

MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

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(Spanish Language)

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Missionary Hallum Hopes To Visit And Aid Don Tomas In His Work In Columbia

(This letter was received sometime ago, but for lack of space was not printed. But because of its news we are printing it. (Ed.).)

Iquitos, Peru.

I am prayerfully considering the question of making a trip to Buenaventura (Columbia) some time in the near future, probably in a few months, to look over the work there. I have written him (Don Tomas) this also. I think I can go by way of Leticia and Bogota much cheaper than by Lima. I am sure that you will pray about this and give me your impressions. I had not made a trip to places on the river for some time until last week. I secured a helper and made a trip, leaving Tuesday morning and returning Thursday. I had in mind to go to Mapa and preach one night and then to some place the next night. We were near Mapa when we stopped to lunch. After lunch we pushed out, thinking we would go on and soon be at our intended destination, but we didn't go. The motor refused to function. We tried for an hour or more to get it to start but it

wouldn't work. We had worked with it an half hour or more in the morning before it would go. So I decided to go back down stream to a place we had passed and stay over night and the next day go into the center as they say here, and have a service the following night. We did and found the place deserted by about half the Indians.

Preaches To Seven And Four Are Saved

It is a settlement of seven or eight houses and is low. When the water is high the people go back to higher ground, so on this occasion it was very muddy everywhere and there were 9 or 10 adults in the village. I made arrangements to have service in one of the houses (so-called) and there were six people present, 3 men and 3 women and the man who was with me made seven I had to preach the gospel to. One was a boy that came to our house and bought a Bible some months ago, and had made a profession of faith in the Lord in one of the former services. At the end of the service he and (Next page, Column one)

MRS. PARROTT IS NOW HOME FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

Dear Brethren:

Shortly after the baby was born in Brazil, Eudora began having trouble. We said nothing about it in our letters because we felt that the doctor in Brazil would be able to take care of the trouble and that there was no need to worry our families and friends with our troubles. The doctor continued to assure use that all was well and that he would have everything fixed up shortly, but she did not get any better and in October she began to get much worse. The doctor started new treatments which did not help at all. Finally with the last treatment which he gave her he said if that did not work it would be necessary to operate on her. The doctors in Brazil do not have the training nor the equipment necessary to properly take care of such things. We did not want this doctor to operate on her, so after much prayer about the matter we decided to bring her home for the necessary treatment before it was too far advanced. Since arriving in the States we have had two doctors and both of them have assured (Next page, Column two)

Brother Brandon Tells Of The Wide-spread Interest Of Many As To His Greivous Illness

Carrville, La.

Your letter was newsy. I hardly ever receive one like it. I am glad to hear from Brother Freyling. But a few days past while praying I wondered what had become of him. Also Brother Stephens has died. His moving to California did not seem to help much.

The past month has revealed much of the grace of God. Indeed, the Lord Jesus Christ is concerned about His servants and the deeper their distress the greater His manifold grace. I have received six letters from churches and one from an individual, none of whom I know, this month. Before this I had received some, but not so many. All of these assure me of sincere cooperation in prayer. James 5:16-18 is comforting in connection with that. Now if God hears one righteous man, then what about the many who know me not in the flesh but have sought the Lord in prayer for me.

A Church In Boston Writes

A church in Boston wanted me to tell them something of myself

so they could pray with a greater interest, as they were putting me on their prayer list. The Pastors' Conference of Baton Rouge had special prayer and wrote that they would be coming over to visit me in a short time. I received a nice letter from Bro. Dodd of the 1st Baptist Church in Shreveport assuring me the cooperation of the church in prayer, and placing themselves at my disposal. A church from Mansfield wrote that they were praying for me, also a church in Oklahoma and a woman and her daughter from San Angelo, Texas. Often prayer needs time for the development of the object requested, and in this case it may be so. Personally I see no reason why the Lord shouldn't answer the prayers and restore health. Yes, I was forgetting, I received a letter from the pastor in Manaus yesterday that said, "Be of good cheer, we are praying for you and we believe you will soon be with us again here." This coming from a man I led to Christ and baptized many years ago makes it sacred to me. (Next page, Column One)

Here Is A Great Prophet Who Is Without Honor In His Own Country, As Jesus Said

Jesus testified in John 4:44 that a prophet has no honor in his own country. How true this is. We have thought of it many, many times. Several years ago Brother Dewey H. Jones was pastor of the Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky. He edited the MESSENGER OF TRUTH, a good paper, and kept the work of Missionary J. F. Brandon before the readers in its pages. He was strong for the mission work and sacrificed for it, and led the Benton Church to sacrifice for it, too. But, alas, he began to lose interest in it, and to gain interest in the "Co-operative Program" until he led the church to vote to quit supporting the work, but after the church voted to quit supporting the work many of the members designated their mission money

and the church continued to support the work anyway and gave more for a time after she "quit" supporting the work, than she did when she was supporting it. Brother Jones resigned and another pastor came, and then another, and then another, and the present pastor has succeeded in getting the church to quit supporting the work altogether. And now only one person in Benton, Ky., supports the work, and that is Brother Brandon's sister. This is Brother Brandon's home church and home town, and his wife and children live there. Truly Jesus was right when he testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. Each Baptist church has a right to give her mission money where she pleases (so long as it is pleasing to the Lord) without interference from any one. The Benton Church has that right and we grant her that right. This is a faith work and no church is interfered with if she gives or does not give to this work. It is interesting to watch as the years go by. It really hurt us to see the Benton Church quit supporting the work she loved so long, and sacrificed for so long, and was so happy in doing it, but several others have joined the list of supporters and we are encouraged.

SPECIAL OBJECTS TO PRAY ABOUT

Pray for J. F. Brandon, pray for Mrs. Billy Parrott, pray for the new building needed in Manaus, Brazil, pray for the money to send out the Smiths to Brazil, pray for the Hallums in Peru, pray for Don Tomas in Columbia, pray for Don Simon in Peru, pray for Miguel, Cicero, Maio, Eufrazo, Francisco, John Dias, Zacharis and Gabriel in Brazil. These are the mission— (Next page, Column five)

RUSSELL BAPTISTS

The First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky., of which Brother John R. Gilpin is the pastor, has given \$553.00 as a special offering in November to help send the Smiths to Brazil. This offering is especially encouraging because of the need, and also under the conditions it was given. The men of the First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky., are railroad men and because of the coal strike, many of them have been off from work for several weeks. This shows what can be done when the people love missions and are taught to give to missions by the pastor. Only a few years ago we had only one missionary, Brother J. F. Brandon. Now there are 18. If each pastor who reads this would have his church to give a special offering toward sending out the Smiths to Brazil, we would have enough right away. Some could give more than others, but all could give some. May the Lord lead many to do so.

Missionary Brandon, Slowly Improving, Shows Deep Concern For Work In Brazil

Carrville, La.

Yesterday I received a letter from the south country, Miguel had written to Santiago, the pastor in Manaus, and he sent it on.

Roof Torn Off House

They have a law in Brazil that whelp one has the leprosy, the house they were living in must be uncovered and remain so for three months and then recovered and whitewashed. The estimated cost by the pastor in Cruzeiro is about \$300.00. I am sure it will cost no less. I wrote to Brother Parrott to get in touch with him and find out more fully about it and sent him enough to begin work and I felt sure you would send the other without delay. I don't know but I guess they uncovered it right after I left there on the seventeenth of June, so it is now time to put a new cover on.

Getting Some Better

I was called in by the doctors yesterday for a check up. They all thought me better. I am, but it is so slow. I am very much rested already and that makes me look so different, besides there is no swelling in my face and hands now. My feet still swell when I am up too long. They say that should leave also. I appreciate the prayers of my brethren and feel sure they are not in vain. The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man

availeth much; then if as many people pray for me as they say have and are, then I ought to be well without blemish, shortly. Heb. 10:36. Remember me to all who love the coming of the Lord Jesus from heaven. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen.

Sincerely,

J. F. BRANDON.

MT. HERMON CHURCH

Mt. Hermon Baptist Church sends \$25.00 to help send the Smiths to Brazil. This is a country Baptist church like the editor attended when he was a boy. Brother Smith used to be pastor of this church and it is indeed encouraging to see her have a part in sending him to the foreign mission field. May the Lord lead others to join in the good work.

WHERE IS CARRVILLE?

Many have asked: "Where is Carrville, La., where Brother Brandon is?" Brother Brandon writes: "Carrville is sixty miles north of New Orleans and 30 miles South of Baton Rouge. It is about 70 miles from Hammond. Sunday Brother R. P. Hallum's son and his wife spent the afternoon with me. I enjoyed their visit very much indeed. He is a very fine looking man and he and his wife seem very happy."—J. F. Brandon.

84 POSTCARDS

Brother Brandon writes to Brother Z. E. Clark that he received a shower of 84 postcards from the church in Baton Rouge, La. He says that each one was different and yet so much alike. He also said that he did not know anyone in that church so the Lord must have sent them to encourage him and that they brought a great blessing. That is wonderful. But wouldn't it be wonderful if those 84 persons would each send an offering to help out in the work?

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.

Brandon Letter

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In Younger Days

Surely the days of our flesh are days of madness and weakness and folly. When we have done all we know to do to stand and then come down, what's left then to do but wait on the Lord in reflection and prayer. In younger days I stood as a midshipman at high tide, everything was flowing in, there was no hindrance or difficulty that could stop the fight, and the Lord knows we have encountered a few. But when the tide started ebbing the moon also started waning. There I stood in the midst of the waste unable to pursue my course, alone. How oft has the passage come to me: thou shalt lift up thine arms and another wilt gird thee and carry thee to the place where thou doth not want to go. The flower fades and the stem withers, but our comfort is the word of the Lord for it abideth forever.

And that is the word on which our faith is built. And — our faith is based on God's promise. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, Hebrews 11:1. Faith sees and hopes for the unseen, faith is the evidence, it gives witness of the unseen. Faith that testifies is living, must be exercised to progress. The hope of God's elect is eternal life, Titus 1:1-2. Jesus Christ is the Christians' hope, I Tim. 1:1. We hope for the coming of Christ and the resurrection. We hope to avoid the judgment, John 5:24, I Cor. 1:30. We hope to enter into life in its fullness with Jesus. May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

—J. F. BRANDON.

Hallum Letter

(Preceding page, Column two) two other men and two women indicated that they had received Jesus as their personal Saviour. I felt then that I had been amply paid for all the work and worry that I had done that day with the motor. I went back to the shack in which we stayed and slept soundly that night. Next day we went inland to the other place by paddling the boat. I had no difficulty in finding a large house in which to stay and have service that night. Nearby in another house some Indians were drinking strong drink and carousing. In the afternoon I notified or invited all the people to come to the services, including the school teacher, who is teaching there. She is a zealous Roman Catholic but came to the service and tried to help keep order and listened to the message. I believe there were about 35 souls there that were old enough to comprehend the truth. During the service one of the drunks came in and caused some interruption. There was a lot of noise on the outside. However, I believe this work will bear fruit. Often some of them ask when I am coming back. One of the boys present that night was in our house since and said that he was receiving Christ as his Saviour. But as to organizing a church in these places—it is a problem. They need a teacher to live with them and teach them and develop them spiritually.

R. P. HALLUM.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1949

Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	\$ 24.49
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micapony, Fla.	5.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	100.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	15.50
Southside Baptist Church, Winterhaven, Fla.	55.00
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.	5.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	13.18
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	7.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	5.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	24.91
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	
(Ladies' Bible Class)	10.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	30.32
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va.	5.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colorado	75.00
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	5.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	8.69
United Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.	10.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	52.30
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	
(Hope Bible Class)	35.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	10.00
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	
(Ladies' Bible Class)	5.00
Danleyton Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Ky.	5.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	12.78
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky., W. M. U.	8.34
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	10.05
Freedom Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	25.00
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky., B. Y. P. U.	9.00
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	50.40
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Pollard Baptist Church, Ashland, Ky.	5.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich., B. Y. P. U.	5.28
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	34.11
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	9.37
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	
(Ladies' Bible Class)	5.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	48.33
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. (for Smiths' trip)	553.00
Mount Hermon Baptist Church, Carroll County, Ky.	
(For Smiths' trip)	25.00
Calvary Baptist Mission, Lawry, Fla.	5.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	67.00
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Corderview, Tenn.	
(Junior Class)	4.00
First Baptist Church, Stillwell, Okla. (by C. Lewis and Family)	28.00
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	50.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	62.94
Mrs. C. E. Stewart, Stockdale, Ohio	1.00
Dica Ferguson, Wattensaw, Ark.	5.00
Howard Robert Jordan, Louisa, Ky.	2.50
L. R. Reynolds, Yuma, Colo.	20.00
J. E. Reynolds, Chattanooga, Tenn.	5.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
A Friend in Minneapolis, Minn.	5.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
Fleetwood M. Williams, Baltimore, Md.	5.00
Wardney Landacre, Carl, W. Va.	5.00
R. E. Murphy, Castor, La.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sego, Glendale, Ky.	5.00
John M. Holtzclaw, Taft, Texas	10.00
John M. Holtzclaw, Taft, Texas (for church building in Manaos)	50.00
Luther R. Upton, McLeansboro, Ill.	10.00
Joseph H. Sproles, Benhams, Va.	2.00
Mrs. John James, Rocky Mountain, N. C. (for Smiths' trip)	2.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	10.00
Elder R. W. Chaudoin, Titusville, Fla.	9.00
Lillian B. Kirk, Kermit, W. Va.	30.00
TOTAL	\$1780.49

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Church Building In Manaos

Total for August to October \$ 436.30

NOVEMBER

John M. Holtzclaw, Taft, Texas 50.00
TOTAL **\$ 486.30**

Offering For Smith's Passage

Total for August to October \$ 210.05

NOVEMBER

First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. 553.00
Mount Hermon Baptist Church, Carroll County, Ky. 25.00
Mrs. John James, Rocky Mount, N. C. 2.00
TOTAL **790.05**

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

Mrs. Parrott Sick

(Preceding page, Column 3) us that we should have come home, rather than submit to an operation in Brazil which was actually unnecessary and uncalled for. The doctor has said that in two months he thinks we will be able to go back and

now we are making plans to return about the first of February, the Lord willing. The plans are that the Smiths also will go at that time. We are happy to know that we will have someone there with us when we get back.

People we have seen since we got back have asked many ques-

tions about Brazil and the work there, and I think the most asked question has been, "How do you like Brazil?" And the second, "How do you like your work there?" In answering these questions, we like Brazil well enough. Wherever one lives there are things that one dislikes. In Brazil there are just a few more of these things that you don't like. As to the work, we love it and are wholeheartedly interested in it and are anxious to get back to it. I know that I am in the job that the Lord has called me to do and I am completely satisfied in doing it. The thing we want most is to do that which the Lord calls us to do and I have always noted the happiest Christians are those who are obeying the will of the Lord and we have been happier in Brazil than we ever were before.

The Work In Manaos

As to the work in Manaos, the Lord continues to bless in a great way and the work continues to grow. During the first four months of her second year, beginning July 4, the Tabernacle Baptist Church increased her membership 25 per cent, adding 13 by baptism to the 52 members which she had on her first anniversary. The house continues to be full for most of the services and many times there is no standing room in the building and some are forced to stand outside the doors. This is extremely encouraging to us and the Lord willing, a great work will be built there.

Funds Needed For A New Building

We continue to pray that the Lord will provide the funds for the new building there. At present we can seat only 60 people and this forces many to stand, causing them not to return to our services. I cannot blame them for not returning because the services are long and I would not like to stand through a two hour service myself. We are thankful for those who have given toward the new building and we ask that you pray with us that others may be led of the Lord to give toward this House of the Lord, too. I noticed in the last MISSION SHEETS that already we have about one third of the needed \$1500.00 even though only a few churches and individuals have given toward it. The building we are now using is made of mud and there are two cracks in the wall from the top to the bottom. One of them is on the side and if I were to push on it, and that not too hard it would fall in. The other is in the corner and will hold probably a little longer, but I am afraid that the rainy season will be very hard on it. We have a good lot already bought and paid for and are ready to start work on the building as soon as the Lord sees fit to provide the money for the work.

Pastor Santiago Sends Greetings

The pastor of the church in Manaos asked that I say to all of the brethren that he is thankful unto the Lord for the support which comes through Baptist Faith Missions. He also asked your remembrance of him in your prayers and said he never forgets the brethren in his supplications. I know it to be true that always when he prays, he prays for the brethren and the churches who support him and the work there in Brazil. Pastor Santiago was the first person saved in Cruzeiro do Sul under Brother Brandon's ministry and since that time, some 20 years ago he has been working with him in the work of the Lord. He

is a good worker and you can always find him on the job. The great progress of the church there can directly be accredited to his continual efforts in God's cause. Again we ask, remember us in your prayers and especially pray that we will be able to return to the field as planned and that the Lord will provide for the new building there in Manaos.

Your brother in the service of the Saviour.

BILLY PARROTT.

Things To Pray For

(Preceding page, Column 3) aries. Pray for them, daily. Pray for this paper that it may have a wider circulation. Pray that more churches will join in as supporters with us. Pray earnestly.

DO IT NOW

Several years ago we prayed that four others who loved missions would join with us in giving \$50.00 a month, and we five together would support a missionary. We even had in mind some laymen that we hoped would be the ones and who could have done it easier than we could. But they did not join with us, and the Lord gave more than we asked or thought, and in this issue instead of ourselves and four others, there are 64 separate offerings listed in the report for November. What will December bring forth? Many have been planning for years to begin to support missions. Do it now. Start with what you have. If you can only give a dollar, give that, then the Lord will enable you to give two dollars, and then five, and then still more. But do it now. Start the new year as a giver to missions. We are hoping to see many new names on the list in the coming year. The Lord has been good to us. We here and now thank and praise Him and adore His person and give Him all the honor and glory. We worship thee, oh God.

DISCOURAGEMENTS

Many are the discouragements, the ups and downs, in mission work. Brother Brandon is in the hospital with leprosy. Mrs. Parrott is under the doctor's care. From time to time, some who have given to the work, cease to do so. A church changes pastors and the new pastor leads the church to quit supporting the work. But there are many discouragements in all mission work, and in most of the cases the people who support the work don't know about it. It is the policy of this mission to print the letters direct from the missionaries so that they may know direct what is going on.

Encouragements

These are many encouragements, too. Each month new ones, who have never given to the work before, send in an offering, and the new ones are more than the old ones who put their hand to the plow and then turned back. The work continues to grow and now we have work in Brazil, Peru and Colombia, where only a few years ago we only had work in Brazil.

If the money that will be spent foolishly for Christmas by Baptists was given to missions, it would amount to many millions. Yet we call ourselves "Missionary" Baptists.