

MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

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MISSIONARIES IN PERU

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MISSION SHEETS

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Here's How God Saved Joe Brandon To Make A Missionary Out Of Him

In October 1920 a revival meeting was being conducted in the Benton Baptist Church by a well known West Kentucky preacher. At that time I was living in Benton, Kentucky with my family but was not interested at all in the work of the Lord, neither my own salvation, how be it I was a member of that church. Mine was just one of those unhappy cases where people were dragged in to the church on one of the over used mourners bench propositions without being saved. This had happened when I was a boy. For years I lived in dread but at last I had become hardened and for years had not been to church. This preacher had been a good friend to my family for a number of years and my mother invited me to attend the services. Because of this friendship and to gratify her I went.



This is a picture of Missionary R. P. Hallum baptizing Don Thomas del Castillo in the bay at Buenaventura, Columbia on February 13, 1947. This was while their boat was delayed for three weeks at this place. See letter about this in this issue.

HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTION

I very well remember the one and only time I attended. The house was over crowded and there were five of us on one bench that only had a capacity for four, I myself being on the inside with but very little to comfort me. The minister's message had no effect upon me for I had resolved that there was no longer any hope for me. I felt that I had trifled with holy things and that God would not forgive me for I was too great a sinner. When time came to call for the invitation however my mind changed, for something that was said brought me under conviction, deep and serious. Within me my soul wept while without I tried to put on a bold front. As I sat there trying to make up my mind to go forward for prayer, as that was the proposition, my impression was so strong to go that it seemed to me that a voice spoke to me and recommended me to go and I marvelled that such should be the case. Then as I considered the impression or voice the singing ceased and the pastor arose and said that the following February if the Lord willed Brother A. W. Pink would be there to conduct a meeting.

MONTHS PASS BY

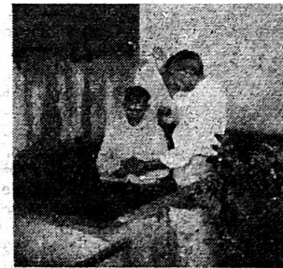
Now strange as it may seem to others, the Spirit of my conviction stood waiting my decision at my heart's door, this thing being so real to me that I no longer realized that anyone was near and I replied in audible voice "Not now, but when Pink comes" and I felt the Spirit leave. Then my wife turned to me and said, "What did you say?" My reply to her was "Nothing." I returned home and to my daily work but with a heavy heart for I knew that I had been, though for a moment, in the presence of the Lord and still unsaved. At that time I was working for my brother

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PRAYER MEETING

Last October when both Missionary Brandon and Missionary Hallum were in Detroit at a meeting of Baptist Faith Missions, it was voted that the preachers would meet the Monday after the third Sunday of each month for a day of prayer, meeting with the various pastors from time to time. The prayer meeting on April 21st at Oak Baptist Church with Pastor D. O. Calvin, was one of the best that we have ever been to in our life and the brethren decided to meet again the following Monday at Fenton Road Church with Pastor J. R. Masterson and when we met at Flint, Mich. that morning and went to the Lord in prayer it was a time never to be forgotten. Brethren we challenge the pastors to get together in groups like this and pray for the missionaries and their work. It will be a blessing to each pastor and his church. May we hear from you?

Read This Letter From Bro. Hallum If You Would See How God Works In Peru



This is a picture of Missionary R. P. Hallum baptizing a Peruvian believer in the church at Iquitos, Peru. This believer's name is Ricardo Flores Read the interesting account of this man's baptism in the letter from Brother Hallum in this issue.

Iquitos, Peru
April 10, 1947

Your letter dated April 3 arrived yesterday April 9. This leaves us well and occupied in getting things arranged somewhat as they were before. We are certainly fortunate in having our house that we lived in before. Houses for rent are very scarce and the rent is out of all reason. Material for construction of houses is very difficult to buy.

FOUR SAVED IN ONE SERVICE

The Lord is blessing the work. On Wednesday night after we arrived four persons stood on their feet to indicate for the first time publicly that they believed in the Lord as their personal Saviour. They were two women and two boys. One woman and the two boys are attending regularly and seem to be interested in the work of the Lord. I am not acquainted with the other woman very well.

ONE BAPTIZED

We had the joy of baptizing a brother last Sunday who had been a believer for years, but had been hindered from being baptized by his woman. He and this woman lived together and raised several children without being lawfully married, which is a custom very common in this land, and she would not consent to be married to him so that he could be baptized, and gave as the excuse that they had lived together and raised their family and she did not see any reason for marrying then. After we left here and went to the States on our furlough, we learned that she was a leper and had been sent to the leper colony where she soon died. This left our brother free to be baptized. We did not know that she was a leper, therefore could not understand why our brother could not adjust the matter so as to be baptized.

MEMBER TO LEPER COLONY

Another sad incident in the church life here, one of the (Continued on next page)

MARGUERITE'S LETTER

Iquitos, Peru
April 18, 1947

Enclosed are the pictures of the baptizing told about in the last letter. The pictures were not ready when it was mailed. The man who was baptized is Ricardo Flores. The boat "Thumbe" on which our baggage is to come from Callao (Lima) left on April 1 and is expected to arrive here on May 17. I hope this finds all well and continuing receiving God's blessings in the work.

Yours in Him,
Marguerite Hallum

Missionary Hallum At Work In Columbia

Iquitos Peru
March 31, 1947

On January 28, 1947 we entered the Bay of Buenaventura, Columbia and anchored in the harbor. The day following my wife, daughter and I accompanied Miss Coffey (a missionary who was going to the interior of Columbia) to the Customs House to attend to her baggage. Miss Coffey stayed at a hotel that night and by appointment met her at a point in the city the next day, from where we were to go to the house of Don Thomas del Castillo that he might recommend a wash woman to us. Don Thomas was with her and we all went to his house and while they were making arrangements about the washing, I was getting a hair cut, after which Don Thomas (who had been the pastor of the only evangelical congregation in Buenaventura, but had recently resigned) and I went to get a paper signed that would permit us to bring our washing in and out, (from and to the ship).

MAN ASKS FOR BAPTISM

As we were going I asked him about who he was connected with and he told me that he had been with the Christian Missionary Alliance until recently but had separated from them because of some difficulties and misunderstandings between him and the leaders. The next day I took the washing and visited with him for a short while. He impressed me as being a man above the ordinary intelligence for one who had had no more opportunities than he, and of much zeal for preaching the gospel. He told me he was going ahead and preach on

his own. I did not see him anymore until I went back after the laundry, on which occasion we conversed awhile, the trend of the conversation being on the Bible and religion. We had several conversations of this kind, which resulted in his asking me to baptize him, as he wanted to work with the Baptists. So on February 13, 1947 I baptized him in the waters of Buenaventura Bay, near this city.

THE PROTESTANT MINISTER RAVES

It is no pleasure to me to relate these things, but I do so to call attention to some things that to me seem to be important. First: That Baptists in some places are so loose that they can hardly be distinguished from Protestants. Second: That Baptists in general are failing to emphasize those marks that distinguish them from all others. Third: That many of the Protestant leaders are inexcusably ignorant about what Baptists believe and practice. Just before we sailed the Protestant minister who was there looking after their work came to the ship and said that he wanted to talk with me, so I took him to a part of the ship where we could talk. He began by saying he had heard that I had baptized Don Thomas, and if it were true, why had I done so. I explained to him how it came about. He seemed to be astonished, and was angry saying that he had never heard of such a thing before. He had never heard of Baptists baptizing people that had already been immersed. I explained to him that Baptists do not accept any baptism except

their own.

ALIEN IMMERSION

He said that he had worked in Argentina as a C. A. Missionary among the Baptists and that the Baptists received the C. A. baptism and vice versa; that one of the leading Baptists in Argentina received the baptism of the C. A. He gave his name as a native of Argentina. I explained to him that the Baptists had suffered persecution all down through the centuries because they would not receive the baptism of others and advised him to investigate the matter. He referred to my baptizing the man as a trick that I had played. I answered that it was not a trick but that I was carrying out the great commission of the Lord. Then I asked him about his baptism. He said that he was baptized by a Baptist preacher. I told him that he had rejected or abandoned the Baptists, therefore his baptizing of others is unscriptural.

DOUBTS MY CALL AS A MISSIONARY

It is easy to see how inconsistent he and many others like him are. They leave the Baptists and take up with something else, thinking they have done no wrong. But when a Baptist preacher comes along and baptized one whom they have immersed, they are greatly offended and rave about it. He told me that he had his doubts of my being called of the Lord to work as a missionary in South America. Of course I replied that he was not my judge. He made some very serious accusations against the man I bap-

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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.

MISSIONARIES NEEDED

The missionaries constantly tell of the need for more missionaries. Missionary Brandon needs a good man and wife to help at Cruzeiro do Sul. He has needed help for all these 23 and one half years. Missionary Nelson begged for help in the Amazon Valley for 48 years until he died at Manaus. His continued call for help led the late H. Boyce Taylor to go to Brazil some 25 years ago and see the conditions. As a result Brandon is now in Brazil and Hallum in Peru. Now both of these men of God need help and need it badly. The language in Brazil is Portuguese and is easy to learn as far as other languages are concerned. Any wide awake man can go and learn it gradually and if he will can be preaching a little within six months. With Missionary Brandon there to help and show him how to do real New Testament mission work, it is an opportunity of a lifetime for a God-called man. The women and children need a good woman to help them and teach them from day to day while the men are breaking the brush and on journeys.

Who Will Answer The Call?

Many have said they are interested. Some preachers are interested, but their wives do not want to go. Most certainly only God-called men should go and a preacher's wife should be willing to go where God calls her husband to go and then to help in her way and in her place when she gets there. The opportunities are as great as the promises of God and the rewards will be given in glory when the five crowns are given out by the Lord. There is a crown of life, a crown of glory, a crown of rejoicing, a crown incorruptible and a crown of righteousness. It will be a great time in glory for a missionary to see the redeemed of foreign lands come marching by and hear the Lord say, in as much as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren ye did it unto me. Then the toils and suffering and sickness and pain along the way will seem nothing. It will be a great time also for those who have not been called to go but who have sent their money that others might go. Many a godly father and mother who have labored and had little of this world's goods, but who have honored the Lord with their tithes and offerings and had a part in sending the gospel that the lost might be saved, will be greatly surprised in that day of days when the wedding of weddings will take place and the One who has His rewards with Him will say, "And this is for you." Truly we shall understand it better by and by. The writer of these lines is looking forward to that time and he is going to be there by the grace of the Lord Jesus, and not by any works or righteousness of his own. We won't have to be introduced around either. We will know as we are known. We will all be in the same family and will know each other.

As Sure As Our Substitute

But some ask are you sure about that? And we answer we are just as sure as our Substitute. Jesus is our Substitute and He is acceptable to the Father and we are accepted in the beloved. He died as our Substitute and God

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 1947		
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	\$	55.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.		28.30
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio		13.40
Liberty Baptist Church (BYPU), Toledo, Ohio		5.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.		7.91
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.		6.21
Fenton Road Baptist Church, (LBC), Flint, Mich.		5.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, (LBC), Flint, Mich.		5.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.		26.59
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.		50.00
First Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.		5.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.		10.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.		12.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.		29.46
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.		7.57
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla.		5.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.		5.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.		25.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.		28.07
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.		28.85
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, Ky.		27.30
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich.		60.03
Grace Baptist Church, (BYPU), Baseline, Mich.		8.08
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.		10.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.		19.05
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.		11.98
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.		35.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.		47.00
North Side Baptist Church (LBC), Mayfield, Ky.		5.00
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.		96.19
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.		69.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Rosedale, Mich.		14.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.		20.10
Eaton Ave. Baptist Church, Young People, Muncie, Ind.		10.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.		126.10
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Larsen, Seffner, Fla.		20.00
James E. Black, Salinas, Calif.		10.20
James E. Black, Salinas, Calif.		15.00
Mrs. Violet Hall, Detroit, Mich.		4.00
R. E. Murphey, Castor, La.		1.00
Dica Ferguson, Wattensaw, Ark.		10.00
Mrs. Dawn Pack, Chillicothe, Ohio		5.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hoag, Detroit, Mich.		50.00
Mrs. E. H. Purdon, Elmhurst, Ill.		10.00
Carey E. Witt, Franklin, Ky.		40.00
Carey E. Witt, Franklin, Ky. (For adding machine), ...		10.00
Don Grollimund, Ft. Worth, Tex. (For adding machine), ...		5.00
Don Grollimund, Ft. Worth, Tex. (Typewriter repair), ...		5.00
Alex Sumpter, Union Grove, Wis.		2.00
Total		\$1104.39

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 Avenue
Detroit 11, Mich.

Baptist Faith Missions still needs an adding machine. Only \$15.00 received toward it.

BRANDON'S CONVERSION

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in a grocery store and it seemed his store was headquarters for all Baptist preachers. At times it became annoying; I would be trying to work and the preachers were forever in my way. It seemed to me that the business would have perhaps been better if there had been fewer preachers around, yet I did not suggest it to my brother for he was very ambitious to have me there. At times the preachers would say

sees us as crucified in Him. But someone says you must be perfect as He is perfect, and we answer that we believe that too. We are accepted in our Substitute and He is perfect. There is no sin on us. It was placed on Him and He paid for it. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin. All sin? Yes, all. Past, present and future. But someone says you might be lost. We are just as sure as our Substitute. When Jesus Christ can be lost then so can we. We are depending upon Him. He is our joint heir and that means we can't separate ourselves from Him unless He is willing, and we read that He is not willing that any should perish. Blessed doctrine of security. Yes, missionaries are needed in Brazil and Peru.

something to me and when they spoke in terms of the Bible I listened with interest, but when they tried to get my ear with a joke it offended me. I was made to remember my remark more than once "Not now, but when Pink comes" and I tried to recall the Spirit I had so abruptly dismissed, but He did not return and sometimes I wondered if He ever would.

TIME PASSED SLOWLY

The time passed slowly and personally I was very unhappy. I felt as He is perfect, and we answer that we believe that too. We are accepted in our Substitute and He is perfect. There is no sin in us. It was placed on Him and He paid for it. The blood of Christ cleanses from all sin. Yes, all. Past, present and but the first I knew of it was when my brother entered the store in company with him and they came straight to me and my brother introduced us. When I took Brother Pink by the hand the Spirit of my conviction on that October night returned to me and made Himself known calling to my memory "Not now, but when Pink comes" and I stood speechless. Conviction was renewed in my heart and in such a way that I had not experienced. If it were possible for ones soul to be in the abyss and one remain here and active, then I

think that is what happened, but if not then I find it impossible to explain the flood tides of sorrow that crushed upon me and carried me without mercy beneath the most agonizing billows of distress and grief of soul. Truly the pangs of hell took hold upon me. Then I looked for consolation from friends but they seemed to flee from me. There was no place or person where I found the slightest bit of comfort for my benighted soul. I sought relief in prayer but gave that up as a bad job. Bewildered I knew not what to do.

THE LIGHT CAME

Then it was, the light came. My brother came and requested that I go to church that night and I promised that I would. It was a very bitter cold night in February with snow about four inches on the ground. I found myself there early and in a good place where I could hear and be instructed as to how to be saved. The text preached from that night was on of the seven sayings of Christ on the cross, "I Thirst."

As he preached I wondered where he had gotten so much information about me. I supposed that my face to some degree had expressed the sorrow that was in my heart. Near the close of the sermon, in an appeal to sinners to become reconciled with God, he said the thing that led to my conversion which was this: "Sinner you are already lost and you have nothing more to lose, just suppose that you would be no worse off than you are now, pose you should accept Jesus as your Saviour and He does but suppose that you accept Him as your Saviour and He does save you, you will have gained eternal life."

HE MADE IT CLEAR

I had always been of the opinion that sinners could only be saved at the mourners bench but that night he made it clear to me that one could be saved whenever and wherever he trusted Christ Jesus, accepting Him as his own personal Saviour. Then and there I resolved to try it when I arrived home. So I was anxious to get out and get home to act upon the information I had gained. As I entered the living room my wife sat before the open fire reading and our three children were asleep. She looked up and asked where I had been. I stood directly in front of her with my right hand on the mantel piece and my reply was that I had been to church, then I reminded her that both of us were lost and without hope to which she agreed. Now I continued, tonight the preacher said anyone could be saved anywhere they were if they would accept Jesus as their Saviour with all his heart Now as for me I am here and now accepting Jesus as my own personal Saviour and that with all my heart. You may believe it friend, the same Spirit that came to me in the night of October 1920 while at church and then had been dismissed until the arrival of Brother Pink and who had reappeared upon his arrival, came into my heart and sealed my soul until the day of redemption, Eph. 4:30. Immediately my expression exchanged, I burst into laughter, I felt so light and happy I could hardly remain on earth, then something said to me "Jesus saved you" and I repeated it without realizing what I had said. Then I sat down and I knew not what to say or do, but this the truth I testify and lie not, Jesus did save me then and there and

I was happy.

OTHERS COULD SEE IT

For one who had gone to the depths of the abyss as had I and had endured the torture of those tantalizing spirits of the underworld as I had, now to quietly sit at the feet of Jesus and in my right mind too, was rest indeed for my soul. My wife realized that it was true, I had been saved and she was still lost, and she became afraid and asked me to pray for her. We went at once to our knees and as I was calling upon God as my Father, something I had never done before, because I knew that He was not the Father of sinners, but now with all liberty I was calling upon Him and asking Him to have mercy and save my wife. The next morning when I went to work, it seemed that my brother knew what had happened and I asked him how folk felt when the Lord saved them and he replied, "They feel just as you do for I can see it in your face." Then we went over to see my father and mother and as we went in, to my surprise they too knew what had happened. They said that they could tell by the expression on my face. That was one of the dearest experiences of my life. Through the years it has been a comfort to me as I would recall the thanks that were offered on that occasion for the salvation of their wandering boy.

MISSIONARY HALLUM AT WORK IN COLUMBIA

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tized but did not bring sufficient proof to establish them. He seemed to be very much interested about whether I intended to start a Baptist work there. I have had the pleasure of witnessing to several men, both in Spanish and English on this trip. It is now March 30th and we are in Iquitos, Peru. We had a very good service with some forty or fifty in attendance including children. The children are very enthusiastic about the meetings.

LETTER FROM HALLUM

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members, a woman, was sent to the leper colony just recently and yet did not have the faintest idea that she was a leper, but have since learned that she had been under medical treatment for about three years. She leaves a husband and four children, one a baby only a few months old. Please join us in prayer for her that the Lord will perform a miracle by healing her of this dreaded disease. The Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever. The healing of this woman would be an outstanding testimony for the Lord and the gospel.

100 LEPERS IN IQUITOS

It is said there are 100 lepers in Iquitos and there are 500 in the leper colony. Last night we had in the midweek service ten adults and about fifty boys and girls. They like to help in the singing of the hymns. I am making an effort to get a boat made for the outboard motor that we brought with us, but so far have not made a contract for its construction. We rejoice in the fact that the Lord is blessing you and the work in such a great way.

Yours in the Lord,
R. P. Hallum