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IN BRAZIL**
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(Portuguese Language)

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IN COLUMBIA
Jose Tomas del Castillo
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Miguel Ibernou, the pastor of the church in Cruzeiro do Sul, baptizing near the church at Morapirango. Thus the work goes on. Souls are saved and then baptized scripturally.

Here Is The Way Brandon Organized A Missionary Baptist Church In Brazil

Amonho is a village 255 miles up the Jurua River above Cruzeiro do Sul at the mouth of the Amonho River in the very foothills of the Andes mountains in the Acre territory of Brazil. This place is about 3750 miles by river boats from the mouth of the Amazon River at the Atlantic.

First of all, the people at Amonho must hear the Word of God and then believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and then be baptized before a church can be established. Before they can hear the Word of God, a preacher must take the Word to them. But before the preacher can preach to them he must be sent. See Romans 10:13-15. So those who love New Testament mission work, like the Lord Jesus commissioned His church to do in Matt. 28:19-20, sent Missionary Joe Brandon to these people at Amonho. About nine years ago Joe Brandon got a small boat and made the long trip of

255 miles up the Jurua River to Amonho, stopping and preaching at the villages along the way. He arrived at Amonho and began to preach to a few people who had met to hear him. He preached night after night for several nights. He sowed the Word like a farmer sows seed. Then he returned down river preaching at the villages on the way until he again reached Cruzeiro do Sul. After making other journeys to other places and preaching in many other villages, he, after maybe several months or a year or more, made another journey of 255 miles up the Jurua and again preached for several nights to the people again. This continued until some who had heard the Word understood (Matt. 13:23) and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. To these new believers others were added from time to time. They were baptized and became members of the church (Next page, Column five)

TREASURER Z. E. CLARK TELLS OF INTEREST IN THE WORK AND THE NEEDS OF DON THOMAS

Don Thomas writes to Brother Hallum that the city of Bueneventura is charging him 288,000 pesos (which is about \$152.00) for the paving of the street in front of the lot that he is building the meeting house on. He states that if this is not paid that the city will attach and take over the property. Brother Hallum says, "Of course, \$152.00 is not so much if a few would cooperate in contributing to it." We trust that the Lord will lead enough who reads this to act upon it that it may be paid immediately. All funds for Don Thomas are sent to Missionary Hallum who sees that he gets them and know how they are used. One hundred and fifty-two people at \$1.00 each would take care of the matter, or fifteen people at \$10.00 each. Send all offerings to the treasurer, Brother Z. E. Clark, Box 202 Cannelton, Ind.

Brother Clark reports that Elder C. W. Talley of Mississippi sends \$5.00 and Mrs. Nettie Estep of Tennessee \$20.00 designated for Don Thomas to help on the church building. This was sent in addition to his regular support to help him complete the church building. Bro. Clark also reports that the following offerings for sending out the Parrotts have been received in October, First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky., \$5.00, Elder C. W. Talley of Mississippi \$5.00, Mrs. Henry Bolin of Kentucky \$7.00, Beverly and Geraldine Hahn of Florida \$2.00, F. W. Earles of Ohio \$5.00, and Mrs. J. E. Richards and Miss Katie Bullington of Tennessee \$5.00. Bro. Clark's letter was dated October 26, so others may have been received after he mailed the letter; if so, they are listed in the regular list of offerings along with these that are mentioned here.

BRANDON'S LETTER AS TO BRAZIL WORK

(A letter from John Brandon advises that the condition of Brother Brandon is about the same, that some days he seems to be better and some days not so well. Brother Brandon was taken back to the Baptist Hospital in Memphis again in October for another check up. He has received news from the work in Brazil from the native pastor at Cruzeiro which he passes on for all to read).

Benton, Ky.
October 31, 1948.

Dear Brother Overbey:

A letter dated September 13 was received not long ago from Miguel, the pastor of the church in Cruzeiro do Sul. He begins by telling of a new preaching point they are cultivating in the home of one of the brethren who lives five miles from town. This brother was sick unto death in April of this year. He was cutting rubber on one of the smaller rivers and was taken down, and as they had no way to treat him where he lived they brought him to my house. I think he was as far gone as anyone I ever saw come back. We prayed for him and the church prayed for him and we used the treatment we had at hand and the Lord blessed it. When I left Cruzeiro do Sul, he went with me aboard the boat to see me off. We asked the Lord to heal him and then make him a blessing to the work, and He did. As soon as he was able to visit among the neighbors and work up some interest, he did so, and now there is a (Next page, Column three)

A Missionary Church

Grace Baptist Church and Pastor Malcolm Roberts of Baseline, Mich., in the Detroit River Association gave \$100.00 as a special offering in October for sending out the Parrotts. This was in addition to her regular monthly mission offering of \$68.06 to this mission. This church also has a well rounded mission work. She has a mission point in a school house near Mount Clements, Mich., where she has services each Sunday. She also gave \$50.00 to the preacher brother who has had a breakdown in health and the women gave him \$50 in groceries and \$14.00 in cash. The young people gave \$5.27 to this mission work. They gave Brother Novaez for the Mexican Mission work \$33.68 and to Brother Dennington, Kentucky mountaineer missionary, \$100, and to Brother Jacob Rosenthal \$50.00. Her total mission offerings for October were \$725.73. God does and will continue to bless any church that thus carries out the great commission. Grace Missionary Baptist Church is also missionary in practice. Her total offerings for October were \$2458.07. She reported 490 members as of August 31.



This picture shows how the work in the Acre Territory is being carried on while Brother Brandon is in the homeland sick. This picture shows those in attendance at a preaching point in a home about five miles from Cruzeiro do Sul on a Sunday afternoon.

Souls Are Saved In Peru And The Work Moves Forward Under Hallum's Direction

Iquitos, Peru,
October 12, 1948.

Dear Brethren:

Your highly appreciated letter with checks enclosed reached us last Friday, October 8. Thanks. I am recovering from a severe attack of cold. You may not think that one would have colds in this hot climate but he does. The cost of passage by air from Iquitos to Manaus and Belem at the present rate of exchange which varies from time to time, is as follows: A ticket from here to Manaus costs \$40.00 and from here to Belem, \$68.00. One may buy a ticket to Belem and stop off at Manaus as long as he wishes.

Plane Service Once a Week

There is plane service once a week over "Panair do Brazil" on a two motored plane which leaves Iquitos at 7 a. m. and arrives in Manaus at 4 p. m. It makes five stops on the journey, and an overnight stop in Manaus being going on to Belem. It leaves Manaus at 10 a. m. and arrives in Belem at 3:30 p. m. Sometimes making one stop between but not always.

Three Saved At Mapa

The water is rising in the streams, so there is not the difficulty of low water as it was a few weeks ago. We all made a trip to Mapa on the Nanay river week before last and had a very successful meeting. There were three at least who made profession of faith in Christ as Saviour. There were about ten present who said that they were trusting in the Lord Jesus for salvation. I had planned a trip last week for another colony but was hindered by the cold that attacked me. I want to go this week.

Praying For Brandon

We were sorry to hear of Bro. Brandon's sickness and the ne-

cessity of going back to the States, and we remember him in our prayers as well as for the missionaries who are going out soon. This is all for this time. As ever yours in the Lord's service.

R. P. Hallum and Family.

One cannot help but be impressed by the letters from Bro. Hallum. He reminds one of a big work horse that just keeps pulling away. Not a lot of fuming and foaming at the bit but a steady, continual pulling of the load to be carried on. We like to picture in our minds these missionary journeys by the Hallums. We can see them get up on a certain morning with the boy, Noe Garcia, to help, and start out for the lake where the boat is tied up. Things for the journey are placed in the boat and all is made ready. Then the outboard motor is started and they move out from the shore into the deep and are on their way. They enter the Nanay River and pass small villages or colonies of people as they make the turns on the river and finally after many hours they pull up to shore and then go about inviting the people to come for a service and hear the man of God preach the Word of Life. (Next page, column 1)

PARROTT IN FLORIDA

Brother Parrott has gone to Florida for a meeting with Pastor George Boyer and the Ahava Baptist Church at Plant City. On his way he was with Pastor John Gilpin and the First Church, Russell, Ky., and Pastor John L. Bray and the Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla. The Lord willing they will be leaving for Brazil within a couple of months. Have you sent the treasurer a special offering to help send them out?

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.

EDITOR OF MISSION SHEETS AND HIS CHURCH

The Editor of the MISSION SHEETS is Hafford H. Overbey, who is pastor of Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. He has edited this paper from its beginning in January, 1942. He receives the letters and pictures from the missionaries and puts them in this paper so that all who support the work may read about it. As editor he also tells the needs, such as the sending out of new missionaries etc., and places these needs before the people with a prayer that God will lead them to send the money to the treasurer of the mission that the needs may be fully supplied. We have hoped and prayed that all the churches who support this work would make a special offering over and above their regular offerings. Some churches and some individuals have responded. The Editor put the matter before the saints of Harmony Church and asked them to do something about it and they responded with a special offering of \$100.00. They also gave more than usual for the regular monthly mission offering and made it an even \$100 also, or a total of \$200.00 for the month of October for Baptist Faith Missions. But this is not all. We believe in home missions as well as in foreign missions and we practice it, too, then we teach the churches that we pastor to give to both. Harmony Church has extended arms to two mission points where the Word is preached each Sunday. \$20.00 was given for rent at one of these places and \$30.00 for the other. Then \$15.00 was given for Brother Novaez our missionary to the Mexican people in Detroit and other places. Then \$50.00 was given to pay the payment on the home of a preacher in our association who has had a breakdown in health. This church and pastor have been paying the payments on this preacher's home for several months to keep him from losing it. This totals \$315.00 for the month of October for missions. This church owes \$5200.00 on her building and pays \$80.00 a month as payments. In addition to this she pays her pastor well and pays other regular expenses. We often tell the saints of Harmony that if any are hurt by what they have given to come around and get it back. Someone said the way to keep a cow from going dry was to keep milking her regularly. Likewise the way to keep a church from going dry on the work of missions is to keep her giving to missions. We believe in missions and we give to missions and we teach the church we pastor to give to missions also. Harmony Baptist Church ended the association year August 31 with 120 members. Her average offerings for the year was \$71.90 per member. She is a Missionary Baptist Church in practice. The more she gives for missions the more she gives for all other purposes. Harmony Baptist Church has the box plan of giving. Her total offerings for October were \$962.76.

HALLUM REPORTS

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The people slowly gather in and

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1948

South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	\$ 18.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	22.50
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	9.69
Danleyton Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Kentucky	13.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	12.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky. (for the Parrotts) .	5.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky. (for J. F. B.)	20.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	10.61
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	32.08
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	29.82
Madison Street Baptist Church, Rochester, Pa.	6.50
South Side Baptist Church (B. Y. P. U.), Paducah, Pa.	6.36
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	48.60
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla.	5.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va.	5.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	35.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	82.90
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	21.62
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	37.17
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio	5.00
First Baptist Church, Coal Grove, Ohio	24.50
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	5.00
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	55.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	16.28
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	39.20
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	16.88
Bible Missionary Baptist Church, DeQuincy, La.	12.36
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	60.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	10.90
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, Ky.	25.00
Pollard Baptist Church, Ashland, Ky.	5.00
Eaton Avenue Baptist Church, Muncy, Ind.	10.00
Marinatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	10.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	100.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (for the Parrotts)	100.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	12.92
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.	6.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	18.85
The Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J. (for Parrotts)	40.00
Plesant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	8.30
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	66.96
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B. T. U.)	3.57
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	68.06
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (for Parrotts)	100.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	37.80
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	18.57
Mrs. E. H. Purdon, Elmhurst, Ill.	10.00
Elder C. W. Talley, Mantee, Miss.	20.00
Elder C. W. Talley, Mantee, Miss. (for Don Thomas's Building)	5.00
Elder C. W. Talley, Mantee, Miss. (for Parrotts)	5.00
Mrs. Leslie Stephens, Whitley City, Ky.	10.00
A friend in Gainesville, Fla.	10.00
Mrs. Henry Bolin, Clinton, Ky. (for Parrotts)	7.00
Mrs. Vorise K. Ward, Kermit, W. Va.	15.00
Mrs. Nettie Estep, Elizabethton, Tenn. (for Don Thomas's Building)	20.00
Charles Holsinger, Wheaton, Ill.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sego, Glendale, Ky.	4.00
J. S. Reynolds Chattanooga, Tenn.	5.00
Beverly and Geraldine Hahn, Tampa, Fla.	2.00
Beverly and Geraldine Hahn, Tampa, Fla. (for Parrotts) ..	2.00
A friend in Wattenaw, Ark.	25.00
J. W. Earles, Bidwell, Ohio (for Parrotts)	5.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	5.00
Mrs. J. E. Richards and Miss Kitty Bullington, Atwood, Tenn. (for Parrotts)	5.00
Mrs. C. M. and Nina Barger, San Angelo, Texas	10.00
Mrs. C. M. and Nina Barger, San Angelo, Tex. (for Parrotts' trip)	10.00
Forest E. Scott and son, Junior, Grand Rivers, Ky.	10.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	10.00
Mrs. George Dolin, Charleston, W. Va.	2.00
TOTAL	\$1604.00

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for 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

Box 202

Cannelton, Indiana

BRANDON'S LETTER

(Preceding page, Column 3)
preaching point in his home where the church goes on Sunday afternoon to hold services.

Two Saved in the Yard

Another letter from Miguel tells that two had professed faith in the Lord Jesus in the services held in the yard of this home. Two of the pictures I sent last week were taken at these Sunday afternoon services. (See picture in this issue—Editor). Note Psalms 118:17; 50:15; and 107:22. My experience in praying for people is when the Lord hears and heals one it is for some kind of service that will glorify Him.

Another Sick Man

And while I am on this sub-

ject let me say that about the same time this man was being treated that there was another case just as interesting. A believer, an old man who was never baptized because he was embarrassed by his marriage ceremony. Anyway he was dying and it seems that the Lord sent me, for I arrived at just the right moment. He was a shoe cobbler and had a large family and they were very poor. He had told his family the day before that the easiest way out of it would be to die but he hated to leave them in such poverty. He had not spoken for an hour or more and the family was gathered around him crying when I went in with one of the brethren. After talking to them about things we agreed to ask the Lord to raise him up again. I fell on my knees with my hands upon the head of the sick man, called His attention to the need of the home and asked for the health of the sick brother. The Lord heard from heaven and as we left off praying the man regained his faculties and spoke to us. We arranged him a bowl of chicken soup and then he regained strength from then on.

Raised Up for a Purpose

One thing that interested me about this was a few days later he told his wife he knew he would get well for while he was very sick he had a vision of a man coming in and laying his hands upon his head and praying for him and as he prayed another man came and assured him that he would recover. He said that the man who prayed was Brother Brandon and that the other One was the Lord Jesus. As soon as he was able to be about he was gathering the people together to attend the services that were held near his home, one of which later gave a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I think the above scriptures will also apply to this case. The Lord must be served. There are different ways in appealing to people, no man knows it all, we need others to help us in our work. A plan I have used many times and never saw it fail is the family gathered about the dying mother or father and cry unto the Lord for life and He will answer the same hour. I think the reason is, the family like the church is of divine origin and has a special place in the heart of God, and though not ordered as it should be, when its members cry unto him for mercy, He cannot deny Himself, He will answer and restore.

Death To Some Others

Miguel the pastor also writes of the death of two men, both unbelievers, with whom I was associated much. One was a merchant that 20 years ago became very much interested in the gospel but was influenced by his wife to not follow. Through the years however he has been a friend to me and has shown himself many times to be concerned in my welfare. Such things make me sad because there is only one place where rejectors of the Lord Jesus must go. When they have no place for Him down here they have no place with Him up there. The other man was the owner of the hotel where I had my meals for a long time. He sent for the pastor in the hour of death but the family would not let the pastor enter the house. This man had heard the gospel hundreds of times and certainly did not call the pastor to hear, but I would say he wanted to accept the Lord Jesus as his Saviour and profess faith in Him. How much better it would have been to have attended to this in life and not wait until the death hour just to find an

unexpected hindrance.

A Prisoner Converted

Miguel also told of the animation of the services in the jail recently where he says another of the prisoners was converted. He also tells of an excluded member of the church at Cruzeiro do Sul who is a prisoner now, a widow who was one of the first converted at Cruzeiro do Sul. She is a colored woman, but we feel sure that she is a wayward sheep. Her life for the past five years has not been worth anything to the cause of Christ, and to be sent to jail is just one of the many things that one might expect from a mispent Christian life. While in jail she attends the services and seems to be interested. He assures me that the church is praying for my health and return. I had told him in a former letter that we were expecting to have another missionary there soon and they were enquiring when to expect them.

A Letter From Cicero—Six Baptized At Amonho

Cicero Bicipo, pastor of the church at Amonho writes of an increased activity in those parts. He has two well attended points where he preaches as often as possible. They are both below the village and when Miguel was up there the last time, last December, there were four people converted at these places. One place is called Mississippi where there is a waterfall and the other place is called Oriente. There are a number of believers living at each place. Cicero went down and baptized those who had made profession of faith. Then there were two more converted at Amonho and baptized. The work seems to be revived there. Cicero said that he would soon be on a journey up the Teja river where there is a great deal of interest. It will take him a month to go and return, and I know under the greatest difficulties possible. Up in that part, life at its best is hard and especially so when one is traveling up river in a canoe in low water time. I doubt if he can make the journey in one month, stopping just one night at each place. Many years ago Cicero lived up on that river and cut rubber, that was before he was saved and called into the ministry of the Lord Jesus. He was known in those days because he was so violent and fought so much. I hope they will get better acquainted with him now and come to know the better side of life through the gospel he preaches.

(To be continued in the next issue).

Sincerely,
J. F. BRANDON.

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A CHURCH IS ESTABLISHED

(Preceding page, Column two)

at Cruzeiro do Sul. When they were enough to establish a church, they were granted letters from the Cruzeiro do Sul church for that purpose and a new Baptist church was organized.

Then if possible a native preacher is sent to preach to them and do mission work in the territory up and down the various streams that flow into the Jurua River. So after the first convert in Amonho in 1939 others were added until about six years later in February 1946 a church was organized in Amonho. Then Cicero Bicipo, a native Baptist preacher, moved to Amonho to pastor the new church and do mission work thereabouts.