

MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

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Dear Brethren:

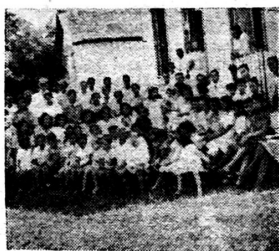
I have never regarded the customs of the people of a mission field of great importance as all men are equal when it comes to the need of the Gospel, regardless of nationality or customs or station of life. But for the reason that many people are interested in the ways and customs of people of other countries, and because of the great contrast of the people with ours, I have determined to write something on the subject.

My Impressions Upon Arriving At Iquitos The Last Time

After being in the United States for a year, traveling about over the country considerably on trains, busses and in cars seeing the beautiful highways, homes and other modern conveniences and advantages which North America has, on arrival here I was impressed very much with the contrast. Latin America is a great country in many ways, great rivers, great forests, great mountains and great resources of many kinds. But a small people with small ways and small visions and small ambitions.

The Houses

When I enter the average house (or what they call a house) what do I see? I see a few chairs on a dirt floor in the front room, many of the front rooms are used as carpenter shops or tailor shops; the shoe shops usually occupy a house. If not one of these I find the woman of the house at a sewing machine. The roof of the house is either zinc or leaves and more times it is of leaves. The walls are of large cane or balsa wood. The bedstead is without springs and often without mattress, with a few old blankets on a board bottom. Many times there is a small table on which is a small picture of Christ or Mary or some



This is a picture of the Sunday School of the Baptist Church in Cruzeiro do Sul which was taken upon Missionary Brandon's return. The camera was not large enough to get all of the people in the picture as there are some both to the right and the left that are not shown. Brother Brandon needs help. Pray that the Lord will call a good man with a good wife to help with the children to go and labor with Brother Brandon. A great opportunity!

saint with a few small images of saints. If I pass to the kitchen I do not see a stove of any kind. I may see a Brasero, an apparatus of iron on which charcoal is burnt, and the food cooked. Often I see some stones on the earthen floor upon which wood is burned to cook the food, the cooking utensils are usually three or four pots or pans. After cooking the food it is not often placed upon a table, but people gather around and squat down to eat the food out of pans with a spoon. The dogs and pigs or any other domesticated animal may have free access to all the house passing in or out the front door. Such conditions apply to more than half of the average town and practically all the rural districts.

Agriculture

Agriculture is carried on in a very crude manner especially here in the Amazon Valley. The implements usually used are an ax, a sable and a hoe. In this region a plow is never seen. After clearing the land of jungle the process is about like

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MISSIONS

We love to call ourselves Missionary Baptists, but how missionary are we? At institutes and revival meetings we hear preachers preach on missions or mention missions in their messages and come down with emphasis on how they believe in missions, yet some of them do nothing for missions when they get back home. It is wonderful to hear messages on missions and it is more wonderful to see these preachers and their churches practice it. It thrills our hearts to see the pastors and churches support missions regularly. The MISSION SHEETS which tell about the work in both Brazil and Peru are sent in bundles to many churches so that each family may have a free copy. By reading this paper one may know what the missionaries are doing and what is being accomplished. In this way we know where our mission money goes and how it is being used. About 75 or more churches receive the Mission Sheets each month for distribution. Occasionally we learn that they are not being passed out. If they are being sent to anyone who does not want to get them we shall be glad to know of it and will stop sending them to save expense. No one needs to be embarrassed to so advise us. Just a card telling us not to send them any more is sufficient. Also there are churches that would like to get them if they knew of this New Testament Baptist Faith Work. Tell others about it. A card telling how many is wanted and where to send them will bring a free bundle to your church each month so there will be one for each family. The church that gives the most for Missions also gives the most for all other purposes. Giving to missions does not hurt the pastor's salary but helps it. Let us be missionary as well as preach like we are. Many tell us they would give to missions but they want to know where their money is going and that they do not want part of their

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Thrilling Episodes In The Busy And Sacrificial Life Of Missionary Brandon

Japyni, Acre, Brazil
Aug. 19, 1947

Dear Brethren:

I left Cruzeiro do Sul last Tuesday morning in company with two brethren who had carried me there to attend to business and return with them. I felt that I was needed in Japyni for a season, as they are without anyone to help them in the spirit and sin had invaded the church in the most disgraceful manner. It takes time to overcome certain scandals and bring the weakened ones back to a place of service in the work where they will no longer feel the criticism of the world. I was in Cruzeiro do Sul five days, received your wire and three letters together with the Mission Sheets for three months. The money came while I was there

WITHOUT CHRIST

A missionary in China has said, "A great without is written in heathenism."

"Men and women are without a Bible, without a Sunday, without prayer, and without songs of praise."

"They have rulers without justice or righteousness."

"They have homes without peace, marriage without sanctity, young men and women without ideals, little children without purity, mothers without wisdom and self-control."

"There is poverty without relief, illness without skill or care, sorrow without sympathy, sin without a remedy, and death without hope."

"All of this is wrapped up in the words, 'without Christ!'"
—Union Gospel Mission, Seattle

Every man should keep a cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends.

—The Christian Life

Boat Turns Over In River

We had traveled about three hours coming up the Moa river when we came to a small rapid, the river at this season is very low, and because of some oversight we were caught in the current and thrown upon some tree limbs that were projecting from the water, my arm being caught between two of these and severely mashed. The boat overturned and our baggage carried away with the current. It took some time to rescue the boat and empty it of water, but when done we took out after the baggage that had already disappeared around the bend in the river. That which would float was easily rescued but some of the pieces were heavy and lost, however, one of the brethren who lives in Cruzeiro do Sul had left there shortly after we did coming up the Moa also to get wood and as he came along he observed the floating parcels and was gathering them into his canoe. He recognized them as ours, so in that respect the Lord had made provision for us that we knew not of.

Slept On The River Bank

As soon as possible we set off again. The sun was very hot but we were soon cooled off by a two-hour rain which was really icy. Being thus delayed we did not get to the appointed place to have worship that night. We slept on the river bank, our things being already wet, we

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AHAVA CHURCH TO SUPPORT WORKER FULL TIME

Plant City, Fla.
September 11, 1947.

Dear Brother Overbey:

In a recent issue of the MISSION SHEETS it was stated that a church might take on the support of a native worker in South America by sending \$35.00 per month to "Faith Missions." Acting on this statement my church voted to take on the support of one of these workers at our last business meeting. Because my church has met Brother Brandon and heard him speak we would prefer to support a worker in Brazil. Brother Brandon's visit with us did much to stimulate interest in foreign missions in the church. Will you please let me know if this information is correct and any other information we shall need in carrying out this plan? We are ready to begin supporting this worker October 1. With

WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT B. F. M.

Kenova, W. Va.
September 5, 1947.

Dear Brother—

The Wayne County Missionary Baptist Association voted at its regular Association meeting to pay ten per cent of all its mission funds direct to you for foreign missions. The following churches consist of our association: Wayne Avenue, Bethesda, Big Creek, Greenbrier, Echo, Rush Branch, and Fort Gay. Enclosed you will find a check for \$48.11. Please let us hear from you.

ACROSS THE SEA

You sent the money across the sea—
That bought a Bible for young Lew-Chee
And young Lew-Chee, who read therein,
Proceeded to turn his back on sin.
Then he rested neither night nor day
Till his brother walked in the narrow way;
And his brother worked till he had won
Away from their gods, his wife and son.

Some of the folks who heard them speak
Decided the one true God to seek.
It wasn't long before half the town
Had left its idols of wood and stone,
And the work's not ended yet, my friend,
You started something that ne'er shall end
When you sent the money across the sea
That bought a Bible for young Lew-Chee.

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.

BRANDON LETTER

Continued from preceding page stretched out under the stars to sleep, the rain had passed and the night was beautiful and we were tired; imagine the rest. The next afternoon we arrived in Japyni and found everything in order. We had a good service that night, everyone was happy, the Lord was in our midst and I was glad to be there. The next two days were, however, weary ones with me, perhaps because of the bruise on my arm that I received when the boat overturned. I had very much fever, then the fever passed but I am not fully recovered, but much better, for which I praise the Lord Jesus.

Rejoicing In Tribulation

In the midst of our tribulations we may depend upon Him to stand by us and see us through it. In it all my heart was overflowing with joy for He assured me that all was well and that thus it was according to His will. Nothing that could hinder the progress of the work was lost or damaged, the clothing was all wet and the food was all lost, but they can be supplied in other ways. Certainly the Lord protects all that is being used to promote His truth. He is not slack concerning His promises as some men count slackness. The waters may overturn but they won't overflow, for that is the promise from afar. Before leaving Cruzeiro do Sul I had planned on going to Barao on this journey but I am doubtful now if it is the Lord's will or not. The owner of the place was in Cruzeiro do Sul until yesterday and came by to see me as he returned home. He is not a believer but a friend who has been a comfort in other days. He said he would send some of the brethren from there on Saturday that they might be with us on Sunday and if it is possible for me to return with them I will do so. He also said that the governor had promised the people of Cruzeiro do Sul that beginning on August 23 he would do all in his power to maintain air service for us twice a month, yet I prefer to seek aid from the Lord for I understand why service has been withheld and they do not. I hope you are all well and the work of the Lord prospering. I will send this to Cruzeiro do Sul as I expect to spend the rest of this month here. We have had services every night since I came and the nights I was unable to attend the church remained in prayer. Remember me to all the brethren and friends, your family and all who inquire. May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.

—J. F. BRANDON.

(The above letter from Missionary Brandon is really a thrilling one. We hope that everyone will read it again and again. You will get something new from each reading I am sure. The boat overturns, food lost, baggage wet, arm smashed, sleeping on the river bank, huddled in the ice cold rain from the Andes Mountains, sick with fever, yet services every night and rejoicing in the Lord. Thank God for such a missionary and such a work. Pray for him and the work. Ed.).

Financial Report For September 1947



Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	\$ 15.84
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	12.45
First Baptist Church, Wheaton, Ill.	180.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
Wayne County Missionary Baptist Association, Kenova, W. Va.	48.11
Bible Missionary Baptist Church, Dequincy, La.	5.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	128.72
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	150.00
Walnut Grove Baptist Church, LBC, (for adding machine), Tenn.	5.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	12.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	25.17
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	29.26
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	28.74
Liberty Baptist Church, BYPU, Toledo, Ohio	5.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	10.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla.	10.00
First Baptist Church, Coal Grove, Ohio	19.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	4.50
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	14.81
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	18.60
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (for typewriter)	5.00
Eaton Avenue Baptist Church, Muncie, Indiana	10.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	113.07
First Baptist Church, The Winsome Class, Russell, Ky.	11.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, LBC, Baseline, Mich. (for adding machine)	5.00
Grace Baptist Church, BTU, Baseline, Michigan	11.11
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich.	65.01
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	50.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	35.00
Ruskin Baptist Int. Class, Ruskin, Fla.	10.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	7.61
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.	12.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, LBC, Flint, Mich.	5.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	50.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	15.35
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.	33.62
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	80.00
Don Grollimund, Fort Worth, Texas	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Larson, Seffner, Fla.	20.00
Mrs. L. L. Pope, Cadiz, Ky.	5.00
Mrs. O. P. Marrs, Carrsville, Ky. (for adding machine)50
Beverly Hahn, Tampa, Fla.	1.50
Geraldine Hahn, Tampa, Fla.	1.50
Mrs. E. H. Purdom, Elmhurst, Ill.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Schmidt, San Bernardino, Cal.	10.00
Hiram E. Jones, Dryden, Va.	5.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	5.00
R. G. Sappenfield, Geneva, Ill.	100.00
Dr. D. J. Dunn, Worthington, Minn.	5.00
Wade Daugherty, Monticello, Ky.	20.00

TOTAL\$1539.47

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for his 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 now has an adding machine. We have received enough money designated to buy the adding machine and repair the typewriter. This eases and shortens the work of the Treasurer and Secretary and makes for accuracy. We thank you.

MISSIONS

Continued from preceding page money to be used to pay the salaries of modernistic professors and teachers and bossy secretaries who try to lord it over the churches and pastors. Baptist Faith Missions is the answer. We have no paid secretaries or officers, no office rent, no bosses to try and tell churches and pastors what to do, no interfering with churches in any way. No modernistic or social gospel missionaries and no heretical professors to teach young preachers how to bow down to a machine and play politics and to look forward to a pension and a time of do nothing in the future. As the Lord shall lead you send your mission money to Baptist Faith Missions. Address your envelope to Elder Z. E. Clark, 5216 Concord Avenue, Detroit 11, Michigan. Brother Clark is the treasurer of the work.

AHAVA BAPTIST CHURCH TO SUPPORT MISSIONARY FULL TIME

(Continued from preceding page) very best wishes, Your Brother in Christ,

—GEO. BOYER (Pastor).

As soon as we get the name and picture of the native missionary we will run it in this paper and also have it enlarged and send it to Pastor Boyer to be put up in his church. Brother Boyer spoke of the added interest in missions over Brother Brandon's visit to his church. Any church will go forward and be a better church by being more missionary. The Lord will bless Ahava Baptist Church and her pastor for their action. If you want your church to be more missionary have them read the MISSION SHEET. A recent card from Evangelist A. D. Muse of Louisville, Ky., said: "You ought to keep all Brother Brandon's letters. They will make a great

SECOND LETTER FROM BRANDON

Japyni, Acre,
September 1, 1947.

Dear Brethren:

Your letter number 6 dated August 8, 1947, was received last week. It was about 15 days in coming. After all when we have air service it does not take long to hear. I have already written you about returning to Japyni and now after about a three weeks delay I will return to Cruzeiro do Sul tomorrow if the Lord wills. I have fever quite often since coming here and three chills. I felt like I could work here to a better advantage for a while, as I can only walk with the greatest difficulty and it is so far from the home to the church and other preaching points in Cruzeiro do Sul. While here I can remain indoors and the people come to the services.

Church Revived

I have never seen a church turn back to the Lord as readily as this one has. I have already told you that they were in sin when I arrived. There has been nothing said to accuse or dismay but simply preaching the BLOOD of the Lord Jesus and they have confessed and apparently forsaken their sins. For six weeks we have had services every night and twice on Sunday. There has been but little interest shown from unbelievers. However, some have attended and are showing some interest that may later be manifest. I am glad that you sent the vitamins. I thought they could come by air or I would not have requested them. It is such a temptation for the people employed in the P. O. that unless the Lord sees the things through, I will receive nothing but the empty bottles.

Plans Another Journey

As soon as possible I will attempt a journey up river with the motor. As mentioned in the other letter, I received the money and am not owing anything to anyone, but to love them and preach the gospel of grace to all who will hear. You spoke of Brother Malcolm saying that he sometimes felt the urge to come and help me. In my opinion he would be the pick of them all, still it may not be the will of the Lord to send anyone. I had rather not have anyone unless the Lord emphatically sends them. So far I have not received any other paper except Brother Clarence Walker's. I am glad to hear of the progress of your boys. I love them and hope you will remember me to them. May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

Sincerely,
—J. F. BRANDON.

DETROIT RIVER ASSOCIATION

The messengers of the Detroit River Association of Missionary Baptists met with Grace Baptist Church (Brother Malcolm Roberts, pastor) on October 2, 3 and 4. This was a time of real spiritual feasting. Pastor Roy Shepard of Ryan Road Baptist

book on faith. I always read them the first thing." We will send a bundle of the MISSION SHEETS free each month to any church for distribution one to each family if you will write us and give us the name and address of the one to send them to. Write to the editor of the MISSION SHEETS, H. H. Overbey, 1210 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit 11, Michigan.

HALLUM WRITES ABOUT CUSTOMS OF PEOPLE

(Continued from preceding page) this: plant the seed with the hoe or sable, keep the weeds and grass cut down until the crop is matured. I was surprised to learn that three or four years is as long the land is used before resting as a rule. The soil loses its power to produce. I was surprised because I had been taught that the soil in the Amazon Valley was inexhaustible as it had been built up by fallen leaves and timber thru the centuries to a great depth. Each agriculturist cultivates a small portion of land and but few like to live on the farm and follow this occupation, therefore there is always a scarcity of food.

Sewing Machines

I think I will be safe in saying that most of the houses have in them sewing machines. Some of them are very old models, some are turned by hand. It seems that the majority of the people seem to know how to operate a sewing machine.

Clothing

In this region practically all the clothing is made to order, consequently the tailor shops furnish work for quite a few people as well as the shoe shops. Clothing catalogs are very much appreciated, as they are used to get the latest models by both tailors and shoemakers. It is no trouble to sell a Sears-Roebuck or Montgomery Ward catalog at a good price. The upper class of people dress very decently, but the lower class dress poorly. If the men can get pants and shirt that are decent and the women a dress that is decent they seem to be content. Men of the poorest classes do not wear shoes, and the women only on special occasions and many of them never wear shoes.

Bathing

Believe it or not, it is not uncommon to see men naked taking a bath along the shore in front of Iquitos. However, the women take baths in all their clothing. Sometime later maybe I will tell you of some of the good customs if I can think of any. Anyway, there is plenty of room for the grace of God when the people get willing.

R. P. HALLUM

Church was reelected Moderator and the preachers who brought messages seemed to be at their best. The thirteen churches reported 204 baptisms for the year. Five of their thirteen churches have their own radio programs, Liberty of Toledo, O., Maranatha of Grand Rapids, Mich., Oak of Royal Oak, Mich., Grace of Baseline, Mich., and Bethel of Roseville, Mich. Two of the thirteen churches have extended arms and have mission points. Ryan Road at Huntington Ind., and Harmony at Keego Harbor, Mich. All of these churches are missionary. We claim no perfection for them but we are told by many that this is the best association of churches anywhere and we believe it. They support the Brandons and the Hallums through Baptist Faith Missions, and Brother G. Novaez to the Mexican people in about seven States, and Brother Jacob Rosenthal to the Jews in Rochester, Minn., work in the mountains of Kentucky and children's homes. There is still other mission work the various churches help support. This association will meet next year, the Lord willing, with Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., of whom the Editor of the MISSION SHEETS is pastor. Plan to be with us.