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# MISSION SHEETS

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## Read How God Providentially Provided The Hallums An Opportunity For Preaching

Iquitos, Peru,  
January 16, 1948.

Dear Brethren:

One of the men from the village of Ungurahui Vieja came to see when we were coming to their village again as they wanted to get all the children together in the day time for a picture in front of the new school building. There were between 50 and 60 children in the village of school age but they have never had a school and before the government will send a teacher they must have at least 30 children of school age in the village and also construct a building to have school in and for the teacher to live in. After building a building they must send a picture of the building and the children to the Department of Education in Lima. They wanted us to come and take the picture for them. We promised to come Thursday the weather permitting, and for them to get all the people together in the afternoon as more people would be present then and also it would not be necessary for us to take our overnight baggage and he agreed.

### A Cow Horn Is Blown

On the appointed day we arrived at 10:30 in the morning and soon afterwards the man started blowing a cow horn (reminds us of the blowing of the last trumpet) to gather the people together. They started to drift in by threes and fours until there were over a hundred, including babies. Meanwhile, some of the men were putting the finishing touches on the building. It is about 30 feet by 40 feet. While this was going on I started teaching the children who could speak Spanish some choruses. Some had remembered a couple we had taught

### PICTURES

In each issue of the MISSION SHEETS we try to run pictures of the mission work in South America. It would be interesting to get the back issues together and study the pictures and read about each one. To do so will create more interest in missions and give a good picture of what your mission money is doing. We are thoroughly convinced that most people who give to missions, or what they believe to be missions, do not have any idea where their money is used or how it is used or what is accomplished by the use of it. The Lord willing we hope to continue to show by picture and tell by the printed page what those who support this work are accomplishing by the grace of God through their mission offerings. May the Lord bless all who give.



"The Bautista" with the Hallums ready for a journey.

them before. They are rather shy about singing aloud so I coaxed them in trying to make the people in the next house hear them. I sent a boy over to see if they had heard and he came back and said "yes" so that kind of broke the ice. After taking the picture of the children in front of the building, we took pictures of everyone who wanted to be in it. Some of the men didn't want theirs made, even so quite a number were in the group. After the picture taking we sang some hymns and then father preached to them. The ones who understand Spanish paid close attention. (The request for the taking of the picture to help get a teacher was used of the Lord to get the people of the village together so that Missionary Hallum could preach to them. Ed.).

I am enclosing some pictures made that day, including one of the new boat, "The Bautista" (The Baptist). The rains have been almost constant for the last three weeks and we have not been able to make a journey since before Christmas. We plan to go Monday up another small river, the Momon, the weather permitting. The Momon empties into the Nanay river just below Ungurahui Vieja. We enjoyed the last letter with the news. I guess the longer one waits for one the more it is appreciated, at least that is the way we felt about ours. We are encouraged to hear about the new applicants to go to Brazil as Missionaries and we continue to pray for other workers for this field. We have been praying for fellow laborers for 12 years now, but we are commanded to pray and faint not. Pray with us. We are making preparation for a Daily Vacation Bible School, most likely to be in February.

Yours in His Service,  
MARGUERITE HALLUM.

Please do not send mission offerings to Hafford H. Overbey, the secretary. Send them to Z. E. Clark, the treasurer. This will save time and work, too.

## IMPORTANT SPECIAL NOTICE

Brother Z. E. Clark has resigned his work with the Grace Baptist Church in Baseline, Mich., and has accepted the call to be pastor of the Seventh Street Baptist Church in Cannelton, Ind. Brother Clark is the treasurer of Baptist Faith Missions. He has given his time as a labor of love and has done a good job. It is important that all who send offerings take note of his change of address so that the mail will not be delayed in getting to him. Send all offerings to:

ELDER Z. E. CLARK  
Box 202  
Cannelton, Indiana

Brother Clark has asked us to express his appreciation to all for their many kind words and doings in appreciation of his ministry here. He will be greatly missed by every church and pastor of the Detroit River Association of Missionary Baptist Churches which now total thirteen. He is a great pastor, preacher, and teacher of the Word of God. He is a graduate of the West Kentucky Bible School which was founded and taught by the late H. Boyce Taylor. Brother Clark and Missionary R. P. Hallum graduated in the same class together. The church at Cannelton will be blessed by his ministry. Brother Clark has been a great help to us and we are grateful for his wise counsel and help on so many occasions. Well do I recall when he joined with the writer in carrying on this mission work when others had given it up. Our times of fellowship have been rich and only point to an eternity of even greater fellowship together with the Lord Jesus who purchased us with His own precious blood. The Editor of the MISSION SHEETS is Hafford H. Overbey, who is pastor of Harmony Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich., and also secretary of Baptist Faith Missions and all unsigned articles are written by him. His time and efforts in behalf of this mission work are also a labor of love. None of the officers or directors get any salary for their work in this mission. There are no paid bosses. Mission money goes for mission work. No one interferes with churches or pastors.

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## More Inspiration And Information From Missionary Brandon As To Work In Brazil

(Continued from Last Month)

On the Jurua and  
Amazon Rivers,  
January 9, 1948.

Yesterday we passed one of the oldest and largest plantations on the Jurua river. I recall the first time I visited it; the home of the owner was very large and in the front room there were about forty people. It was raining and they were rubber cutters waiting for the rain to pass that they might go home. The youngest son of the owner received me and was very courteous indeed. He gave me the opportunity to speak to the people and as they had never heard anything of the like appear to be interested. After I had finished speaking to them I gave them all a New Testament. At that time the Society of Bibles furnished them at two cents each. They were well pleased and in turn the young man said to one of the men "go milk a cow and bring some warm milk for the minister. I protested because of the little time for I was to embark on a river boat, but he said the cow was near and asked me if I would like to come and see, then he carried me into the basement of the house where there were a half dozen cows with calves all tied up eating grass that had been given them. The Brazilians enjoy taking the milk from the cow and drinking it warm. I do not care for it so much that way, but to please them I took it and then went to the boat after bidding each one good bye with a handshake and last embracing the young man, which is the long custom in Brazil. When I arrived on the boat I found that he had sent a large supply of fruits and since we had so little fruit on board it was very welcome and appreciated. I was never permitted to return to the place to preach, only in passing I could give a testimony. However I always found interest in so doing.

### A Wicked Man

Later we passed another plantation that I found interesting. It was very large and the owner very rich. In fact, he was nothing less than a baron on his own plantation. I was told that many years ago when he was returning from Manaus in company with others of his class, he took a Winchester rifle that he had bought new and to show that he was a good marksman, called to one of the colored servants to climb a tall palm tree that was in the front yard and get some fruit for a guest, the Negro did so, then he took his rifle and shot him out of the tree. Of course, it killed the man but there was nothing to do about it. There was even less law in the land at that time than there is now. Later in his old age he



Part of the crowd preached to in front of the new school building by Bro. Hallum.

went blind and his afflictions were many. The mate of the boat that I traveled on said that he would lay and cry and say, why has God sent such things on me, I have never harmed anyone, nevertheless his house was built on blood and his money taken from others unjustly. Such a life cannot have a good ending. In later years his oldest boy came aboard a boat and with no warning at all took his revolver and shot to death one of his neighbors with whom he had had a difference. Still later the young man who had received me so politely also shot and killed a man with whom he had quarreled. Neither of the three were prosecuted. This country is saturated with blood that must someday be accounted for.

### The Poor Held In Virtual Slavery

You see the owners furnish the men with all their needs and the ambition of the men is to get enough money ahead to go south and see the Federal Capitol which is so much talked of here. When they are about in position to go the owner sends his "Capango" to kill them so he won't have to pay them for all the years they have worked for him. The "Capango" is a man employed for just that purpose and when the owner says, "You better see about that man" there is soon to be a mysterious disappearance. Of course when the man fails to show up a look is made for him just to satisfy the others and to avoid the law. If one of his men should insist on going away to live in another part he too would disappear. So the people are thus held in slavery with no comforts of life whatever, as poor as people can be, no schools or anything else that could lift them up or better their hope in life. The owners have everything, in fact, too much, yet seem to have no sympathy for the poor. If one should go to the homes of the (Next page, Column 1)

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

**BRANDON LETTER**

(Continued from preceding page) people before he came to the owner and got his consent, he would no doubt order him off the place. Even after all this they insist that I remain in their home and the people come there and hear the gospel. They seem to be afraid that someone will put mischief into the heads of the workers. If the owner does not receive the gospel he says I do not want that here, I prefer the religion of my fathers. They too often fail to see the disaster of the religion of their fathers,

*Educated in Tobacco and Drink*

The children are educated in tobacco and drink. I have seen them make cigarettes for their children when they were too small to make them and I have seen them drink two-thirds of a glass of whiskey and give the other third to their small boy. It seems to be the best they have to offer. If it were not for the opposition of such men who often pretend to appreciate the gospel, there would be thousands of the poor converted, even as it was in the beginning, the multitudes would receive but the leaders reject and forbid others to accept. The owners tell me that when priests come that they divide the profits with them. You see the owner pays for all the baptisms (sprinklings) and marriages performed. The price of a baptism may be for example three dollars and a marriage ten, and they will give the owner permission to charge double that amount to the people without it being a sin, and the owner pays the regular price to the priest. Often there are hundreds of the ceremonies performed on one plantation. Another means of cooperation of the priests is that the owner calls all the people together for a sermon, it being agreed that the subject will be "hell" and what a sin it is to steal and that they who steal will go to hell. One of these men told me that if hell was as bad as the priests said it was, it must be an awful place, but he says that the priests themselves do not believe in the doctrine, they preach it to keep the poor in submission through fear, the priest having the power to forgive sins and save one from hell. Imagine when he refuses to do so because they won't pay him for the service, that is for baptisms or masses or such like doctrines, would you call such, a man of God? Yet they would have everyone know that they are the only ones who can represent Christ on earth, having equal authority with Him.

**Three Thousand Years in Hell**

Recently in conversation with one of these rich men the conversation grew serious and he confessed that his sins, as he would judge them, would justly merit three thousand years in hell, but he said with the means that I have by that time I hope to be out. Such a hope, three thousand years in hell! He set at naught the sacrifice of Christ, not considering that a sin at all. His idea of sin was against his

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 1948	
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla. ....	\$ 55.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio. ....	15.03
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. ....	27.85
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla. ....	45.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. ....	10.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Mrs. Sm. S. S. Cl., Grand Rapids, Mich. ....	1.75
Maranatha Baptist Church, Dorcas M. G., Grand Rapids, Mich. ....	10.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Mrs. Sa. S. S. Cl., Grand Rapids, Mich. ....	2.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Mrs. Sm. S. S. Cl., Grand Rapids, Mich. ....	5.76
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky. ....	20.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky. ....	54.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, Ohio. ....	5.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky. ....	17.00
Bible Missionary Baptist Church, De Quincy, La. ....	14.25
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. ....	49.90
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Hope Bible Class, Tampa, Fla. ....	35.00
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va. ....	13.00
First Baptist Church, Coal Grove, Ohio. ....	18.05
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky. ....	11.00
Hilltop Baptist Church, Martinsville, Va. ....	5.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. ....	42.00
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky. ....	6.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky. ....	15.76
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky. ....	21.48
Eaton Avenue Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind. ....	10.00
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky. ....	49.32
Madison Street Baptist Church, Rochester, Pa. ....	4.81
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla. ....	5.00
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich. ....	68.31
Grace Baptist Church, B. T. U., Baseline, Mich. ....	5.43
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. ....	65.00
Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. ....	19.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. ....	65.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. ....	80.70
Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio. ....	7.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich. ....	7.66
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. ....	13.60
Luther R. Upton, McLeansboro, Ill. ....	10.00
E. H. Craft, Widen, W. Va. ....	10.00
Mrs. Nettie Estep, Elizabethton, Tenn. (for Bldg. in Col.) ....	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hix, Memphis, Tenn. ....	10.00
Wm. D. Pettit, Wheaton, Ill. ....	10.00
Mrs. Lillian B. Kirk, Kermit, W. Va. ....	20.00
Mrs. E. H. Pudrom, Elmhurst, Ill. ....	10.00
Dica Ferguson, Wattensaw, Ark. ....	10.00
Voris K. Ward, Kermit, W. Va. ....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hoag, Detroit, Mich. ....	25.00
Mrs. L. L. Pope, Cadiz, Ky. ....	5.00
John H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J. ....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Scott, Grand Rivers, Ky. ....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wade Daugherty, Monticello, Ky. ....	20.00
Elder Tolly McMillen, Charleston, Ind. ....	1.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky. ....	13.00
Mrs. Sterling Miller, Paducah, Ky. ....	17.00
Ed Alvis, Griffin Ga. ....	10.00
Carey E. Witt, Franklin, Ky. ....	15.00
R. E. Murphy, Castor, La. ....	1.00
Dr. D. J. Dunn, Worthington Minn. ....	5.00
Mrs. Henry Bolin, Clinton, Ky. ....	2.00
TOTAL .....	\$1,116.66

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer.

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fellow man only. I asked him how old he was and he said sixty. Well, I continued, how much longer do you hope to live? His reply was until eighty anyway. Very well then, but look at your extravagance, you are paying three thousand years in torment for twenty years of pleasure in sin. With all his unjust treatment to the poor he never charged such profits. I read to him from the Bible God's plan of salvation and that all the suffering of hell could be avoided and eternal blessings given if he would but depart from his sins and receive the Lord Jesus as his Saviour and God. His reply was as one of old. Has any of the leaders believed? Is the high society of our country Baptist? I cannot enter this thing alone. Can you imagine the remorse of such a soul in hell after such a deliberate rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ? Yet many in my experience have made the same decision. Again let me say that the blood of this people is not on my hands. I have presented the truth to them in prayerful sincerity. Our rendezvous will likely be at the judgment bar of

the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Rubber Going to Market**

Our journey continues the same from day to day. There has been a decline in rubber and everybody is sending all they have to market, our boat is well loaded already. Conditions have, and are changing, in these parts so rapidly that it does not seem as a few years ago. This river is unhappy for the reason that the people who come here for the most part, come with the intention of making some money and returning to a better place. They have neglected to better this country so we have no schools, no drug stores, no hospitals nor anything else that serves the general needs of the people. They who make money send them to the south to educate them. The others who have come and have not made good are here and find it too hard to leave and they raise their children in a desert land so to speak. I doubt if there is another place on earth where so many people dwell that is so miserable, yet they are such a proud people and

they do boast of their good stock. And of a truth they of the promised seed are visible in many of them.

**Idolaters by Inheritance**

They are by inheritance idolaters, they love a lustful, worldly life of pleasure, then they shape their religion to not conflict with their lives, for they do not like to think they are wrong but feel that God could do nothing else than let them enter into his glory, because they never did evil to anyone, they are not criminals, they believe in God and His mother and all the saints, thus they feel that in some way all will be well in the end. I have talked to the most of them, in fact they have sought me and I have unfolded the scripture of truth to them. This morning one brought me an image of the Lord Jesus, so he said. It showed Him sitting in the moonlight in a gorgeous dress, handsome face and a long curls; he asked me if I thought it was beautiful and as a reply to him I opened the Bible at Jer. 10:14 where it is written, the graven image is a liar it deceiveth the people. Then I called his attention to three lies that was on the face of it. The handsome face as compared with Isa. 53:2 where it plainly says there was not natural beauty in the expression of our Lord. His means of attraction were by means of His Word and Spirit and not fleshly beauty. Another lies in Zech. 9:9, the prophet says that He, the coming Lord, is a poor man while the picture presents Him in a gorgeous robe that would be suitable only for the rich or high rulers. Then again in I Cor. 11:14 the apostle says it is a shame for a man to have long hair far beneath his shoulders. His reply to this was that it was not a true picture of the Lord, we hold it as only a medium to remind us of God that we may worship Him. My reply was Ex. 20:4-6 where the commandment forbids the making of such things and then to Dt. 27:15 where it is written cursed is the man who makes an image for such things are an abomination to the Lord. To this he made no reply but carefully cleaned the glass that enclosed it, excused himself and carried it to his wife to put away.

**Prognosticators**

In this country, and I suppose among Catholic people elsewhere they use prognostication for their common ailments; the people who treat the sick or afflicted in this manner are termed prognosticators. One of these sought me to discuss the scriptures. They use the Bible where they can get a verse and so twist it to their own convenience, for example the new birth as we call it in the third of John, Jesus said you must be born again; they teach that the new birth is at death when one receives another body and is born again to live on earth in sinful flesh. Sometimes it is to suffer for the sins they committed the first time they lived; for example, one woman claims that the first time she lived on earth she was a beautiful princess and very wealthy, but she sinned too much and returned to earth as a poor needy castaway. They call upon the spirits to inform them as to sickness and to recommend the medicine that will cure it. They claim to cast out devils of evil spirits that too often possess the people. Now the truth is they do commune with spirits but not with the Holy Spirit, but with the spirits of the underworld that come to deceive them and do so completely. They invoke the spirits the following way: All are seated at a table with the medium at the

head and with heads inclined he murmurs enchantments to the spirits he knows calling them by name often times, then suddenly one seated at the table will arise and say, I am the spirit of BLANK and have come to tell you the treatment for BLANK, etc. Another will arise and say I am Blank and am suffering beyond endurance, send and have the priests say a mass for my soul. Another will arise and say I am Blank and have come to advise that no one follow the Baptist religion, for it is false, etc. I have never heard of one saying that he was a spirit of some believer that had passed on and was in heaven or had some comfort. I read to him the scriptures that treat of such a case beginning with Dt. 18:9-14 where all of these customs are discussed and condemned by holy writ. The passage needs no

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explanation, however, I explained it thoroughly, citing many others: Ex. 20:18, Lev. 19:26, 31 and 20:6; Jer. 27:9-10; Isa. 8:19-20; Mal. 3:5; II Thes. 2:9-12; Rev. 21:8 and 22:15. The conversation ceased at this point, not because there was no more evidence against their doctrine, but because he could not endure any more. They do not believe in judgment nor the devil, nor future punishment, but that God is a God of love who could not cast any of his children into hell. In the latter they are right for the Bible teaches that no man by nature is a child of God and can become so only by repenting of his sin and receiving Jesus Christ as his Saviour and God, relying wholly upon Him and His sacrifice at Calvary to atone for his sins. Those who thus obey the gospel are children of God and heirs of salvation, and the most certain thing on earth is their salvation. Indeed they could not go to Hell if they tried, they are saved by God's eternal power manifest in Jesus Christ and kept by the power of God unto salvation—Eph. 2:2; Rom. 9:8; Eph. 2:8-10; Gal. 3:26; Rom. 8:14; I Pet. 1:3-5; and Gal. 4:4-7. He didn't remain to hear all these but the bystanders did and that may be of some profit in the future.

Sincerely,  
—J. F. BRANDON.

**WHAT BAPTISTS NEED**

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"More of the Standard of God along with the Standard of Excellence."

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"More SACRIFICE and less selfishness."

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"More PREACHERS and less politicians."

"More PURPOSE and less politics."

"More GIVING and less getting."

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