

MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

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MISSIONARIES IN PERU

R. P. Hallum
Mrs. R. P. Hallum
Miss Marguerite Hallum
Don Simon Guima
(Spanish Language)

MISSIONARIES IN COLUMBIA

Jose Tomas del Castillo
(Spanish Language)

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FINE REPORTS FROM HALLUMS

HALLUM TELLS OF TRAVELS IN PERU AND OF THE WORK OF THE NEW NATIVE MISSIONARY

Iquitos, Peru,
October 31, 1949.

Your letter in which was enclosed the two checks came in due time and Don Tomas' check is being forwarded to him. Your news items were particularly interesting. Don Tomas always asks me to express his thanks to the mission for the checks. This leave all well, nothing ordinary to say about the work here in Iquitos, except that we have been distributing along with other tracts one of which is a chapter of WHY BE A BAPTIST (By H. B. Taylor) translated into Spanish, chapter five, "The Name Baptist."

Three And a Half Days Journey

On the eleventh of October I made a three and a half days' trip accompanied by Brother Simon Guima, who is now a worker with us, supported by the church (in Iquitos). The first night we were in Mapa Cocha (Cocha means lake) and had a service. I think there were in the service, besides us, eight men and two women. After preaching all the men stood on their feet indicating that they were believing on the Lord as Saviour and Lord. The two wo-

men were sitting with babies in their arms and upon being questioned both said that they trusted in the Lord as personal Saviour. This service was held in the house of Don Manuel Aricari, the man recently baptized. The following two nights we were in La Puna below Mapa Cocha and inland about 30 minutes walk. Each night there were 30 or 40 percent in the service. Several years ago we visited this Casa rio several times but very few would come to hear us. These people are real heathen people. It would be difficult for me to describe their filthy surroundings and low standard of living.

Only Two Had Heard The Gospel

The first night before beginning to preach I asked for all that had ever heard the gospel to hold up their hand and not more than two held up their hands. At the close of the service a man and woman held up their hands indicating that they wanted to follow Jesus. I was pleased because of the favorable manner that we were received. I want to spend the next week if it be the will of the Lord making a trip on the Nanay River. (Next page, Column One)



This is Brother Lawrence Smith and wife, Verna, and baby daughter, Barbara Jean. This young couple is getting ready to go to Brazil as missionaries. Brother Smith has been going to a language school studying Portuguese. They need to be in Brazil as soon as possible. It would be an easy matter to send them right away if everyone who reads this would help. All together we can do it, but none of us can do it personally. Let us

suppose a case. Just suppose that each reader of this paper would send only \$1.00 to help send the Smiths out to Brazil, then we would have over \$15,000 dollars or about four times the amount needed. Now may we urge every reader to pray and then send the treasurer the amount the Lord leads you to give, be it large or small. Note the table on the next page, the amount given so far. Who will be the next to help?

HALLUM AND HIS CHURCH SUPPORT NATIVE PREACHER

Iquitos, Peru.
September 29, 1949.

Dear Brother and Helper in the work of the Lord:

This leaves all well or better. Marguerite is recovering from a big boil which has given her a lot of trouble for several days, but is better now. The MISSION SHEETS and the LIGHT AND SHIELD for September came a few days ago, thanks.

Simon Guima Preaches

On September 15 Brother Simon Guima, the man recently baptized by us, went with me to Mapa Cano where we had a service at night. The following day we returned to Mapa Cocha and had a service at night. Don Guima preached and the Indians seemed to take special interest in his explications. I think they were surprised, not knowing that he is a preacher. After he had closed I asked of those who had formerly made profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ if any of them wanted to be baptized to come and give their hand to Don Simon. The man of the house, Don Manuel Aricari, his son, and his brother, came and gave their hands and it was agreed that they would be baptized when we made another trip.

Hallum Baptizes An Indian

So the following week on Thursday we went back and had a service at night. Don Manuel was ready to be baptized, but for some cause his son and brother were not ready. So on Friday, September 22, upon the authority of the Lord and the Baptist Church in Iquitos I administered the ordinance of baptism to Brother Manuel Aricari. He is the first of the Cocamas to receive baptism. Don Simon is a Witito Indian. After the baptism two men and a woman offered themselves as candidates for baptism, but by questioning them it was revealed that each of the men had a woman but not married, the woman asking for baptism was the woman of one of the men. I explained to them that it was necessary that they be lawfully married in order to be scripturally baptized.

Complications

Don Manuel was married 22 years ago, at that time when only the Roman Catholic officials had authority to administer matrimony. Now, only the civil marriage is legal. My belief about matrimony is that it is an institution of God and necessary to scriptural baptism. The authority is in the state or civil government and anyone who receives authority from the civil

Delayed Letters From Brother Brandon Telling How He Was Able To Get Out Of Brazil And Of The Animosity And Hatred Of The Roman Catholic Priests Toward Him

(These three letters from Brother Brandon were written last May and June and mailed in Cruzeiro do Sul last June and were sent in the same air mail envelope. We received them in Detroit almost four months later. Since they are of such interest and give information that we had wondered about, we are printing them for all to read.—Editor).

Cruzeiro do Sul,
May 13, 1949.

Dear Brother Overbey:

Two days ago the doctor called. It was at a time when the pastor was here, and asked to examine me. He seemed to do so thoroughly, but had little to say and at the close recommended for uric acid. He said that he would return this a. m. to examine the inside of my nose, for there he said is the first place where it first appears. However, he did not come this morning. I do not know why. If I am a leper this house is unfit for another missionary to live in and for the brethren to live in the mission home, it must first be repaired at a great cost.

Preached Morning and Night
Yesterday I preached in the morning and night service and they both were better attended

than any others have been. The Lord dwelt among us and there was great liberty in worship, but the sadness and broken hearts, that there are no words to explain. On Saturday night we had a service, too. There were unbelievers attending in all these services. If I am a leper they will not want to give me passage on the plane or boat and the doctor perhaps will not consent for me to leave. I don't know if they will let me live in town or put me in the colony.

June 7, 1949.

Three months ago this morning I left my loved ones in the flesh to return to the work where the Lord had called, to complete the work He had begun with me. The journey all the way was inspiring for I had never made one such, indeed not the way prepared, people helped me and seemed happy in doing so, it was the Lord who was fulfilling another of His promises. My battle cry for the campaign has been Deut. 33:25. As thy days, so shall thy strength be, and how blessed and truthful are those words. They have helped me many times in a few months and are on my lips continually, and then it has been,

my days have been prolonged and strength renewed. Truly no blessing worth receiving has been withheld. The Lord is my comfort and strength, I shall not fear what men can do to me. The work is progressing and I am so happy, I am preaching to them and they are happy. There are some to be converted here. In Japyni there have been other conversions. The worker is very active and the Lord is blessing his efforts. The one here is of a more restful nature.

Great Sadness Of Heart

The recent past has brought great sadness to the hearts of all lovers of the gospel, and many who do not profess faith in Christ. I am telling you but none other and request that you do not mention it until we meet, not to a single soul. While I was away some of the lepers fled from the colony and went to Manaos; as I was away the blame fell on me, when I was less guilty than any and I knew nothing of it. The doctor was called to account for it and was almost let out of his place for it. That made him angry at me and he is one of the most devout Catholics here. Of course, he resolved to revenge himself when

possible. When I returned I found it difficult to walk. My feet and legs just refused to go as they once did and it is noticeable. In other days I have been very active, then too while I was there I put on some flesh and am now heavier. I met him on the street (the doctor) and exchanged greetings and passed on. He then went to others and told them that he must examine me, for he was sure that I was a leper. Later he talked to the pastor and said for me to call at his office for examination. This happened two days after I arrived, so I have not seen him but the one time. The church with all the brethren are humbled and at prayer. The Lord is with us and in the midst of tribulation we are happy. Later the doctor sent word for me to write him a letter requesting him to come to my home and examine me and he would. This I did and two days have been set and he has not appeared, so I do not know what his intentions are. We have earnestly sought the Lord and believe that He would have us return to North America. It is all against my will and plan but I feel as do my brethren that it is the will of the Lord.

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

Native Missionary

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government to administer matrimony can lawfully do so according to God's law. But matrimony is not an ordinance of the church of the Lord Jesus, therefore the church had no authority to administer marriage other than when she receives authority from the civil government.

Church Elects Don Simon As A Gospel Worker

Don Simon Guima was elected to be a worker in the gospel, full time, by the church here. He is to work mostly on the rivers Momon and Nany among the Wititos and Cocamas, but part time in Iquitos. He will probably go with me on some of my trips. We have undertaken his support believing that it would be good for the church here, teaching them to do something in the evangelizing of the people. We pay him 370,000 soles per month. He has a wife and two children, the children are in school. Your letter with checks was received today. Thanks. I feel sure you had a good time in your association in Detroit. My prayer is that you may have a good meeting with Brother Clark.

As ever yours,
R. P. HALLUM.

Hallum's Work

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Don Simon Preaching to His People

Don Simon spent last week working with his people and is arranging to spend this week at another place. Am planning for him to go with me next week. Don Tomas del Castillo has bought material to cover his house and now has the problem of getting it put on as he has not the funds to hire workers. I have suggested to him that he ask his brethren to help him and that they go up and put the roof on themselves. When we built our meeting house, there arose a difficulty between my workers and me and all but two quit, so I with one good worker and one that was not so good cut the material which was green poles and not too straight, and put on the roof. The cross-beams were too heavy to lift up so we raised them in position with a block and tackle. After it was finished a carpenter pronounced it a good job. The roof is as good now as when it was put on. I find that it is necessary sometimes for one to do things for himself. But the brethren here do not realize that the building cost something. They did not bear much of the expense.

Heard From Brother Brandon

We received a letter from Brother J. F. Brandon the day we received your letter. We were very glad to hear from him. We always remember him in our daily devotion. His letter had a hopeful tone. He says that the doctor tells him that he

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Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	\$ 11.67
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	20.88
Naborton Baptist Church, Naborton, La.	23.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, O.	17.41
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	1.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla. (for church building in Manaos)	121.30
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.	15.30
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va.	5.00
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.	5.00
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.	5.00
Danleyton Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Ky.	2.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	7.89
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla.	5.00
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio	11.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	11.27
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliff, Ky.	44.00
Richland Baptist, Livermore, Ky.	16.64
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	19.50
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky., B. Y. P. U.	4.30
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	5.00
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill. (Young people, for Smiths)	5.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	55.65
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	35.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
Eaton Avenue Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.	10.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	12.19
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colo.	75.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky. (\$2.50 of above is from the Card Class)	12.44
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
First Baptist Church, Stilwell, Okla. (By C. Lewis)	18.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. (1924 Bible Class)	5.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	124.40
Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	42.96
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	44.66
Calvary Baptist Church Mission, Lawtey, Fla.	8.39
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B. Y. P. U.)	3.85
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	52.20
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	84.92
Gorham Baptist Church (Fidelis Class), Jackson, Mich., for Smiths' trip	32.00
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	48.58
Pilot Oak Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	100.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	13.95
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind. (for Smiths' trip)	9.05
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	66.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
Elma Fisher, Ashland, Ky.	25.00
Miss Irene Ayers, Gainesville, Fla.	15.00
Mrs. C. E. Stewart, Stockdale, Ohio	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayless, Macedonia, Ill.	20.00
Bona A. Keith, Borger, Texas	5.00
Bona A. Keith, Borger, Texas (for church building in Manaos)	5.00
Emogene Kiger, Webbville, Ky.	5.00
Alpha McGough, Murray, Ky., for church building in Manaos)	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sego, Glendale, Ky.	5.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
G. E. Duncan, White Plains, Ky.	25.00
Wade Daugherty, Monticello, Ky.	25.00
Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	10.00
Luther R. Upton, McLeansboro, Ill.	10.00
TOTAL	\$1568.40

is improving much. Our son, Eugene and wife (who live in Hammond, La.) visited him a few days before. He was glad about their visit. Our daughter-in-law, Anne Mae, thinks he is looking fine. Yours as ever in His service.

—R. P. HALLUM.

Brandon Letters

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The Priests Make Much Of It

The priests are making much of it and you can have no idea how complete the rejection is. I have some friends who are not believers who are concerned and are helping me, but the people with the help of the enemy are making much of the matter. Morally I am killed and the only way is to leave. I don't believe I have it, but I would not undertake to convince the people. The Lord willing I will go to Manaos on the next plane. Do not send letters here but to Billy's

box in Manaos. My health certificate says that after examination they find no sign of any contagious diseases. I had it translated into Portuguese and showed it to a number of people. People who think will believe it, however there are but few who think, and I remain as one condemned. Naturally I would think if the doctor should examine me it would be to condemn me, so then an examination by him would not be reliable. So I don't believe that I will say anything to him, seeing he is not seeking me for examination. I have reserved passage on the plane expected June 17 and will be in Manaos in three or four days, the Lord willing. The property here is badly in need of repair, but I cannot do it and it will take quite a sum when Billy arrives. I am sorry but I am not well. A man to work a day is a fortune and material is so hard to get. When he comes he will be disappointed. A smaller place near the church could be bought cheaper than this can be repaired. I hope you are all well. Remember us to all who love the coming of the Lord Jesus from

The Need Of The Gospel Of Jesus Christ In Roman Catholic Brazil

By Missionary J. F. Brandon

In countries where the Bible is all but an unknown book and where people are deprived of hearing the gospel, as they are in South American countries, there is a much lower standard of moral living, which, of course, brings much unhappiness and discomfort among the people.

Up the tributaries of the Amazon River in the far interior of Brazil, where we have lived for a number of years, the people, being deprived of the gospel, are also deprived of most everything else that would serve to make them happy.

Effects of Catholicism

It is distressing to see their poverty, ignorance, and superstition, but in countries where Roman priests have such power it is only the natural thing. Life there is generally an endurance contest rather than the peaceful joy of the Christian land. Home means but little more than a sleeping and eating place to the most of the people, and marriage means no more to many than liberty to live in lust rather than in love.

The people are taught such doctrines from childhood that we marvel that anyone could really be conscientious and believe them, but of a truth they do, for they have never any other. Their conception of the Holy Trinity is vastly different from the real Christian idea.

Worship Of The Saints

They consider the virgin Mary as the queen of Heaven and the mother of God. They insist that she occupies the same place in Heaven that the mother of the generous hearted monarch might occupy in his kingdom. Therefore those who consider themselves of the upper class pray only to her to intercede for them with her son. Those who feel that they have fewer merits content themselves in praying to one of the saints, who, they think, would be more sympathetic. For example, a fisherman could feel that Peter would be more interested in interceding for him because Peter, too, was a fisherman.

The people have been told long and unreasonable stories of the lives of all the apostles. Then they choose one of these saints because of something they are supposed to have accomplished while here on earth, they pray for them to intercede in the presence of the Lord in their behalf and they make promises to these saints. They say to the saint, "You pray for me there, and I will have a 'novena' in my home for you." This means that they will hold a religious service in the home when those who take part gather around the image of the saint and sing verses that were composed to glorify him. Then they keep a bouquet of flowers before the saint's image for many days, or they promise to walk in a procession which will later be given in honor of the saint, or they promise to touch off a lot of sky rockets in the name of the saint, or they promise to do any one of many other things that are common among the people.

June 14, 1949.

I went to see the agent this a. m. about passage and he said it was quarantined. The plane is expected on the seventeenth but probably will arrive later. The Lord willing I will go. Frankly my heart is here, but I am willing because I see it is the will of the Lord. I will be on the same plane this letter is on. I don't know whether I can endure the heat of Manaos or not. I am swelling abnormally the last two days. Perhaps it will not be safe for me to stop this side of the coast. Doctors send people from here to the seaside and almost always they get well. I would like to be in Manaos for awhile if the Lord wills. Our impressions in prayer have been to go to N. A. once the missionaries are settled.

—J. F. BRANDON.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Church Building In Manaos

AUGUST

Bethel Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N. C. (by W. W. Wilson) \$100.00

Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. 100.00

First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. 100.00

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Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla. \$121.30

Bona O. Keith, Borger, Texas 5.00

Alpha McGough, Murray, Ky. 10.00

TOTAL \$436.30

Offering For Smith's Passage

AUGUST

Mrs. M. A. Alstock, Mansfield, La. \$ 1.00

A. C. Morris, Lafayette, La. 35.00

Elder Donald Grollimund, Daingerfield, Tex. 10.00

SEPTEMBER

A friend in Minneapolis, Minn. \$ 5.00

East Main Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill. 5.00

Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. 78.00

Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind. 25.00

OCTOBER

East Maine Baptist Church, Y. P. East Maine, Ill. \$ 5.00

Gorham Street Baptist Church, Fid. S. S., Jackson, Mich. 32.00

Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind. 9.05

TOTAL \$210.05

The above special offerings have been included in the regular report—Z. E. CLARK.