

MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

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R. P. Hallum
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MISSIONARIES IN COLUMBIA

Jose Tomas del Castillo
(Spanish Language)

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This May Be Missionary Brandon's Last Letter From Brazil. Read It Most Carefully

Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre
May 24, 1949.

Dear Brethren:

I arrived here (Cruzeiro do Sul) on the 10th of May, almost to the hour one year since I left. A number of brethren came aboard to meet me and we came directly to the home and had prayer. The Lord was with me all the way, if not I could not have made it for I was sick, but the infirmities of the flesh were overcome by the Spirit of the Lord who comforted me. This is the first journey I ever made when there was no interest manifest and in that respect it was hard. When there is no fellowship of the Lord, life becomes weary indeed.

Miguel Ibernou Made
Journeys

While I was away the pastor (Miguel Ibernou) has spent most of his time away on journeys with no one to take care of the preaching points (at C. do Sul). The season directs the work in his absence on Sunday and mid-week prayer meeting.

You have been informed as to the journeys and they say that in the interior the work is in good order. Here, however, it is on the decline. Since arriving I have not been about much, they have called in the home and I have met with them on the Lord's day in worship, but have not been strong enough to take things over, and that is what is needed. I have received two letters from you, dated April 19 and May 2. When I arrived in Manaus the church recommended that we do not cooperate any longer with Walter Fernandes, and I am not. He had not walked upright and the church gave him a letter to another if they would receive him. We so needed a new worker for Japyni and a worker for Morapirango. These churches have sought the Lord in prayer for a pastor. This is what happened, Zacharias Nunes de Abreu, lives at Japyni and has been preaching there for quite some time, but he wanted to get away to another place, so he left off and Gabriel Seraphine, who has resided (Next page, Column two)



ELD. AND MRS.
LAWRENCE SMITH

This young couple plan to go to Brazil as missionaries about March 1950. That is only eight months away and we need every bit of the time to get things in order for them to leave. We cannot buy the things that they need to take or passage for them without the money to do so. It will take about \$3000.00 or more. This could be easy if everyone who reads this would help. If each one who reads this would send only one dollar the amount would be over \$18,000.00 or five times the amount needed. We hope that all the supporting churches will send a special offering to the Treasurer.

Here's Evidence Of God's Blessings On The Work Of Missionary Hallum In Peru

Iquitos, Peru
March 23, 1949

This leaves all well except Marguerite. She has been unable to do much for the last few days, however, she attends services here and teaches her classes. Her trouble has been her nerves, but she is improving now. I am enclosing a letter from Don Tomas Castillo, received a few days ago; you may use it as you think best. The work of the Lord goes along more or less as usual here in Iquitos, however, the attendants are ever changing, new ones come in and old ones go out. Now and then a person will tell me that they stood outside and listened to the preaching. The opposition here is greater than it used to be, but the Lord always has His ways to encourage us.

A Trip Up The Nanay River

I don't think I have written you since I made the last trip up the Nanay River. A young man who attends Sunday School went with me. We left about nine o'clock and arrived at Santa Rita on the banks of the river. I

wanted to go inland to a settlement of the same name but could not get there by land. We had to go with the boat through a canyon and because of the overhanging branches of trees and crooks in the canyon we had to paddle the boat. It took about an hour to get near the place. After eating lunch we went to see about a place to have services and to stay through the night. We found a large house and the man of the house was very willing for us to stay and have services. So we visited every house in the village (caserio) and invited them to the services. I had some Bibles and Testaments and portions of Scripture. Several boys and girls can read and a few of the men. I sold about eight portions and two New Testaments and left tracts with those who could read.

Preached While It Rained

At the hour of service a rain came up and continued all thru the service but there were about 25 boys and girls and as many adults. We taught them some (Next page, Column one)



Cattle on a Barao rubber plantation in the Acre Territory of Brazil. The man in charge of the cattle is a believer and a Baptist as a result of Brother J. F. Brandon's mission work.



Rubber workers in the Acre Territory of Brazil, in the foothills of the Andes mountains. The man in the rear is smoking a ball of rubber. The one in the front is preparing a ball to be smoked and the other man is looking on.



Here the men are cutting the rubber trees. Each man will cut about 200 trees each day, then smoke the rubber making it into a ball. These men are believers as a result of the work of Baptist Faith Missions.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

There is a great need and a real opportunity for good sound Baptist missionaries in Peru. Brother Hallum is there to help with the language and to show how to do mission work by first hand experience. Now is the time to go while the field is open and the opportunity is so great. Since Brother Brandon went to Brazil in 1923, missionaries by the scores have gone into the Amazon Valley and occupied fields that rightly belonged to the Baptists. Brother A. E. Nelson, who was a missionary in the Amazon Valley for 48 years and Brother Brandon, who has been here for 26 years, have both begged for missionaries to help and occupy the field. But Baptists who claim to be missionary have let others occupy in many places. Now Brother Hallum tells of the need (Next page, Column one)

Don Ricardo Pleads For Missionaries

(Continued from Last Issue)

Iquitos, Peru.

There is a river that rises in Ecuador and flows southeast and empties into the Marañon (or Amazon) about 100 miles below Iquitos. There are many people living on or near this river, both white and red. This is the Tigre river. Not many years ago this region was inhabited mostly by savage Indians of several different tribes. Now according to what I have recently been told by different people, many of these Indians live on the margin or near the margin of the river and are half civilized through their contact with other people.

No Work On The Tigre River

I have a neighbor living in an adjoining house who makes trips on this river in a military launch. He also has a daughter teaching school in one of the settlements on the Tigre river. He recently told me that there is no evangelistic work whatever being done on this river, and that these people want teachers to come and live with them and teach their children. This looks like a great and open door for several missionaries whose hearts God has moved to go there. First it is necessary to teach them to read and understand the gospel and this cannot be done by merely making a visit now and then. Visits at the least must be regular. These

people are utterly ignorant of the gospel and things pertaining to the kingdom of God. The man who gave me this information tells me that the Indians are very tame and harmless so far as savagery goes and are willing to learn.

Many More Needy Places

There are many, many more needy places in this region. These fields by right belong to the Baptists, but we continually neglect these opportunities and as a result other sects go in and occupy fields, then it is a much more difficult proposition. There was a time when the Baptists had the opportunity of occupying (Next page, Column three)

BILLY PARROTT

Brother Billy Parrott is working hard on the language and attending the nightly street meetings with the pastor and hopes to be able to preach in Portuguese by the time he has been in Brazil six months. He plans to go up river to the Acre Territory on the Jurua river next spring (1950). Before he leaves Manaus, Brother Lawrence Smith and wife should arrive in Manaus so that Brother Parrott will be there to help them through customs and to get settled. This is very important. The Parrotts have a house that the Smiths can take over to live in, provided they are there to get it. But the Smiths cannot go until there is money to send them. If each supporting church would send a special offering we would have enough to buy (Next page, Column five)

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 1949

Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	\$ 28.81
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	21.39
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	10.51
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio.	23.85
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	50.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	19.77
Avaha Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Monticello, Ky.	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.	5.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	13.93
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va.	5.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	90.60
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.	18.35
Deep Springs Baptist Church, Pennington Gap, Va.	22.50
Bethel Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, North Carolina	25.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	56.00
United Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.	10.00
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.	5.00
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colo.	75.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	35.02
East Main Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	12.66
Bethesda Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va.	20.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Mission, Lawtey, Fla.	5.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	10.43
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	9.21
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	9.65
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	11.65
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	5.00
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	42.12
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B. T. U.)	5.35
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	55.20
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla. (V. B. S.)	36.24
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	69.48
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. (B. Y. P. U.)	8.74
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	67.00
John Brandon, Benton, Ky.	15.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
R. E. Murphey, Castor, La.	5.00
Mrs. C. E. Stewart, Stockdale, Ohio	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sego, Glendale, Ky.	5.00
A Friend, Worthington, Minn.	5.00
John M. Holtzclaw, Corpus Christi, Texas	15.00
Mrs. Bona O. Keith, Borger, Texas	20.00
Mrs. J. L. Causey, Mulberry Grove, Ill.	1.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
P. B. Dirks, Arlington, Wash.	4.00
TOTAL	\$1189.46

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:

Z. E. CLARK, Box 215, Cannelton, Indiana

Great Opportunity

(Preceding page, Column One) and the places. Will we let others occupy these wide open field or will we send missionaries to do the work? The Lord will supply the need of all He calls to go and who go on faith God believing. We pray that those whom the Lord has called will answer the call and make plans to go as soon as possible. Why do those who profess to be called wait?

Missionary Hallum

(Preceding page, Column One) chorouses and sang a couple of hymns, read the Scriptures, prayed and then preached. I never had any better attention and seemed to have the Holy Spirit with me. I am hoping that the Lord will bless His Word. Three or four years ago I visited this place to distribute tracts and do personal work and the women and children ran and hid from me as soon as they saw me coming. I would arrive at the house and look in and it would

SPECIAL NOTICE

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

be empty. But it was different this time and several women were there and listened. These are Cocama Indians. Tomorrow I am hoping to make another trip to Mapa further up the river. The same young man is going to accompany me.

Yours in the service of our Lord,

R. P. HALLUM

Brandon Letter

(Preceding page, Column two) cently heeded the call of the Lord to preach went up there (to Japyni) and the church invited him to cooperate with them, so he is. The church in Morapirango called Zacharias (who left Japyni) to work with them and he is moving there today. The money that was being paid to Zacharias is now being paid to Gabriel and the salary of Walter Fernandes is being paid to Zacharias. Brother Parrott and I agreed on this, it seems that the Lord worked it out. There is a brother in Manaos, a man of good reputation, many years a worker for the board missionary but sometime quit that work. He joined our church (in Manaos) shortly after its organization and asked me if possible to help him in finances so he could work in the gospel. He comes recommended by many and we need him in Manaos to help the pastor. It will take at least \$50.00 a month to sustain him and it will be a good investment and I would like for you all to cooperate with us in this. Brother Parrott wired me yesterday about it and I replied to take council with

NOTICE

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

the pastor and seek the Lord in prayer together about it, then act as the Spirit led. We would like for his salary to begin the first of June. The pictures (sent with this letter) are almost all from the Teja river, the journey made by the pastor (Miguel Iberson). Cicero Bicipio continues to make the journeys alone on the Teja. He has made it twice already and hopes to return soon. Frazio (Eufrazo Soares) is now making regular journeys in a canoe from Campo de Santano to Prolongabo, each have seven established preaching points and both report good attendance and attendance. They seem animated in the work. May the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.—J. F. B. May 31st. No boat or plane so far, so will add a little to the letter already begun. Mai Dueto came in yesterday and I was glad to see him. He says that the work is prospering in Parana dos Mouras; they now have 23 believers in all. There are nine waiting for baptism, two cannot be baptized, and 12 already baptized. He has established a preaching point, "Treisi de Maio," a rubber plantation a day's journey from where he lives. I have preached there many times and found much interest. There are four baptized believers living there and two who profess faith but not baptized. I think that is a place for us in the future, the Lord willing.

Plans To Come Down River

I will go down river the first opportunity offered. I thought I might be able to visit the field but some things have happened that make it impossible. I may take a plane if I can get passage. This is low water season and boats are few and slow. There seems an increased interest at Japyni, there were two converted last Sunday, living together but not married, outstanding characters against the gospel for many years. Now with the effects of the new pastor who sought them in their home they came to the public service, confessing and accepting the Lord as Saviour. That ought to make the people happy. A man who had heard the gospel for years was taken sick and was converted on what proved to be his deathbed four days later. The church was thrilled with this. They said that his profession was wonderful. A man of position here in Cruzeiro do Sul was taken sick. He, too, had heard the gospel for years. The pastor visited him and he professed that he had been saved for some time but refused to be baptized. His profession was so inspiring the believers took courage. He said that he wanted the pastor to preach in his home over his dead body and warn them to flee from the wrath to come. The house and yard were full, the priests were furious and are doing all to hinder our work. Hope you are all well. Grace be with you all.

—J. F. BRANDON.

"Don Ricardo"

(Preceding page, Column 4) ing this entire region. A Baptist missionary was the first evangelical missionary to come to Iquitos and to this region, but he left the field and no other

BROTHER BRANDON SERIOUSLY ILL

We received a telegram from Brother Billy Parrott dated June 27, 1949, which read: "Brandon very sick; urgent that he leave soon; send money at once. Faster by mail, to my address." This is all we know at the time this is being written to send to the printer (July 4). We hope that he was able to get a boat or plane from Cruzeiro do Sul and is back in Manaos where he can fly to Belem and then to Miami and then take a train to Fulton, Ky., where he will be met and taken home, the Lord willing. Pray earnestly for this servant of God. Every pastor should lead his church in prayer for him and the other missionaries at every service.

CHURCH BUILDING NEEDED IN MANAOS

The church in Manaos, Brazil, where Brother Parrott now lives was organized by Brother Brandon one year ago on July 4, 1948. This church has outgrown the building that they began to worship in and have moved into one a bit larger, which is also too small. Brother Brandon and Brother Parrott have agreed that this church needs a new and larger building of their own. Brother Parrott advises that they have located a good lot that can be bought. He says for about \$1500.00 they can buy the lot and build a building, and if the churches will give the money that he will see that it is built and give an accounting through this paper. The members are too poor to do this themselves, but they can do the labor under the leadership of the native pastor who is an experienced builder. This would enable the church to grow and reach many more people. No doubt there will be some who will read this article who can well afford to give the money to buy a lot and build the building. It would be a great investment that would bring rewards in heaven as well as salvation to lost souls in Manaos. Send all offerings to the Treasurer, Z. E. Clark, Box 215, Cannelton, Ind.

From Sister Nelson

Thanks for sending me the notice. I do not want to miss the MISSION SHEETS. The J. F. Brandons are personal friends. We were missionaries in the Amazon Valley of Brazil for 45 years. Mr. E. A. Nelson, my husband, died in Manaos, Brazil, June 17, 1939. We pray that Brother J. F. Brandon may be able to return to the Acre. Please find enclosed one dollar to pay postage on the MISSION SHEETS. Yours in Christ.

—IDA L. NELSON.

John Brandon Ordained

John Brandon, son of Missionary Brandon, who is graduating from college soon, was recently ordained at his home church, Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky. We pray God's richest blessing upon John as he gives a life of service in the ministry of the Lord Jesus. He is pastor of a church in Missouri.

was sent to replace him and the unionists stepped in and occupied, so there has been a state of confusion ever since among the evangelicals. There are some Irish Baptists on the coast. I know very little about them. I know of no Baptists in this part of Peru except us that are not unionists. Surely the Lord needs some true Baptists to help in this part of His field. For this we ask your prayers.

Yours in the Lord,
—R. P. HALLUM.

Confusion In Baptist Ranks

Those who follow the work of Baptists both South and North are aware of the confusion on every hand. The Northern Baptist Convention is gone modernistic to the core and also gone into the Federal Council of Churches. There is no hope of Northern Baptist Convention ever being sound. Individual churches may continue to come out of the convention, but the convention has gone hopelessly modern, etc. The Southern Baptist Convention is headed the same way that the Northern has gone. The Seminaries are being filled with rank modernists as teachers. Many of the southern churches now have modernistic pastors and are cooperating with the Federal Council of Churches. The rank and file of the churches in the south are still sound and are opposed to modernism, unionism and the Federal Council. But the leaders in the convention, those in office, are leading the wrong way as fast as they can. At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City, there was a motion made regarding not having any in office that are connected in any way with the Federal Council of Churches and it would have passed had not the president of the convention persuaded otherwise.

It threw a big scare into the modernists and unionists and Federal Council of Churches crowd and the rank and file of sound Baptists lost their opportunity, which we doubt if they will ever have again. There is continued talk of a split in the Southern Baptist Convention and it seems bound to come. Many churches are not satisfied with the way their mission money is being used to support things that they do not approve of and have no choice in. As it is, a portion of each mission dollar is used to support the rank modernistic teachers in the seminaries and colleges and to pay the salaries of the secretaries and other workers who are not only in sympathy with but are connected with the Federal Council of Churches which Southern Baptists have gone on record by vote to have nothing to do with time after time. But the leaders are still determined to lead as they please, regardless of how Southern Baptists have voted. The answer to the mission problem is designation. Each church has a right to send her mission offerings to support whom she pleases without interference from anyone on the outside. Each individual Baptist has the right to designate his offerings also. Because of modernism in Baptist ranks many Baptists have supported interdenominational missions which are enemies to Baptists. They have done this because they did not know of a sound Baptist mission work. Every Baptist in the land should know about Baptist Faith Missions. It is the answer to their mission problem. It is a sound New Testament Baptist Mission Work and there are no paid bosses or secretaries to interfere with pastors or churches. Tell others about the work and urge them to support it.

Billy Parrott

(Preceding page, Column five) the equipment and get things ready for them to sail for Brazil early in 1950. Now is the time to act. The time is slipping by.