

MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

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J. F. Brandon's Letter Shows The Real Need Of True Mission Work In Brazil

I left Manaus on April 6 after eight days there in fellowship with the brethren. The Parrotts had rented a house and were expecting to move in the next day. They had the promise of a teacher who would go to their house once a week. Our little church in Manaus has grown since I left it last August. They have baptized 11 and received 3 by letters and 7 were to be baptized on Sunday, April 10. Brother Parrott was going to get the pictures of the baptizing if possible. The building that the church has occupied until now is too small and they will be moving soon to another (it also is still too small but some larger). We hope in the future to have a church building of our own there.

Boat Fifty Years Old

The boat on which I am traveling is one of the old timers, a stern wheeler, made in Pittsburgh about 50 years ago. One wonders how they keep them together so long. Besides the boat being overloaded we are towing a large barge full of tender. It will take quite a while to arrive in Cruzeiro do Sul. The captain on the boat was a pilot on the boat the first time I went to Cruzeiro do Sul. Today at the table he was telling some of the cute things David did when my family went up the first time. It has been 19 years since we went to Codajaz (this is on the Amazon about 300 miles up river from Manaus). We have just passed the place and it is nightfall. Many people were on the river bank to see the boat pass by.

Experiences Of Other Days

The sight recalled to my mind when we were there. We were able to sow seed and reap the harvest. When we left there was a church with more than 50 members and a nice little church building. From what I could see while passing the place did not look so progressive now as when we left there. It now has a few American priests, but in other

days we would pray for the progress of the town and then try to encourage the elder of it and God answers prayer. Our baby girl, Betty Brown, was born there and the people seemed to be as proud of her as a brand new dollar. She was born on one of their national holidays. There was no doctors there and a midwife came to deliver the baby. We were not making much progress and I called the children and sent them to the homes of the believers to ask them to stop whatever they were doing and seek the Lord in prayer for the birth of the baby. Their neighbors and ours, too, Catholic, knew of it and went to pray to their saints and they later told us that they made promises with the saints for a happy birth for our baby. Of course they could not be convinced but that their promises were what gave the results. Of course, we believers know that all answered prayer comes through the name of the Lord Jesus. The truth is, in about an half hour the baby was born and made us all happy. The next few days were busy ones, for the whole town came in to visit her.

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Inside the building of the Baptist Tabernacle in Manaus. The picture is a flash photo taken from the back of the church showing the pastor in the pulpit with Bible in hand.



Missionary Billy Parrott with Jose, a young Brazilian Christian, standing beside him.



Brother Francisco Santiago, the pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle in Manaus, Brazil, praying before taking the candidates into the water to baptize them.



Brother Santiago baptizing a man with his wife waiting to be baptized. This is early morning before it gets hot. They left the church at 7:00 a. m.

Missionary Parrott's Letter Brings Real Rejoicing And A Challenge To Us At Home

Caixa Postal 227
Manaos, Amazonas, Brazil.

Dear Brethren:

I received your letter Number 2 of April 19 on April 23. Also received the MISSION SHEETS and the LIGHT AND SHIELD and the poster with the pictures of all the missionaries. We were glad to get them. Most of the news was encouraging and none of it especially discouraging. We were a little disappointed in the mission offerings for the past three months but that does not worry us because we know that His will will be done in all things and that He takes care of His work. We are praying for greater offerings, not for our benefit but that more workers might be put on the field. There is a great need for more of the native workers and there are men here who would like to put in their full time at the work of the Lord but it is impossible for them to do it without some sort of support.

Looking for the Smiths

We are rejoicing with you that the Smiths are to be sent out. We were sure that they would

be, but it is great to know that it is now official. We know the Smiths are about it, too. The pictures of the missionaries on the poster are very good. I showed the poster to Bro. Santiago, the pastor here, and he knows all the Brazilian men on it. In another year we will have enough missionaries here for a poster of the workers in Brazil alone. I am looking forward to meeting all the brethren down here with much hope for great times of fellowship with them. I should like to have an extra copy of the poster with the pictures on it. I am glad that you have these posters sent out on a stiff cardboard. If you will recall, I made the statement just after I returned from Florida and other places that I felt that the people were just such a picture for their churches. I think it will be a lot of help.

Rainy Season

It rains almost continually now. I think we are right in the middle of a rainy season. It has hurt the attendance of our night street services quite a bit. Our house is one of the nicer places of this part of the city and it is for sale but the price is more than the mission could pay for it. In the states it would be in the \$15,000.00 class. It is only about three years old and was built for an American business man who has lots of money. We are paying \$45.00 a month rent and they tell me this is very reasonable for this house. It is large and has a large yard with a white paling fence around it. The house has water and a bath room. It is only five minutes walk from here to the church or to the pastor's home. There is a street car track right in front of the house and also a bus line with another line just around the corner going the other way.

Need a New Church Building

The thing that interests me most just now is church building. (Next page, Column one)



The Men's Bible Class with the pastor teaching the Sunday School lesson. It looks like Brother Parrott got out of his chair to take the picture. Thus you have the mission work in pictures.

SECOND LETTER FROM BILLY PARROTT

May 2, 1949.

Dear Brethren:

We are very much in need of some Bibles down here. Missions now have a new book store here and probably we can get what we want from them, but I would like to see if we can order them for ourselves, because it should be cheaper in the long run, and we need some Bibles to take up river when we go to Cruzeiro do Sul. They are very hard to get here and it must be much harder to river. I would like for you to write to the American Bible Society and (Next page, Column five)

Iquitos, Peru,
April 5, 1949.

Dear Brethren:

I am happy to hear of the acceptance of more missionaries to go to Brazil. I don't believe that a thousand new ones of the right sort would be too many. I have a different idea than many about carrying out the great commission. I don't believe that we have even approached near to the fulfilling of the Lord's will in this matter. From my point of view there is a need of a hundred missionaries of the right sort in this region of Peru. To show what I mean I will relate

my experience a few days ago. I made a short trip to Mapa accompanied by a young Peruvian. We arrived about one thirty in the afternoon, visited the people, inviting them to the service in the house that we usually held services in. About the time we finished visiting it started to rain and rained the rest of the afternoon and all night, but in spite of the rain and that the man of the house and his family were away at work (some of his relatives were there caring for the house), a few came, including a dozen or so boys and girls. There were six men all sitting

on the same bench and I think there were three women present with their babies.

Four Adults Saved

After preaching the gospel to them I remarked that some of them had made profession of faith in previous services. One of the men answered saying that the four of them that were sitting in the center had made profession, but that the other two men had not, then I asked the other two if they would receive the Lord Jesus as a personal Saviour, and if so I raise the (Next page, column four)

"DON RICARDO" PLEADS FOR MORE MISSIONARIES IN PERU

POSTERS

We have sent out posters with the pictures of all the missionaries of Baptist Faith Missions as of March 1949. We have tried to send the large cards with the pictures of the missionaries on them to every church that supports this work, also to each individual that support the work separate from any church. If you have not received one of these posters for your church, please write to us at once and we will send you one. We do not want to miss anyone, and no one will be missed if you will write us and ask for one. We cannot give one to each member of a supporting church. Those (Next page, Column four)

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 1949

Zoar Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	\$ 17.45
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	17.55
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (for Don Thomas' Bldg.)	5.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. Ladies Bible Class	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	21.74
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	35.00
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, West Va.	5.00
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliff, Ky.	50.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	15.81
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio	13.50
Anava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.	5.00
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliff, Ky.	31.75
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	7.06
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	44.13
United Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.	5.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	5.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	36.50
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colorado	75.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	89.50
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	35.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.	24.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	55.00
Lawtey Baptist Mission, Lawtey, Fla.	5.00
Repton Baptist Church, Repton, Ky.	65.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	7.21
Calvary Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	3.00
First Baptist Church, Stilwell, Okla. (By Alma and Eddie Lewis)	9.50
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Millstone, West Va.	20.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	12.00
Maborton Baptist Church, Mansfield, La.	50.00
Freedom Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	25.00
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	40.20
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	50.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	11.09
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	21.87
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B. Y. P. U.)	4.51
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	70.16
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	134.40
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	16.35
Vacation Bible School, Portales, New Mexico (By Mrs. Ruth Bilberry)	2.32
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	87.20
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	5.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. (B. Y. P. U.)	7.47
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	10.00
Mrs. C. E. Stewart, Stockdale, Ohio	1.00
Pearl L. Hendley, Farmington, Ky. (for Don Thomas' bldg.) ..	2.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	5.00
Miss Irene Ayres, Gainesville, Fla.	12.00
McLellan Sebastian, Outwood, Ky.	15.00
John U. and Blanch Owen, Bowling Green, Ky.	10.00
Linwood M. Williams, Baltimore, Md.	5.00
W. F. Landacre, Carl, West Va.	6.00

TOTAL.....\$1437.27

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for His mission work to the treasurer of this mission. It is best to send by check or money order. It is not safe to send cash. Address your envelope to:

Z. E. CLARK
Box 215
Cannelton, Indiana

MISSIONARY PARROTT

(Preceding page, Column five) ing and I am enclosing a sheet with a rough drawing of the plan for a building. Of course, this is only a plan and all that has been done is to talk about it but I am very enthusiastic about it. I talked it over with Brother Brandon before he left for Cruzeiro do Sul and he agreed on this type of building as the most suitable and the pastor has also agreed that it is best. The next thing is to get a lot and then we can go ahead when we are ready to build. We are studying very hard on the language now. We have two teachers and we are coming

along very well. I can make the pastor understand just about anything that I want to say to him now. I told him the other day that I wanted to begin preaching by the time I had been here six months and he said that he believed that at the rate I am learning that I will be preaching in four or five months. I think that it will be six months before I shall try to preach but I am coming along pretty fast. I advised Lawrence (Brother Smith) to get the same books that we got in New York and start studying Portuguese now. Our teacher says that the grammar is very good and the dictionary, too. I think that if the mission could see their way clear they should send Lawrence to that language school in Detroit (I think it is the Berlitz School of Languages). They vary quite a bit but it would be worth it for him to be able to speak the language a little when they get down here. They would still have a teacher to finish but he would have enough so he could attend to all the business when they get here. If I can I will go to town tomorrow and have some film developed and send some pictures along with this letter. We take the film one day

SPECIAL NOTICE

Brother Z. E. Clark has had to rent a larger P. O. Box. Please note the new box number on your records. The correct address is:

ELDER Z. E. CLARK
P. O. BOX 215
CANNELTON, IND.

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.

MISSIONARY BRANDON

(Preceding page, Column two)

The Work Has Suffered

While in Manaos I was told that the work of the Lord there (Codajaz) was not prospering so much lately. The church has no pastor and the members are very poor, I am sure too poor to sustain one, and the convention will not. (This church was organized by Brother Brandon and then taken away from him by the convention while he was away). Later. We are now three days on the Jurua river and the journey would be impossible but for the presence of the Lord. There are 15 little children on the boat, all of which were born under a thunder cloud, and the brightest place on the boat for them is around my hammock. When we passed Coary (another church that Brother Brandon organized that the convention took from him) I recalled the happy days that we passed there calling them from sin to a better life with the Lord Jesus. The church there seems to be prospering, they have a school there now, the pastor seems to be quite active and is a good man. The priests are building a convent and school there now. One of the leading business men was converted there last month. The Catholic idea is not to make the people strong in the faith but to destroy the Baptist work. They sent American priests to Codajaz and Coary when there were many other towns in the interior. We passed the place where the church of Catua "was" (another church organized by Brother Brandon and taken from him by the convention). A man came aboard, the owner of the place, and he said there were no more public meetings but that the people still professed the faith, but were without a pastor. When we were about to leave he sent me a bushel, 1 kutoliter, of Brazil nuts as a present. He is not a believer but a friend of the believers. He said that the brethren had made a lot of money on nuts this year and last. We passed a place yesterday and I talked to a man about the Lord and he said "you do not recognize me, but in 1926 you talked to me over there on the river bank and I trusted the Lord Jesus and have been a believer ever since."

Sincerely,

J. F. BRANDON.

(This letter from Brother Brandon evidently was mailed on a passing boat that was coming down river. We have not heard any more from him and trust that he has reached Cruzeiro do Sul and is with the church there. Pray for him.—Editor).

and get it back the next. We pray daily for the churches and brethren back there. Don't forget us in your prayers and be sure and pray about us getting the new church building here. We need it very badly.

Your friend in the service of the Saviour.

B. E. PARROTT.

Our new address is Caixa Postal 227, Manaos, Amazonas, Brazil.

MISSIONARY HALLUM

(Preceding page, Column two) hand and both of them raised the hand; then I turned and remarked to the women that were sitting on the other side that the gospel is for the women also and asked them if they would receive the Lord Jesus as Saviour and they both raised their hands. After I had dismissed the service and all had gone except those that were staying in the house, one of the men who seems to be more intelligent came and sat down at my side and began to talk. He said "Don Ricardo, what we need is a church and a school and some of you people to come and stay and teach us and teach our children to read and make them obey. You have been coming and teaching us alright but when you go away they forget what you have said and go on the same way." I said yes, I suppose the children forget what we teach but the men and women do not. Here he replied, "Yes, it is the same with the men. They forget what you have taught them. Over on the Ruma Cocha there is an evangelist that lives there and teaches them the Bible and teaches the children and they have a church and they are learning and going forward and that is what we need." That is about the way the man expressed his opinion. I believe that he is right. These people need someone to live with them and teach them by precept and example, someone that has true sympathy for them as well as patience, and only those who have sufficient grace can do it. Mapa is a small settlement of 100 persons or more, but near Mapa above and below there is Unguara, Santa Rita on the river, Santa Rita off the river, and also Le Pune off the river, a short distance, and above Mapa are settlements of Comas and some not Indians. Then up the river Nanay for many days travel there are settlements of people along the river. There is plenty of work for a missionary. There are no other evangelistic workers on this river except a family of Peruvians far up on a plantation. On the little river Momon which empties into the Nanay there are many people without the gospel. About five hours up this river by motor is Polis Creek on the Momon. On this creek is a large settlement of people both white and red and some have received the gospel. They have a school there up to the third grade. They too need a missionary, someone who is willing to lose his life for Christ. I know of no Baptists in this part except us that are not unionists. Surely the Lord needs some true Baptists to help us in this part of His field. For this we ask your prayers.

Yours in the Lord.

R. P. HALLUM.

(How can those who profess to be called to be missionaries refuse to accept a challenge like this?—Editor).

SECOND LETTER

(Preceding page, Column five) other places about Portuguese Bibles. We don't want any other version or translation than the "Jose Ferreira d'Almedia Translation," definitely not the Brazilian translation. I would like to know the price of all sizes, and in quantities, also the address of their office in Brazil. Several of the believers here want Bibles and if I can get them cheaper it will be much better than for them to have to buy them from the book store here. You might also find out about the Portuguese song books

"Cantor Christao." We can get them here and I have already paid \$7.50 for our personal copies, two with music at \$2.50 each and two pocket size without music at \$1.25 each. These are leather bound and should last for a long time. Also I bought fifteen dollars worth for the church, some paper bound for .50 and some cloth bound for .75, but we still need to find out about others.

Portuguese Teachers

I think we will let one of our Portuguese teachers go after this week. He is a young boy who has never taught before and is not helping very much. He doesn't know much English and he is trying to learn English from us while he teaches us Portuguese and the result is that he is learning more English than we are Portuguese. The other teacher is experienced and very good. He is quite business like and there is no wasted time with him. He uses the whole hour for teaching us and refuses to speak English at all if he can possibly make himself clear in Portuguese. It did not rain last night and the service picked up noticeably. There were 28 there and it was a new place, so it is looking better and the pastor says that it will be much better as soon as summer comes and the rains cease. We only have a little more of the rainy season left and it will be over before this month is out. We will be glad as we do not care for this rain even though it is cooler in the rainy season. You can really tell the difference on a rainy day. It is quite comfortable when it rains and then the next day it will be insufferably hot, and they say that this is the winter and that it will be very much hotter when summer comes. Last Wednesday night we had 53 in prayer meeting and last Sunday night we had 58, which left only two seats, as we can only seat 60.

Located A Lot

We now have in mind a very well located lot for the new church building and it is for sale for about \$75 or \$85, I think. It is not far from where we are now and it is in a much better location, right on the bus line and only a short block from the street car line. It is a corner lot in a place where it will be conspicuous and I believe that it is more centrally located for the present members. If the Lord opens the way we will buy this lot and begin more definite plans for the new building. I would like to get it started as soon as we can so that I can see it through before we leave here for Cruzeiro do Sul, but that is in the hands of the Lord. I am waiting now for your thoughts on the matter (and the money to buy and build). There is little other church news now. I am attending every service and I will continue to do so if nothing providentially hinders me. The people like it very much and so do I. I am already feeling towards these people that they are mine and more or less my responsibility, and their troubles are my troubles.

Your brother in the service of the Saviour.

B. E. PARROTT.

POSTERS

(Preceding page, Column One) can see them as they are put in the church building. But individuals who support the work in different parts of the country whose church does not, should have one. Write to: H. H. Overbey, 1210 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit 11, Michigan.