

MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

J. F. Brandon
B. E. Parrott
Mrs. B. E. Parrott
Miguel Ibernou
Cicero Bicipo
Maio Dutro
Eufrasio Soares
Francisco Santiago
Walter Fernandes
(Portugese Language)

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R. P. Hallum
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(Spanish Language)

MISSIONARIES IN COLUMBIA

Jose Tomas del Castillo
(Spanish Language)

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Missionary Brandon Has Leprosy

Hallum Tells Of Need For Missionaries

Iquitos, Peru,
July 11, 1949.

Your letter containing checks for July arrived in due time, thanks for same. Don Tomas always asks me to express his appreciation or words to that effect, for his checks. We are all well at present. The wife has about finished a round of injections for rheumatism and other symptoms of bad blood and seems to be responding favorably to the remedies. Marguerite is alright except that she does not always sleep well at night.

A Journey

On June 28 I made preparation to go up the Nanay River to Mapa to preach. On arriving at Balsa where the boat is kept I was disappointed when I learned that the boy who was to go with me as a helper had gone to the chacra (farm), but there was a young man on the balsa who I knew, a son of the

man with whom we stay and have services when we go to Police Creek up the Momon. He was waiting for someone to go with as a passenger up to where his father lives. He suggested that I go to Police and that he would go with me as a helper, he also wanted to return with me so I accepted his offer and went to Police. Everything was very agreeable except it happened to be on the days of the "fiesta" of Saint Peter and Saint Paul which is a very important fiesta of the Roman Catholics. In the house near where we had service they had a dance. They danced all night and most of the next day; of course this was accompanied with drinking and carousing. The attendance at the services the two nights was small. These Roman Catholic fiestas are a curse to this or any other country where they prevail.

Need Missionaries

I repeat what I have said before.
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Missionary Brandon has leprosy and is now in the U. S. Marine Hospital, Carville, La. This servant of God has labored in Brazil as a missionary for 26 years and has organized 11 Baptist churches. Many of those with whom he has worked have leprosy, and are not aware of the fact, so the missionary is in contact with many who have the disease and do not know it. It is very hard for an adult to catch leprosy unless in poor health and in a weak condition physically. Brother Brandon has been afflicted with beri beri for a long time and because of his poor health he took leprosy. How long he has had it we do not know but at least for several months. He was in Cruzeiro do Sul in the far interior of Brazil and flew from there to Rio Branco, the capital of the Acre Territory and a doctor there told him he had leprosy. He then flew to Manaus and from there to Belem and from there to the United States to the hospital at Carville, La., where the diagnosis has been verified. Leprosy is now curable. There have been several missionaries in the same hospital with leprosy and some



J. F. Brandon. This servant of God is now in the U. S. Marine Hospital, Carville, La., with leprosy. Won't you please pray for him daily?

have been healed and have returned to their fields of labor. There are two other missionaries with leprosy now in the hospital with Brother Brandon. This is written with a sad heart and we know that it will be read with the same feeling.

New Problems

All this means that Brother Parrott must take over all the responsibility of the work in Brazil and see that the native missionaries are paid and keep the work going. This makes it necessary for Brother Parrott to go to Cruzeiro do Sul as soon as possible and he hopes to have the language to the extent that he can go about the first of 1950. The new missionaries, Brother Lawrence Smith and wife should go to Brazil so that Brother Parrott can be there to meet them and get them settled, etc. It is now the plan to send out the Smiths so that they will arrive in Brazil about the first of the year (1950) and this can be done, the Lord willing, if those who love the work will respond to the need for the money to buy the needed equipment and for boat passage. Now is the time to send in that special offering. Every church and individual should have a part. Surely this news of Brother Brandon's illness will stir every heart to new efforts. We trust that other pastors will join with us in leading their churches to
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Letter From Missionary Parrott In Brazil

Manaos, Brazil,
July 5, 1949.

I am late in writing this but several things have come up to delay me. It is with much sadness of heart that I start this letter. I meant to write some time ago but when I received my check and you said that another letter was following, I waited for it and by that time Brother Brandon arrived (from the Acre Territory) and I have not had a chance to write to you since he got here because we have had to spend so much time going over details of the work. It was the greatest surprise of my life to learn that he had leprosy. He says that he has told you about it already so I can say something about it. Ordinarily we would have him in our home, but it is very easy for children to catch the disease and we couldn't take the chance with Jerry. I go over every day and talk to him and we have pretty well discussed the work. He is scheduled to leave here, Manaos, by plane on the seventh if the money arrives, or, if not, he will leave on the first plane after it arrives. He is very sick here, not so much from leprosy as from beri beri which is almost unbearable in this heat. His feet swell something terrible in hot weather and he is unable to walk or rest. We have talked much about the work since Brother Brandon has arrived and I have gotten most of the information from him that I will need.



B. E. Parrott, Mrs. Parrott and Jerry. This missionary couple are the parents of a new son born in Manaos, Brazil, June 28, 1949. With Brother Brandon away from the mission field the responsibility for the work of Brazil is now on this young missionary. He is capable and God is able.

Responsibility

I have arranged to take over the payment of the native missionaries and have learned as much as I could about them. Brother Brandon tells me that he got good reports of all the churches and preaching points up river, but that the work is down in Cruzeiro do Sul and that a missionary is needed there right away, but it will be

sometime, before we can go. There are eight native workers just now. In Manaos Francisco Santiago and John Dias and up the river in the Acre Territory: Miguel Ibernou, Cicero Bicipo, Eufrasio Soares, Maio Dutro, Zacharais and Gabriel. These last two I only know by their first names. I think that Brother Brandon has explained
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A LETTER FROM MISSIONARY BRANDON TELLING OF HIS CONDITION AT PRESENT

U. S. Marine Hospital,
Carville, La.
July 16, 1949.

About mid-day of June 17, 1949, I left Cruzeiro do Sul on a cargo plane in company with a dozen other passengers. Many of the citizens had assembled at the airport, but very few seemed interested in me, having been accused of the fatal plague (leprosy), I looked to them as a monster. However, there was a friend among them who also was embarking to Rio to treat his health. We made two landings before arriving at Rio Branco at 4 p. m. In company with my friend we sought a cheap hotel, for the better one was full of guests. There are missionaries living in Rio Branco but I did not feel free to look them up under the circumstances. However, when we went into the dining room to eat supper, we sat at the table and I asked permission to give thanks to the Lord. A believer was standing by so he came and made himself known and went to the home of the missionary and soon returned with him. I had already laid down in my hammock but the missionary insisted that I go with him to his home, so we agreed that in the morning would be better. At eight the following morning they called for me; this was Saturday, June 18. We talked and had prayer together in the home of the missionary and

agreed that we should invite the doctor in to make an examination. He lived across the street. So on Sunday morning he called and after a brief examination declared me to be in the affirmative.

A Sad Heart

My heart was filled with sadness, but after some meditation I was filled by the Holy Spirit with the deepest peace and joy that can be realized in a Christian.
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Park Hill D. V. B. S.

The Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colo., had a Daily Vacation Bible School and the offering for Baptist Faith Missions was \$89.64. Then the Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla., had a Daily Vacation Bible School and the teacher showed the children the poster with the pictures of the missionaries on it and the offering was \$36.24. The young people of several churches give regularly to the mission work. The way to have grownups to give to missions is to teach them to give to missions and the best time is to start when they are children. It would be a great help if the young people of every church would send in a special offering to help send the Smiths, the new missionaries, to Brazil. Who will be first?

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.

LETTER FROM HALLUM

(Preceding page, Column two) fore, that places like this need missionaries to go and live among them and teach them both by words and practice what true Christianity is. This is the only practical way to evangelize people like this and develop them in the Christian life. I believe, however, that the word of God which is being sown now will bear fruit and be manifested more powerfully in the lives of the children and boys and girls after a few more years. It is remarkable the way the children in some of these places listen to the teaching of the Word.

A Baptizing

Yesterday, Sunday, we were happy in administering the ordinance of baptism to one of the young men who had been attending services some time, Juan Castro. He is quite intelligent and seems to be firmer in his convictions than most of the people here. I am hoping that he will make a good worker for the Lord. Such workers are badly needed here. We will send photograph of the baptism later if the Lord wills.

Yours fraternally,

R. P. HALLUM.

LETTER FROM PARROTT

(Preceding page, Column 3) about them. I know that he told about Walter Fernandes and we have a good man working in his place now. His name is John Dias. We talked about another man who has been preaching a long time but in the meantime I wrote to him (Brother Brandon) at Cruzeiro do Sul saying that the life of this man was not consecrated enough and that he didn't show the willingness to work in the gospel as he had at the first and recommended this John Dias to him. He agreed with me and the pastor, Santiago, and John Dias was recommended to the church who voted unanimously to call him as an evangelist in the place of Walter Fernandes. John is a young Christian and a young preacher but he is very consecrated and as far as I know his life is above reproach, but I cannot guarantee him because after all I cannot guarantee myself. I didn't recommend him without much prayer in the matter and we are well satisfied with him to date.

Later

I started this letter on the fifth but was unable to finish it. On the sixth, yesterday, the letter arrived with the checks. This was just as we had planned and I had already made reservations on the plane for today, the seventh, for him. By the time you receive this I imagine he will be in Louisiana. He left here this morning about 10:30 and should arrive in Miami, Fla., about six p. m. Saturday. He has to stay over in Belem a day to check out with the consulate there, etc. The Lord has certainly been good to us since we got here. We have come to Him many times with our problems and He has heard and answered in a great abundance. He took care of us

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 1949

South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	\$ 55.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	19.36
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	18.47
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	12.84
Danleyton Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Ky.	5.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	29.50
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	25.25
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	15.32
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	46.15
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church (Hope Bible Class) Tampa, Fla.	35.00
The Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	60.00
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	70.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	6.00
North Side Baptist Church (Ladies' Bible Class), Mayfield, Ky.	39.17
Olive Branch Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.	6.40
Zoar Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	19.07
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va.	5.00
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	49.68
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. (BYPU)	4.69
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.	5.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	37.10
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	8.37
United Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.	10.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	48.50
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colorado	75.00
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colo. (D.V.B. School) ..	89.64
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.	16.27
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.	5.00
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	5.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	16.43
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	12.85
Mount Olive Baptist Church, Rush, Ky.	68.60
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	14.85
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	126.16
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	55.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	81.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich., BYPU	4.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	61.15
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	20.00
Willisburg Baptist Church, Willisburg, Ky.	20.00
Mrs. M. A. Alstock, Mansfield, La.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Heaster, Clintonville, W. Va.	10.00
Mrs. C. E. Stewart, Stockdale, Ohio	1.00
Darold Chaney, Hamilton, Ohio	87.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	8.00
Zach Savage, Gainesville, Fla.	25.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Wardney Landacre, Carl, W. Va.	6.00
Mrs. C. D. Chick, Marion, Ky.	70.00
Ralph Chick, Marion, Ky.	72.00
Elder J. R. Smith, Eminence, Ky.	10.00
TOTAL	\$1716.82

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

and supplied our needs, and then after giving us that lesson in faith he heard our prayers and returned the lost money to us.

First Anniversary

We had a special service at the church the other night. I don't especially care for these special services but all the churches here have them and our church wanted to have an anniversary service celebrating the first year of the church. The church was organized by Brother Brandon on July 4, 1948, and last Monday night we had the first anniversary service. We had some special singing by the young people and a report on the work for the past year which included the work preceding the organization of the church. On the day that the church was organized 19 people were baptized and 18 have been baptized in the year with 4 or 5 waiting for baptism now. Twelve have been admitted by letter and 5 through reconciliation or by statement for a total of 54 and two have been granted letters which leaves us with a total membership of 52, including Brother Brandon, Eudora and myself.

Eighty-nine Professions of Faith

This is certainly a lot of work for a church that started a year ago with 19 new Christians and with the pastor the only old believer in the bunch.

Not only this but there have been 89 professions of faith in our services. Out of that total we have had 37 baptized into this church and the other churches have several members from them, besides the ones who only endured for a while. In just a little while Santiago and John will be here for prayer and possibly a little study. We meet together each morning for prayer and I am getting to where I can speak enough that that we study a little when we have some special point to come up. As soon as I can I want to begin teaching regular classes but that is a little ahead of me now. I am coming along on the language just fine. Brother Brandon said that he was greatly surprised when he found that I could speak so much Portuguese. The first day Eudora and I talked to him in English but Santiago and John were here with us and as soon as Eudora left he said we will now talk in Portuguese. He was greatly surprised, he expected to have to translate for me and I just went on my own as I've been doing and he said that he surely didn't expect that at all. We give our best regards to all and ask that all continue to remember us in their prayers. II John 3, "Grace be with you, mercy, and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love."

BILLY E. PARROTT.

LETTER FROM BRANDON

(Preceding page, Column five) tian heart. You see the malady (leprosy) is prevalent in the land and anyone who mixes with the people as a gospel worker, naturally is continually exposed. It is declared by some doctors that the majority of the people in the part where I lived are victims to some extent and that the body is constantly resisting. The ones in whom it usually manifests itself are those who suffer physical weakness and cannot resist. The malady is a parasite that preys upon the skin, usually appearing first on the ears or nose, attacking the extremities, the feet and hands with such violence that the members soon fall off, such as the fingers and toes. It seems that the general organism is not affected but the senses are radically so from the beginning.

Much Encouragement

They offer me much encouragement, in the opinion of the most of the medical staff with whom I have talked, I should be away in two years or less. They say that by actual appearance it could not be detected. There seems but one thing to do and that is to wait upon the Lord, for the cure is with Him alone. Jesus Christ proved His divinity by healing such as I when He was here in the flesh. He changed not. He is the Lord Almighty, the everlasting God. I left Rio Branco June 23, arriving in Manaus June 25, waiting two days for a plane in Porto Velho. I was received by the church in Manaus in great joy and remained with them until July 7. I was happy to be with the church on her first anniversary, July 4. Our services were attended by many unbelievers and members of other churches. The present membership is 52, 37 of these having been baptized by the pastor (Santiago) and missionary, 4 having come by reconciliation, these having been baptized by the missionary (Brandon) in the past at Coary. They were not members anywhere. Eight had been received by letters from other churches. Three are missionaries. The Lord is prospering the work. The Lord's day is wholly given over to the gospel work. Monday night a men's prayer meeting, Wednesday night a church prayer meeting and the other four nights the gospel is cried out from the street corners or in front of the homes of the believers. Many hundreds of people are hearing the gospel through the efforts of this church. Other churches have received members for baptism who were converted at our street meetings.

Not Ashamed

As to my case I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, Romans 1:16, and because of it I am here. Being here is just part of the price that was to be paid to carry the gospel to that people. If it were to do over again, I would proceed the same way as I did, for I firmly believe the Lord sent me there to do that particular work. The work may not be well done, yet I have the satisfaction in knowing that I obeyed the call and counted not my own life dear to me, but rather found more pleasure in serving the Lord there with that people than multiplying my days upon the earth with good health. The work must not be neglected there. We must work all the harder and pray for Him to send others to carry on. This is no sign of God's dis-



Darold Chaney, Hamilton, Ohio. This young man is a tither and his mother wrote to Brother Clark and sent a money order for \$87.00 for the mission work. He has a married sister and she and her husband lay aside 15 per cent of their income for the Lord's work. He also has a sister 11, who is saved. Thank God for men like this one who loves missions and honors the Lord with his money and also for a Christian mother that raises her children thus. May the Lord bless them and add more of their kind.

approval, rather it has proved the opposite to me. He has revealed His approval in a hundred ways and times since the beginning of this affliction. By His grace I am here in a government hospital (Carville, La.) the best no doubt on earth, having gained such favor with all them from the officer in charge to the dishwasher. The people do not understand it, but they tell me here that it is very difficult to give the disease to a person over 12 years of age. Only personal contact will acquire it after that time.

Other Missionaries

There are two other missionaries here, one from China and the other from Africa. One returned to the field last year who also was from Africa. In the past few years, they told me they have had 11 missionaries including myself. I left Billy and Eudora ok. I did not see the boy, they did not bring him. They both seem happy in the work and the church is prospering. The Lord is with them. I will write more later. At present I am very weary. With best wishes by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

J. F. BRANDON.

Every church and every individual who love and support this mission work should pray for Brother Brandon earnestly and regularly. Surely after reading the letters from all the missionaries in this paper all will want to have a greater part in this mission work. It is very urgent that we send the new missionaries to Brazil sooner than we had planned so that they will arrive before Brother Parrott leaves Manaus for Cruzeiro do Sul. The Smiths need to get there so that Brother Parrott can receive them and get them through customs and registered with the police, etc. Pray and send in your special offering.

SAD NEWS

(Preceding page, Column five) give a special offering to send out these new missionaries who are so badly needed now on the mission field.