

MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

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Cicero Bicipo
Maio Dutro
Eufrazo Soraes
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(Portuguese Language)

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MISSIONARIES IN PERU

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Miss Marguerite Hallum
(Spanish Language)
IN COLUMBIA
Jose Tomas del Castillo
(Spanish Language)

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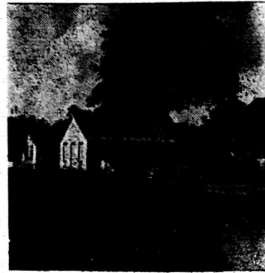
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The Parrotts To Leave New York About March First For Mission Field In Brazil

The Lord willing the Parrotts will sail from New York for Brazil about the first of March. The kerosene operated refrigerator has been ordered for delivery to the Neptune Forwarding Company in New York. The folding organ has been ordered and received. We were able to buy a good used treadle model Singer sewing machine. The gasoline operated washing machine and the wood burning cook stove are on their way to New York also. The numerous smaller items are ordered and should be here by the first of February. The dentist has finished working on their teeth for a three-year stay in Brazil. The doctor has sent them to the hospital for chest X-rays. They have been vaccinated for smallpox and have taken shots for typhus, typhoid fever and tetanus. Next they go for police certificates. As soon as the passport comes they must go to the Brazilian Consulate office to ap-

pear in person and apply for a visa. When the visa is received then they will be ready to leave for New York City to sail on the steamer "Jutahy" for Belem. Para, a city of about 400,000 people at the mouth of the Amazon River. About the time they leave New York, Brother Brandon is to leave Miami, Fla., by Pan American Airways plane and be in Belem when the boat arrives to help them through the customs and to get registered with proper authorities. Then as soon as possible they are to take another boat for about ten days up the Amazon River to the city of Manaus, the capital city of the State of Amazonas. Here they are to live until they learn the language well, which probably will be for six months to a year. Then they are to go up the Amazon River 500 miles more to the mouth of the Jurua River then up this river to Cruzeiro do Sul. Here they are to

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A glimpse of the most beautiful building in Cruzeiro do Sul, the meeting house of the Church of the Lord Jesus, the Cruzeiro do Sul Baptist Church.

To get the story of the journey, picture in your mind the Sunday morning service at the Church in Cruzeiro do Sul. Then the group leaves for the preaching point, passing through the business section of the town and then they get into a canoe in the Jurua River and go five miles down stream where the pastor preaches to the group shown in the picture. Now read Brother Brandon's letter and get the story.

Brandon, Sends News Of Work In Brazil As It Is Sent To Him By Native Workers

Two letters have been received from the native workers that might be of some interest to the brethren and I will try to give you an account of them. A letter from Miguel Ibernson (the pastor at Cruzeiro do Sul) dated October 28, in which he expresses the happiness felt by the church there in the expectation of another missionary (Brother Parrott). When Miguel is there they have services every night. You might think one would become weary, but a goodly number of them have not through these twenty years there has been a church. Not long ago one of them said, "It just takes our nightly worship to complete the day."

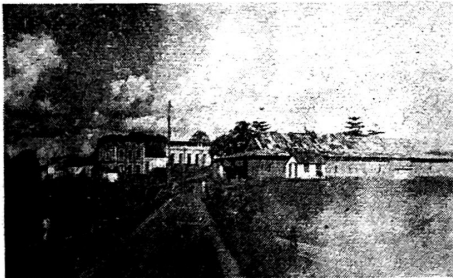
Mission Point Five Miles Away

If you recall, in a former letter I told of a brother who was very sick and the church had special prayer for him and the

Lord restored him, and his vow to God was to evangelize the community in which he lives. He lives about five miles below Cruzeiro do Sul and they have regular services in his home. They go down there on Sunday afternoons in canoes and return in time for church at night in Cruzeiro do Sul. He sent another picture of the congregation, all of them sinners. Then he sends another picture of the brethren who went with him. On the occasion of this picture one of the older men was saved and his boy thought to be deeply convicted.

Backsliders Return

Also there was a couple there who were baptized 18 years ago and did not walk well for a time, but were lured away from the word and fell into sin. This is not the first time they have attended, however. Recently they have been interested. (Next page, Column one)



A view of Cruzeiro do Sul showing the market on the right and other commercial houses in the rear.



Pastor Miguel Ibernson (with pole in hand) and a group from the church in a canoe ready for a journey to the Sunday afternoon preaching point five miles down river.



This is the group that the pastor found to preach to. One of these was saved and two other backsliders were restored to fellowship.

UPS AND DOWNS IN OUR MISSION WORK

Many are the ups and downs in the Lord's work and how true in this mission work. There have been times over the years when we have wondered what would be the outcome of our efforts and the work. Only seven years ago the pastor who had charge of the work gave it up and left Brother Brandon alone without support. From the human standpoint it seemed that the work at last had come to an end and many were gleeful about it. But the Lord was only testing as he did Abraham of old. The Lord did not test Abraham before he was ready to be tested. The same is true of this mission work. We often thought what if Brother Brandon should die, what about the work. Then the Hallums and their work in Peru came in with us and then Brother Hallum opened a work in Columbia which is now carried on by the native missionary Don Thomas. Bro-

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Inspiring Letter From R. P. Hallum Gives Cause For Rejoicing

Iquitos, Peru.
January 4, 1949.

Christian and New Year's
Greetings:

Your letter to Marguerite and also the LIGHT AND SHIELD for December in separate cover came yesterday. The December issue of the MISSION SHEETS came a few days ago, all of which reminds me of my procrastination in not replying to your letter received the first of December with enclosed checks. For the last month I have been occupied during the daytime attending to the finishing of the Sunday School rooms which we had constructed. Now they are plastered both outside and inside and the entire house painted outside and inside. We completed the work the twenty-fourth of December. The work was done during one of the hottest periods of weather that I have experienced since I have been here. This hot weather ex-

tended through Christmas week but it has been raining for the last few days and it is much cooler.

Makes a Journey With Noe

On Wednesday of last week the boy and I went up the Nanay River, returning on Friday. We went to Tipischa, the place farthest up the river which we had formerly visited. It is the settlement where the rubber workers live except when the water is very high. We were informed before arriving there that several families were there but upon arriving we found only one family, man, wife and some children, and a young man who was keeping the house of the owner of the business. Some people who were going up the river stopped there for the night and we had a service. I preached to a half dozen or more. The next day, Thursday, we went further up the river, stopping at some houses, con-

versing with the people on the gospel and the question of preparing to meet God. We arrived at a place called Ninarrumi, a settlement of 8 or 10 families and stayed there over night. We had a service. I think most of the people who lived there attended. I felt that the Lord was with us and that some good will result because of our effort. They were very kind to us. The men were most of all helping one of their neighbors clear land for a new chacra (farm). They were drinking masata. I think it was pretty strong for some of them manifested that they were almost drunk, but did not hinder us in the service. The following day we returned. Hope to make a trip to another part the last of the week.

Surrenders to Preach

Last night I began teaching a class of young men Bible lessons. I plan to teach two nights (Next page, Column four)

WE NOW SUPPORT 13 MISSIONARIES

Brother Brandon, the three Hallums, the two Parrotts, Don Thomas in Columbia and the six native missionaries in Brazil makes thirteen missionaries. The salaries for these 13 missionaries amount to about \$1155.00 a month counting the cost for transfer of funds. Then there is the cost to print and send out this paper and the cost for trips to and from the mission fields and then the journeys on the fields and the needed things that we have already mentioned. Surely this is a glorious work. You read in almost every issue of the paper of several souls saved and baptized. All this without any paid secretaries or office rent or bosses to interfere with pastors and churches. There are many who would like to join in the support of this work, but they are afraid of the powers to be. There is not anything to be afraid of. Just send in your offerings and then you

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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. OVERBYE
1210 E. Grand Blvd.
Detroit 11, Mich.

NEWS FROM BRAZIL

(Preceding page, Column 3) este, but that Sunday the man came in tears and his wife following after the invitation was given. It so happens that he is the oldest son of the man who was sick and restored. Now you know that was a happy meeting? How I would have loved to have been there."

Conversion in the Jail

The following Sunday he tells of the conversion of a prisoner in the jail and the interest of others. The services there have been better attended recently and with more interest, so he says. Perhaps I have said already too much for fear not, let me say that there is an excluded member of our church in the jail now, a woman. She gives every sign of a believer and she has six boys, all of them young men and all of them are lost. I hope we will pray for the reconciliation of this woman and the salvation of her boys.

Parana Dos Mouros

Brother Maio, the native pastor of Parana dos Mouros had written and said there has been another conversion there—a young woman, and all were very happy. He also spoke of another profession of faith among the lepers. That makes me happy for I somehow love to see or hear of a leper being saved more than anyone else. I know they are not better, but their need seems greater. However, it is not, for leprosy is just a type of sin.

Plans a Journey

The pastor (Miguel) had his plans made to go up the Jurua River on the tenth of November and if things worked out right he has made the journey are this. I do hope the Lord will prosper him in his journey. He says that from the interior points all is well. Praise the Lord Jesus.

Eight Saved In Manaos

Another letter from Pastor Santiago who is working in Manaos says the work is prospering in a most satisfactory way. They are preaching on the streets four times a week and have not lost a night. I left there. They have worship two nights a week in the church building and another is a night dedicated to prayer in the home of one of the brethren. (That takes care of all seven nights in the week). He reports eight professions of faith, three of which have been baptized and the other five expecting to be soon. He also says that there was a couple that he had won to the Lord some years ago, and who were members of the Second Church, came for membership with us. Now that they have opened a preaching point in their home, or better to say in the street near their home. That is the best place that I know of to preach, that is more people come together. The man has a little store and has a good influence with the people. They expect good results from there.

An Adventist Gets Enough

On one occasion an adventist who is a neighbor entered in a discussion with the brethren.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 1949

Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio.....	\$ 18.15
Bellevue Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.....	14.51
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.....	70.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.....	106.70
Buffalo Ave. Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	35.00
Buffalo Ave. Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	
(Parrots).....	3.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.....	10.87
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.....	55.00
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, West Va.....	5.00
Abava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.....	45.00
Abava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla. (Special for Peru).....	42.60
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.....	5.00
Bible Missionary Baptist Church, DeQuency, La.....	10.41
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.....	34.37
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.....	69.00
Union Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.....	5.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.....	51.92
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.....	14.95
Zoar Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.....	18.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.....	22.49
Zoar Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.....	22.39
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Michigan.....	9.83
Little Sewell Baptist Church, Rainelle, West Va.....	50.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.....	19.78
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla.....	5.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.....	15.07
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.....	5.00
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. (B. Y. P. U.).....	6.43
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.....	54.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, Ohio.....	10.66
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.....	14.45
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.....	31.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.....	105.00
United Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.....	10.00
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.....	36.22
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.....	14.16
First Baptist Church, White Knobs, Ky.....	12.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Granger, Mich.....	9.68
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.....	35.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.....	95.65
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.....	130.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (for Parrots' trip)	5.00
Race Baptist Church, Lexington, Mich.....	60.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind. (for Parrots)	20.00
Danelynton Missionary Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Ky.....	23.00
Charles Farris, San Angelo, Texas.....	5.00
Mrs. Rose Bolle, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	5.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.....	10.00
Mrs. Lillian Barker, Covington, Ky.....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hoag, Detroit, Mich.....	25.00
Ferrell Kennedy, Grifton, Ohio.....	1.00
John H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.....	5.00
Mrs. Maude Hines, Franklin, Ky.....	12.00
L. R. Reynolds, Yuma, Colorado.....	20.00
Wade Daugherty, Monticello, Ky, for the Parrots' trip.....	20.00
C. B. Massey, Providence, Ky, for Parrots' trip.....	20.00
Mr. Van Atter, Detroit, Michigan.....	5.00
Mrs. E. H. Purdon, Elmhurst, Ill.....	5.00
Miss Vorise Kirk, Kermitt, West Va.....	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lewis, Stillwell, Okla.....	100.00
Mrs. C. E. Stewart, Stockdale, Ohio.....	1.00
Mrs. Nellie Frazer, Stockdale, Ohio.....	1.00
W. W. Lester, Baden, Pa.....	20.00
Dr. D. J. Dunn, Worthington, Minn.....	5.00
Joseph I. Sproles, Benhams, Va.....	2.00
TOTAL.....	\$1725.21

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer

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 in envelope. Address to:

Elder Z. E. Clark
Box No. 215
Cannelton, Indiana

P. S. Note the change in my box number from 202 to 215. I rented a larger box.

but was glad for the opportunity to get away and he has not returned for more. This was the last I have seen of him. Sunday School age that will help to build up our children's class. When I lived in Coary this pastor cooperated with me there. His daughter was converted and I baptized her. Years later she married a Pentecostist who obliged her to go with him. He did not have that faith but he was so hard to get along with that she left. Now he is dead and she returned to the church asking for reconciliation and forgiveness. The church accepted her. She also has two children of Sunday School age.

House Sold

The house where we were having services was sold and they were obliged to move. They now occupy a smaller, but better house. It is harder to find there now. He reports the

church with a membership of 45 and five waiting for baptism. Also there are others who are interested in hearing the gospel and those who hear may believe. May the Lord direct and bless you in the work and make you a blessing to the brethren who prosper you in His way. Remember me to your family and church, the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.

Sincerely,
J. F. BRANDON.

THE PARROTS TO LEAVE

(Preceding page, Column two) stay for two years which will complete three years and then they will come home for a year rest and visit to the churches. Every person who reads this, and every church and pastor who supports the work should pray earnestly for this young couple.

Many others should have a part in sending them out. When we first announced their plans to go we said that it would cost a minimum of \$3000.00 and perhaps much more for the needed things to take along with them and the cost of travel by train and boat and the hotel expense while waiting between trains and boats and between boats and boats. Many have responded to help in this great expense. Surely others who read this will want to have a part in the work also.

THIRTEEN MISSIONARIES

(Preceding page, Column five) are one of those who have a part in the work of these thirteen missionaries. When you read about the work you can say, "I help to support these missionaries and my mission offerings help to carry the gospel to the lost in Brazil, Peru and Mexico." Every Baptist ought to be missionary and if you want to support a real New Testament mission work, then you need to look no further.

HALLUM'S LETTER

(Preceding page, Column 4) a week. I am following the notes given in the first year of the Bible School at Murray by Brother H. B. Taylor. There were two in the class last night but I think there will be more soon. One of the men in my class, a Negro from Columbia near where Don Thomas works, stood up last Saturday night and stated that he felt called of God. His Spirit was present and appeared to be sincere. I ask your prayers that the Lord may direct all this to the furtherance of His Gospel and for His glory. Many things I could mention that are not so encouraging but I will leave that out.

Your Imagination

Your imagination about our starting out on trips is very good. I suggest that while you are exercising your imagination that you imagine a high steep bank where we embark and the missionary is in a hurry and he grabs up the motor and starts down the steep bank and his feet go out from under him and he and the motor are stretched out on the ground. The missionary gets a sprained knee. Then imagine on another occasion the boy laying the motor on the end of the boat and then getting in and rocking the boat and the motor going overboard into the water. The motor is rescued but it takes about two hours to get the motor going so that we can go around the bend and disappear. Ha, ha. Then imagine on another occasion arriving at our destination and the boy before taking the motor out of the boat closes the valves so that the fuel won't run out, but closes the carburetor valve so tight that when it gets ready to start it takes about two valve turns on the needle instead of the needle turning, but I did not notice this, thinking I was opening the valve. I worked until I was completely exhausted trying to start the motor when there was no fuel entering. At last I noticed the trouble and corrected it.

Yours truly,
R. P. HALLUM.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR MISSIONS THIS MONTH? ARE YOU PROUD OR ASHAMED OF IT?

UPS AND DOWNS

(Preceding page, Column one) ther Brandon had to return to the States because of very serious illness and many thought that he would not live long. Many asked what about the five churches and the mission points in the Acre Territory and the one church in Manaos? What about preaching points where there are a few believers scattered up and down the streams? How will the native missionaries carry on without Brother Brandon? We could not answer the questions, but they are being answered this very month to month. Brother Brandon made arrangements with the Bank of Manaos to pay the natives and the bank reports that they have been paid out of the amount they owe him. Brother Brandon receives letters from the workers and translates them and sends the news to you through this paper in letters and pictures. And now it looks as if the man who many thought had come home to die will soon return to the mission field again. If he just goes to receive the new missionaries and get them settled and then has to come back it will be worth the cost of the trip. Truly there are ups and downs, but we recall that the Apostle Paul had a few also. He planted some churches and wrote to them from a jail and they carried on.

HALLUM WRITES OF PERSECUTIONS IN C. A.

Iquitos, Peru,
January 10, 1949.

Christian Greetings—

Your letter of January third with enclosed check for Don Thomas was received the eighth, which was signed and sent to him. I received a letter from Don Thomas recently acknowledging receipt of check for December and telling of the death of one of the believers that lived in Cisneros. He had not been baptized but was intending to be baptized soon. Don Thomas speaks of persecutions received by the congregation of the C. A. because of what he had said about baptism. As a rule persecution comes from religious sects mainly.

Catholics Imitate Name Baptist

This brings to my mind a notice that I saw the other day in the paper, something about the biggest Roman Catholic church in Iquitos giving its name "San Juan de los Rios de Bautista" which means First Church of John the Baptist. My impression is that this name has been adopted recently. It is the first time the believers that I imagine John the Baptist doing and teaching the things that the Roman Catholics do and teach. Imagine a Roman Catholic priest losing his faith and becoming a Baptist as John the Baptist did. Well to meet someone in this part of the world that would speak the truth always at all cost would be a great encouragement to me. I have yet to find out that he has proved himself to have such conviction, even among the believers. This leaves all well except a cold and other minor ailments.

Yours in the Lord's service.

R. P. HALLUM.

P. S. I did not make a trip as planned last week on account of it being a big Roman Catholic holiday. It is difficult to do anything on one of these holidays. As a rule many of the men are drunk. I hope to make a trip right away. R. P. H.