not know what condition the work was in, and if I had I would not have answered yes for I did not want to get mixed up in the situation. However, the man who had most of Brother Carter's crowd looked on me as his enemy, but I do not know of more than two or three who came to us after we commenced our work.

A Period Of Preparation

The first six months that we were in Iquitos we spent mostly in getting ready to work. We took lessons in Spanish from a Peruvian teacher, a young lady, that had been in England and learned English right well. In various ways we contacted the people from day to day and little by little learned to understand and speak their language. Much of the time I spent in visiting the people and distributing tracts. During this time I had an attack of bowel inflammation. I suppose it was caused from the hot climate and eating too many bananas. They are very rich and hard for me to digest. Through God's goodness I found a remedy and came out of it. After we had been on the field about six months we began to hold services. It was a small beginning, about fifteen persons, men, women and children, but it was a beginning and it slowly grew.

A Church Constituted

In two or three months after beginning the services in our house we gather a few believers together and baptized them, three men and two women. With these and ourselves we constituted a

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GIVING UNTIL IT HURTS

Many times we hear it said that we should give until it hurts. Better yet is to give until it feels good. Our offerings do not begin until after the tithe is paid. The tithe belongs to the Lord. He said so, and the tithe is holy unto the Lord. He said so. See Lev. 27:30. Abraham commenced tithing. Gen. 14:20. Jacob continued tithing. Gen. 28:22. Malachi commanded tithing. Mal. 3:10. Jesus commended tithing. Matt. 23:23. The Lord promised to open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing upon the tither in greater abundance than he will be able to receive and God does not lie.

YOU CANNOT OUTGIVE GOD

Many times we use the expression "You cannot outgive God". This is true and we challenge you to put it to test in your own giving. Several years ago we hoped that several others would join with us in giving all they earned over and above a living to the Lord for His work. We felt that if four others would join with us in such giving that we could support a missionary family ourselves, of course through our respective churches. The Lord did more than we had hoped and month by month added new churches to the list of supporters until now about 60 have helped out in the last five years. During the depression one day we came home and my wife said I need a new dress this is the only one I have, and you need a new suit and that is the only one you have. A few days later she was given \$20.00 for a new dress and other things to go with it. Instead of buying the new dress she put it into this mission work the following Sunday, designated through her church. The follow-

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This is a picture of the Hallums as they are about to board ship for Peru. They left New Orleans on January 12th and are still on their way. The ship has stopped for unloading and they have had to remain for weeks aboard in the heat because of the great delay. Pray for them.

How God Leads And Directs In Personal Work In Far-Away Brazil

JOE BRANDON



This is a picture of Missionary Rebecca with his daughters, Rebecca (the older), and Betty, taken at his home in Benton, Kentucky, before leaving for Brazil. Brother Brandon left New York on January 30th and we have not heard from him to date. Pray for him and his family.

"Oh it is you back again is it? Thought I told you to keep away from here. I don't want any of your kind around here and you well know it." This was the greeting given to one of the believers in the Lord Jesus who had called at the home of a neighbor early one beautiful day, in hope of winning him to the Lord. The believer began: "Well I do recall your decision the last time we were together but I have something so important to say to you this morning that I felt sure you would listen to me for a while." "Well you thought wrong" was the reply, "for I will not listen, so be off, I will never leave the religion of my fathers even though it should lead me to hell. I would prefer being in hell with my fathers than in heaven with you Baptists." But the believer insisted, "Suppose one passes your home just as it had taken fire and the room was well in flames, would you be offended if that one were to call you and let you know the danger and help you to get yourself and your family out." "Oh no" he replied, "but my house is not on fire and besides I do not care to discuss religion with anyone. The priests do not want us to talk to ignorant people on the subject."

PREACHES JESUS TO HIM

"Sir, your house is not on fire but I came to tell you that hell is on fire and that the latest message we have received from there is that the millions who have lived in neglect and carelessness, following the vain religion of men, at last to their dismay, having rejected the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus at Calvary, have fallen into that awful abyss where no comfort will ever come to their souls. They confess that they are being tormented and that the flames cannot be extinguished. They speak of the remorse of their conscience, they recall that when they were in the world friends came to persuade them to become Christians and forsake the ways of the

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BE CAREFUL

Recently Brother Z. E. Clark, the treasurer of this mission work, received a letter with a check for about \$80.00 in it. This letter had the right address, both street and number, but it was delivered by mistake to the same number on another street and opened by mistake. The party who opened it immediately brought it to Brother Clark's house. You can see what might happen if cash is sent in a letter even though it may be addressed correctly. It is best to send all offerings by check or money order. In case anyone sends an offering and it is not listed in the MISSION SHEETS' financial report, please write to the treasurer at once giving details, etc.

Things Not Missionary

Many Baptists are looking for a mission work that is really a New Testament work where they can put their money and know that it is being used for real mission work, that is preaching the word to the lost and then baptizing the saved ones and then teaching them to observe the all things, or in short to indoctrinate them. Because many Baptists have not known of such a work they have given their money to work that is not Baptist.

It is true that there are missionaries who preach the plan of salvation, but beyond that they are not Scriptural. Only Baptists can and do carry out all the great commission that the Lord gave to His church. We are commissioned to not get the lost saved but to make Baptists out of the saved.

MANY FAIL

It is also true that many missionaries under various Baptist missions have failed in this. Many missionaries are not sound. They are rank modernists. The Northern Baptist Convention Boards send out such. Many go out and do not know what real mission work is. A few years ago we talked to a woman who had been a missionary in Burma for more than thirty years. She had retired and was back in the States on pension. She spoke at many places about her work as a missionary of some 36 years. One day we asked her what she did and she told us that she taught English in a school in Burma. She seemed to be a kindly good woman and we heard her tell many times of her experiences. She told of her pupils who became good agriculturists and of others who were successful in other

walks of life. We never once heard her tell of leading one soul to Christ. Her work seemed to be purely of a "social gospel" nature. We asked ourselves, thirty-six years of what? What did the money given for missions accomplish? We still want to know.

HOW CAN I DO IT?

How can I send offerings to the support of this mission work and still send it through my church? Designate your offering. Give it to your church treasurer and tell him it is designated to Baptist Faith Missions for the work in Brazil and Peru and have him send a check to the treasurer, Z. E. Clark, 5216 Concord Ave., Detroit 11, Mich. Editor I. W. Rogers reports in THE FAITH that the churches in some associations designate more mission offerings than they give to the "program."

A MEDICAL MISSIONARY

Also a few years ago we heard a Baptist Medical missionary tell of his work in a Central American country. This Doctor had been on the field for several years and had a small hospital. He told of many operations on many of the natives. He told of giving medical care to many others and the experiences were interesting. We listened to him on two different occasions and not once did

we hear him tell of leading a lost soul to Christ or of even tell of speaking to a soul about Christ. We waited and wondered what kind of missionary he was and finally he told of some missionaries that went out on the streets and into the homes and made journeys to tell people about the Lord Jesus Christ and how they led people to Christ. Then he said if you want to go there and see how many, and how quick, you can get some of them saved that is alright, but in the long run over a period of 50 years it is best to do as he was doing and let the people see the good they were doing by helping the people and then in 50 years the country will be evangelized. Again the work was all social in nature.

TUMORS OUT BUT NO CHRISTIANS

Now some may ask if we believe in doctors and hospitals and in healing the sick etc., and our answer is, yes we do. If this doctor would tell every patient about the Lord Jesus Christ and try to lead each one to know Jesus as his own personal Saviour and give a positive testimony for Christ as well as to take out the big tumors that he told about, we would agree that then he was a missionary. But that he did not do. We mention these as some things that are not missionary. Many a mission dollar is being wasted by modernist missionaries and the "social gospelers." The lost must hear the word. They will not be saved by the life lived before them re-

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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 FIRST JOURNEY TO PERU

(Continued from preceding page) church and called it the First Baptist Church in Iquitos, Peru. Before leaving Kentwood, La., the church there authorized me to baptize and organize a church after I arrived in Peru. After constituting the church we wrote for our letters and united with the church by letter. Besides the services held three times a week in our house, we had another mission in another part of the city and also we held services in the jail. I was also visiting from house to house continually giving out the Word, distributing the Scripture and tracts. Several people made profession of faith and were baptized into the fellowship of the church by the time we left on our first furlough at the end of five years.

A Church Building

We felt a need of a church building in Iquitos and after prayerful consideration of the subject we decided to look for a location in the section which we believed more suitable for a Baptist church. We found a lot on a corner one block from the main public square and two blocks from the Catholic Temple. We bought the lot, but it was in very bad condition being lower than the surrounding ground and having an open ditch running through it, with several ugly shacks adjoining it. The sewer ran through the center of the street on two sides, but this difficulty was overcome by hauling dirt from nearby places where excavating was being done and filling in and raising the lot. We went to a notary public advising the city council of the unsanitary conditions surrounding our property. This caused the tearing down of the shacks and building new brick houses and later the city made a brick sewer and filled the open ditch.

We Began To Build

We began to build about April and had the church building finished in less than three months. The walls are of brick, the floor of cement and the roof of tile. Only the ceiling, doors and windows are of wood. The building is 26 feet by 36 feet and cost approximately \$1,000.00 including the lot. A building like it today would cost probably \$3,000.00. We, the missionaries, contributed most of the money with the native members putting in their small contributions. According to my experience the building of a church house is much easier than building a church.

Experiences With Members

One of the men became offended at another because he had compared him to an Indian (which is an insult to a Peruvian). They were fussing at each other and I invited them to my house thinking that I could get them reconciled, but instead they almost fought. I reported the matter to the church and at the next business meeting they readily forgave each other and shook hands. One of the brethren got to attending a spiritist meeting. I learned about it and went to him and explained to him that it was wrong and he got up in church and confessed his sin asking the church to forgive him. We have had some very sad experiences with some other members but the

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1947

Table listing financial contributions from various churches and individuals, including Bellview Baptist Church, South Side Baptist Church, etc., with amounts ranging from \$1.00 to \$50.00.

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer

As the Lord 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.

THINGS NOT MISSIONARY

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THE LOST MUST HEAR THE WORD

Jesus lived at Nazareth for 18 years and we know He did all things well. We know that He lived a perfect life before all, yet none were saved by the life He lived there. When He did preach to them at Nazareth they wanted to throw Him over a cliff. This is true even if the modernists do not believe it. Missionaries should live before the natives so that their lives will be as perfect as possible so that when they preach Christ and His word the people will listen and then the Holy Spirit will use that preached word to bring conviction and then the convicted ones will be saved by believing on Jesus Christ and not by looking at the good life of the missionary. Perhaps some will read these lines that will want to join in with us in the support of this work.

PERSONAL WORK IN BRAZIL

(Continued from preceding page) world and follow the Lord Jesus Christ. They even remember the distressed of this life yet here on the earth. Their thirst is such as can hardly be endured. They recognize one another and are unhappy because of these meetings. Such a humiliation is

constancy of some has been remarkable.

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far greater than any experienced here on this earth."

THE SAINTS CAN'T HELP

"They have cried to the saints, but the saints are helpless to assist them. They have even asked that someone would be sent back here to the earth from the glory world to advise their families so that they would be wise and avoid hell before it was too late. But of course none can return to the people. You see the people here have the Baptists to tell them about the blood of Jesus that cleanses from all sin and that by faith in His sacrifice one receives full pardon from God the Father to be never more condemned."

The neighbor replied, "Did you say you had a message from there saying all that?" The man stood in amazement as he listened. The believer replied, "Yes, you see believers are the living saints, they are in communion with the living God by His living word with the Holy Spirit to teach and guide them in the way of all truth, so if you will come tonight to our service, our pastor can instruct you better over at the church and we will be glad to have you come too." "Do you mean to say that you would be glad to have me after the way I have talked to you and mistreated you this morning and at other times as well." "Why to be sure my friend we are interested in the salvation of your soul and would go to almost any extreme to see you saved and happy as we ourselves are."

THE NEIGHBOR AND HIS FAMILY ARE SAVED

The man came and the service that night was a deep spiritual one and the impressions were the very best. His interest was deepened, a friendship between the two men sprang up,

NEW MISSIONARIES NEEDED

We feel that the greatest need just now for the mission work in Brazil and Peru is other missionaries. We do not know how to explain the great need at Cruzeiro do Sul where Brother Brandon is located. Here he has his headquarters and from here he works the field by boat up the Jurua River and other rivers that empty into it. Here he has five churches and 30 preaching points over a distance of about 250 miles up the Jurua River and as much as 75 miles up the Moa River. He carries on this work alone with the help of five native Baptist preachers. In Cruzeiro do Sul this mission has a house already furnished with the necessary furniture for a new missionary couple to live in. This furniture includes a new Serwel kerosene operated refrigerator. Here is an opportunity for a God called preacher and wife to really do service for their Lord. The work is well established, the need is greater than we know how to explain, the field is ripe unto harvest, persecution is there at times to make the work grow and glow.

A missionary with 23 years of experience who knows the language is there to help and to work with. Several have indicated that they are interested. Only real Baptists need apply. The Brazilian women and children need the help of a good woman, the wife of the missionary. The work is hard and calls for real sacrifice. The reward, well: Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. I Cor. 2:9. The couple that goes must be called of God to go and to stay. They should realize that trials will come and many will be the time when all will look dark, but to the ones who are true and remain the clouds will pass away and the brightness will be greater than before. Those that are called should love the Lord and His work more than they love their father, and mother or brother or sister or home. Let us pray that the Lord will call workers into this field and that soon. We know of no greater challenge or opportunity.

AHAVA BAPTIST CHURCH
Plant City, Fla.

Pastor George Boyer writes: "My people enjoyed Brother Brandon very much when he was with us and they are always eager to get and read the MISSION SHEETS when they come. The church voted to send \$10.00 each month to the work there and I am enclosing the check with this letter." Who will be next?

ALEX SUMPTER

Union Grove, Wis.

"I am sending \$1.00 to help with the work. I am an old man almost 84 years old and living alone, but I love God's Word. Alex Sumpter."

Brother Sumpter has been supporting this mission work for several years as you will note in the report from month to month. We have never seen him and he has never seen any of the missionaries, but he loves New Testament Faith Mission work. We shall see and meet him some day in the glory land. "That will be glory for me."

Priority

A noted young concert artist was asked the secret of her success with her violin. "Planned neglect," she replied, and then explained. "There were many things which demanded my time. When I went to my room after breakfast, I made my bed, straightened my room, dusted the floor, and did whatever came to my attention. When I finished my work, I turned my attention to violin practice. That system failed to accomplish the result desired, so I reversed things. I deliberately planned to neglect everything else until my practice period was completed. That program of planned neglect accounts for my success." Planned neglect may not sound good at first reading, but it is essential to give priority in the use of our time if we are to become efficient in the service of God and man.

and sometime later the neighbor was saved, then his family were saved one by one, and such a happy community as that is now. When God's fire is lighted in the hearts of men it cannot be stopped. It burns, consumes and purifies all at the same time. Praise the Lord for the grace that saves and satisfies.

HIMSELF

Once it was the blessing,
Now it is the Lord;
Once it was the feeling,
Now it is His Word.
Once His gifts I wanted,
Now the Giver own;
Once I sought for healing,
Now Himself alone.
Once 'twas painful trying,
Now 'tis perfect trust;
Once a half salvation,
Now the uttermost.
Once 'twas ceaseless holding,
Now he holds me fast;
Once 'twas constant drifting,
Now my anchor's cast.
Once 'twas busy planning,
Now 'tis trustful prayer;
Once 'twas anxious caring,
Now He has the care.
Once 'twas what I wanted,
Now what Jesus says;
Once 'twas constant asking,
Now 'tis ceaseless praise.
Once it was my working,
His it hence shall be;
Once I tried to use Him,
Now He uses me.
Once the power I wanted,
Now the Mighty One;
Once for self I labored,
Now for Him alone.
Once I hoped for Jesus,
Now I know He's mine;
Once my lamps were dying,
Now they brightly shine.
Once for death I waited,
Now His coming hail;
And my hopes are anchored
Safe within the veil.
—Selected

YOU CANNOT OUTGIVE GOD

(Continued from preceding page) ing Wednesday when we came home from work at the end of the day, she was standing in the door with a beautiful black dress on and said, "how do you like it?" and we answered "fine." She went into the bedroom and came out with another one and said, "how do you like this one?" and we said "fine" again. She went into the other room and came out with the third dress on and then the fourth and then the fifth, the last time she held in each hand a suit hanger with a suit of clothes on each one and said, "how do you like these," and we said, "better yet." We then knelt and with tears of joy thanked our heavenly Father for these five dresses and two suits and for the fine Baptist layman and wife that sent them. You cannot outgive God.