

MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

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(Spanish Language)

MISSIONARIES IN COLUMBIA

Jose Tomas del Castillo
(Spanish Language)

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Lawrence Smith - Happy And Contented As A Missionary Of The Lord Jesus Christ

Manaos, Brazil.
Dear Brother Overbey:

I am not just saying this, but I am better satisfied and happier than I have ever been in the work of the Lord. I don't see anything wrong with it here that I should not stay. We like here in Manaos much better than we did in Belem. We both are very happy here in the work of the Lord and we feel that we will like Cruzeiro do Sul better than here. The altitude here is very low and if it doesn't rain for a day or two the greatness of the air pressure causes your head to ache, until you get used to it. Verna has been very sick from this, yesterday and today, but it rained this morning and she is better now. Barbara Jean is getting very fat and laughs and plays so much during the day, that she falls asleep as soon as it is dark and sleeps until daylight. The people seem to like us quite well.

The Lord has been with us here from the beginning and He has caused the people to love us and respect us from the beginning. It sure surprises me the extent that I can converse with the people now. We have meetings here on our big porch every Thursday night and when the meeting is here, every member is here that can come and many strangers. I don't know whether they are coming through curiosity or interest, whichever, it accomplishes the purpose. The people can't come out when it is raining, and some

of the meetings are small. The average is twenty-five per night for four nights a week at homes and two nights a week at the church, not mentioning Sunday. There is a service somewhere every night. Just think—could we have that average every night at Harmony or Oak? These people work too.

We have one policeman, one traffic cop, one tax driver (he doesn't quit until 9:30 p. m. but seldom misses), a restaurant owner and various others. Some public and some private but all (Next page, column four)

YOUNG PEOPLE VISIT BROTHER BRANDON

Dear Brethren:

Carville, La.

I have had a good day in the morning. The sermon was good, the best the man has preached since I came and I appreciated it very much. However, there were few in attendance. I enjoyed the afternoon so much, the other half of the day, the Young People's Union from the First Church of Baton Rouge came down and passed the afternoon. We went over the colony, they wanted to see it. They sang songs in various places. When we arrived at home we had a service in front of the (Next page, Column One)

In Spite Of Sickness, Sorcerers, And Adventists Hallum Continues The Work

March 1950.

department.

Dear Brother in the Lord, greetings in His name. Your letter, together with two checks, one for us and one for Don Tomas Castillo, was received recently and his check was sent on to him. Wife and I are well physically. Marguerite writes (from Lima) that she is feeling much stronger and has a better appetite but still is not sleeping as well as she ought. She is expecting to fly from Lima to Iquitos the coming Saturday. The wife and I and Don Simon made a trip to Mapa Cocha last Thursday and returned Friday. We had a good service. Even though it was raining hard at the hour of service about 50 or 60 of the people of the village came. At the close of the message one man who recently came to the place, made profession of faith in Christ Jesus as Saviour, stating that that night was the first time that he ever heard the gospel, but that he had accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour. He gave the most intelligent testimony of any I have heard. The other men came forward, each stating that they had received the Lord. I am not sure but believe they had made profession of faith at former services. Practically all of these Indians have their women and the women have their men, but they are not married. It seems that they are afraid that they will be grabbed by the military

Don Tomas writes me about two women professing faith in Christ Jesus (in Buenaventura). One was a companion of a married man and was being severely persecuted, by him threatening her with death and consulting sorcerers to try to make her return to him. But so far she has not returned and instead was more determined to separate from him. He tells of much violent persecution against the believers in the gospel led by the Jesuit Priest, and that it requires courage from the Lord to propagate the gospel. He is also considering the beginning of a Bible School. There are two men that are prospects as students. I think it would be good for me to make a visit to Buenaventura some time in the near future. I will write to you later about my thoughts concerning this matter. We have had 4000 tracts printed and most of them have been distributed from house to house. The title is "The Day of Rest for the People of God." This tract teaches against Adventism and tells of the true day of rest. I want to write another soon about some things that ought to be known about Adventism. Very few people know what Adventists believe and teach. Here they hammer the Sabbath continually. This is all for the present.

Yours as ever in His service.
R. P. HALLUM.

BRAZILIAN PREACHERS



Two Brazilian Baptist preachers. The one on the left is Francisco Santiago the pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle in Manaos, Brazil where Brother Lawrence Smith is. The one on the right is John Dias the missionary who labors among his people in Manaos with the Word of Life every day. Read in Brother Smith's letter how they have a service every night in the week the year round. That is doing mission work till He comes.

THE NEED FOR GOD-CALLED MISSIONARIES WAS NEVER GREATER IN BRAZIL AND PERU

A new missionary couple is needed in Brazil and another in Peru. In fact there is no limit to the number needed, but there is a very special need for new missionaries now. With Brother Brandon in the leprosy hospital, Brother Smith is in Brazil to look after the work alone with the native preachers. There is work in Manaos and one missionary family is needed to live there all the time. Then 2500 miles up the Amazon and Jurua rivers there is the work in Cruzeiro do Sul, a missionary couple is needed there all the time,

in fact two are needed, so that one can make journeys while the other holds the fort at home. This is a real challenge to God called sound Baptist missionaries. Then there is the need in Peru. Brother Hallum could place all that would go and more. He is there to help in the language and to train the new ones in the work. These fields are ripe unto harvest, because the people listen and are eager to hear and the Lord is saving many of those who come and listen. Truly Brazil and Peru are saying "Come over and help us."

A LETTER FROM MISS MARGUERITE HALLUM AS TO HER WORK

Lima, Peru.

Dear Brother Overbey

I had planned to write sooner but neglected it. I didn't expect to be here (at the clinic) this long when I came over, but the family with whom I came had to stay longer and it was found necessary that Mr. Craymer have an operation just at the time we were planning to return to Iquitos. So I decided to stay over too, as the doctor in Iquitos thought I should stay even two or three months. However, I did not then, or even now, want to be away so long. Here at the British American Clinic I have been receiving treatment. They cannot find anything organically wrong, but attribute most of my trouble to a very nervous rundown condition. This in turn was brought on by lack of sleep and appetite which they blame on the climate. I have been feeling quite a bit better the past two or three weeks, but still have trouble sleeping. The doctor has suggested that if after four or (Next page, Column four)

A Tract: - The Christian In Affliction And How To Suffer With Christ

(This article is from a small tract just printed by Brother Brandon, Editor)

Romans 8:16-17. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."—The Apostle Paul.

Believers are called upon to suffer and not complain, I Peter 2:21. The unregenerate world about us lifts its ungrateful voice in protest at the slightest variation from comfort. But believers are qualified to endure. Behold, they are children of the Most High, I John 3:2. They possess His nature, are guided by His Spirit and may be yielded to His will.

To suffer without complaining is the more noble way. Which one of us has not said to his child, "Don't cry, be a man!" That is the way the Lord would have us conduct ourselves.

The man we daily seek to worship is called, "The man of Sorrows". Was He not ac-

quainted with grief? Isaiah 53.3. Surely His sufferings were for the transgressions of many, Isaiah 53:12. How nobly He bore them! Should not we endure our own without murmuring?

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ONLY ONE WAY

There is only one way to be saved. Jesus says "I am the way." Likewise there is only one way to kill out the modernism and heresy in Baptists ranks, and that is by cutting off the support of the modernists and heretics. Sound preachers of sound churches are helping to support modernistic, heretical professors who teach and make modernistic and heretical preachers who in turn will pastor and make modernistic and heretical churches, then what? Whose fault is it? Cut off their support and they will die. Let the modernists and heretics support the modernists and the heretics, and let sound pastors and churches support Baptist missionaries.

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

(Preceding page, Column 3)

house. No one would come, that is no unbelievers, but a few of the brethren were there. They asked me to tell them something of the work, etc. I had great pleasure in doing that and they requested that you send them twenty copies of the MISSION SHEETS. These seem to be really nice young people, and they were so nice to me. Send the papers to: Joe Thomas, 148 St. Joseph Street, Baton Rouge, La. I feel that the MISSION SHEETS will do them good. I think that the brethren have been, and are, praying for me. I am better and the doctors are encouraged. This is a slow malady and at best it will be a long time, but I know the Lord is with me and is blessing. Hope you are all well. Remember me to the brethren, church and family. Very best wishes for all. May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

J. F. BRANDON.



Brandon Tract

(Preceding page, Column five)

Consider the suffering of our Lord Jesus in his youth. He was the first-born of a family of seven children. Mark 6:3. For at least eighteen years He was subject to Joseph and Mary, Luke 2:51. Joseph was a carpenter, Matthew 13:55. Jesus worked at the trade with Joseph and helped to sustain the family. From prophecy we learn that He was a poor man, Zachariah 9:9. Innumerable are the agonies of the poor. A root that grows out of dry ground is undeveloped, and to such He was compared, Isaiah 53:2. Thus as He labored for daily bread, His undernourished body was deprived of fat, Psalm 109:24. When one takes up another's fight he soon has many things in common, thus, Christ requires of His people that they suffer with Him, II Timothy 2:12. When accused, He did not defend Himself; when He suffered He opened not His mouth. Let us, therefore, draw nigh unto Him in defense of the truth, Hebrews 12:2 and 33 and 13:13. Though a recompense is not sought one awaits the faithful who suffer with the Lord, I Corinthians 2:9. We may often be tempted to say that death is better than the life we now live, as indeed it often appears to be, for, as one of old has said, "To die is gain", Philippians 1:21. But to live a godly, contented life for the One who was made perfect through sufferings (Hebrews 2:10) is "GREAT GAIN". I Timothy 6:6.

Thus life at its worst is better than death, Ecclesiastes 9:4. His death for me can only emphasize my duty to live for Him. Then let me live a life in this flesh that will glorify Jesus Christ, Psalm 118:17. If the way becomes rough and gloomy, our faith weakened, our hope dim, let us remember that the sign of His approval is our suffering, for the way-marks to glory are the wormwood and the gall.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 1950

Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	\$ 43.70
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., (Hope Bible Class)	50.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Danleyton Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Ky.	5.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Ky.	16.70
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	17.68
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. (B.Y.P.U.) ..	6.19
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	54.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	28.53
Friendship Baptist Church, Newborn, Ky. (Livingston Co.)	21.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.	5.00
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, West Va.	7.50
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	35.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	84.94
Bethesda Baptist Church, Wayne, West Va.	14.73
Lovellaceville Baptist Church, Lovellaceville, Ky.	20.00
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colo.	75.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	10.37
Grace Baptist Church, Owensburg, Ky.	5.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	11.74
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	5.00
United Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	6.64
Liberty Point Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	60.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	24.22
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.62
Macedonia Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.	7.82
Ocoonita Baptist Church, Ocoonita, Va.	19.46
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Carderew, Tenn.	19.75
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Rush, Ky.	20.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (B.Y.P.U.) ..	10.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	10.89
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	11.50
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	60.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	3.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	14.18
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky. (Ladies Adult B.T.U.)	5.66
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B.Y.P.U.) ..	3.40
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	41.05
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	73.95
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	5.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (for Smiths) ..	5.00
Mrs. John P. James, Rock Mountain, N. C.	5.00
R. W. Chaudoin, Titusville, Fla.	14.00
B. M. Stamps, Murray, Ky.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wade Daugherty, Monticello, Ky.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Heaster, Clintonville, West Va.	5.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Charles D. Halsinger, Wheaton, Ill.	2.00
Elder William D. Pettit, Pontiac, Mich.	56.87
R. E. Murphey, Castor, La.	5.00
A Friend	60.00
Mrs. M. A. Ailstock, Mansfield, La.	1.00
G. E. Duncan, White Plains, Ky.	25.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
Mrs. A. N. Tiffin, Portales, New Mexico (Don Thomas' Church Building) ..	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Bilberry, Portales, New Mexico (Don Thomas' Church Building) ..	5.00
Mrs. L. W. Billery, Portales, New Mexico (Don Thomas' Church Building) ..	1.00
West Side W.M.U., Portales, New Mexico (Don Thomas' Church Building) ..	4.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	5.00

Total \$1,398.09

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for mission work to the Treasurer of this Mission. It is best to send by check or money order. It is not safe to send cash in envelope. Place your return address on the corner of the envelope. Address:

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

A SECOND LETTER FROM BRO. SMITH

Manaos, Brazil,
March 14.

Dear Brother Overbey:

Yesterday I received the bill of lading, packing list, Neptune packing list, Commercial Invoices, and C. I. F. invoice, also insurance certificate to cover shipment. The packing lists are the ones I made out in Detroit and put in the trunks. The baggage is to be discharged here in Manaos on the northbound voyage after the vessel has unloaded and loaded cargo on the regular scheduled run. There are eleven pieces of baggage. Verna has been in the hospital for three days. The hospital was as good as many in the States and better than some. Most of the medicines here are made in the States, the popular brands like Parke Davis, Abbotts, etc.,

put up with Portuguese labels. Verna is getting up now (at home) and is getting along fine. The church here had special prayer for her. They were all in church praying for her while she was in the hospital. These people really believe in prayer. Sunday after church they all came here to pray and sing. The women are going to have their meeting here with Verna until she is able to go to church again. They meet every Monday afternoon in a missionary meeting. There are two Negro women of Barbado who can speak English, who help Verna much in the meetings.

It is about all I can do to keep things going here now. Besides what outside work there is to do I have the housework to direct. One girl cook is young and inexperienced and has to be told how to do many things. Also our boy is the same way, but I think they do quite well.

The accordion swelled after I got here until some of the notes stuck, and I have to keep an electric light bulb burning in the case all the time. It is ok now. The heat from the light bulb keeps the air in the case dry and therefore keeps the wood from swelling. In the dry season we will not have this trouble. They like the accordion quite well, and especially my singing alto. The third Sunday after we came they had a special meeting. They sang just to listen to me sing alto. They sang for two hours and I was almost sung "out." It is really pitiful to see the people here so bound and gagged by the priests. People will spend the last penny they have to buy the longest candles, and they have some that will burn for 48 hours, so that the departed soul will have plenty of light to find its way to heaven. Passing by the cemetery at night one can see hundreds of candles burning. Candles are put on the graves for years to be sure they can find their way. Pray for us continually. The Lord is blessing us here and we both are very happy in the work. Yours in His Service.

—LAWRENCE SMITH.



Letter From Smith

(Preceding page, Column two) work. It really is an inspiration to attend a prayer meeting. The prayer meetings are at the church and the evangelistic meetings at the homes. At church they pray in sections. They divide up with about four or five in a group and each group operates as if no one else were there. This was confusing to me at first, but it isn't now. If they didn't do it this way it would be two or three o'clock before all would get to pray. I haven't timed them but some pray at least half an hour. I feel that I am in one of Paul's or John's meetings in the New Testament, or when they were praying for the release of Peter from prison. These people really believe in prayer. They are on their knees for three or four hours, so you can see how much prayer means to them.

Brother Santiago has been sick for the past week and I have been doctoring him with what medicine I have here. The doctors are very high but seem to be as efficient as those in the states with what facilities they have. My teacher had to go to the army because of universal military training here. Every man trains for one year. I expect to have another teacher in a few days. Brother Al Speith has been of great help. He helped me through the police and will help me get the baggage through customs when it arrives (April 8). Pray for us.

Your brother in His service,
LAWRENCE SMITH.



Marguerite Hallum

(Preceding page, Column One) five months more, if I am still not feeling well, that I should have a complete change of climate. We are returning to Iquitos Saturday, March 11, and I hope to start the Daily Vacation Bible School Monday, March 20. I am looking forward to getting back to Iquitos and down to accomplishing something once again. The change here has been a help and I am trying to persuade the folks to come over in April if only for two weeks. It would be very good for them. Will close for this time. Kind

ALL TOGETHER

What one cannot do, all of us together can do. Many churches are too small to support a missionary full time themselves, but together with other churches they can help support many missionaries. Years ago we wanted to support a missionary couple full time ourselves through our church. We were a layman then and we started out to do what we could about the matter. The Lord blessed and we were able to give more as time went on, then the Lord called us to preach His word and to pastor a church. In January 1942 we mimeographed a letter on one side of a sheet and mailed it out to about 30 people telling about the need of the work in Brazil. Then we mimeographed both sides of a sheet and mailed it out to more and more, then we mailed out two sheets instead of one and someone referred to the paper, that did not have a name, as the MISSION SHEETS and that is how it got the name. Then we began to print the paper and the circulation continued to increase. Then the paper was enlarged to the size of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and Brother John R. Gilpin began to print it as THE MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT of his paper, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, and he asked the editor of the MISSION SHEETS to edit it for him. The circulation is still growing and now over 17,000 copies go out each month into every state in the Union and to many foreign countries. The work in Brazil grew from Brother Brandon as one missionary until now there are 16 missionaries in all, with work in the Acre Territory of Brazil and the State of Amazonas in Brazil and in Peru and in Columbia. That is how the Lord has blessed. We started out hoping to be able to support a missionary couple ourselves, and the Lord gave us more than we asked or thought and now we have a part in helping to support 16 missionaries in all in South America and also we have a part in a Mexican missionary couple who work among the Mexican people in the United States. What are you doing for missions? Does the Lord's commission to His churches in Matthew 28:19 and 20 mean anything to you? If so join in with us and we will do thee good. All you have to do is send your offerings to the treasurer and then read of the reaping from month to month. As the Lord shall lead you, send all offerings to: Elder Z. E. Clark, Box 215, Cannelton, Ind.



NEW CHURCHES

Right along we have new churches interested in this mission work and from time to time new churches begin to support the work. Recently we had a letter from a good pastor in Tennessee telling us that he had recently moved on the field and had recommended that the church support the work of Baptist Faith Missions. The church voted to do so and we are happy. Also we had inquiry from two other brethren in the same state regarding the work. This is a faith work. No one is asked to give, nor told how much to give. Each church or individual gives as they are led of the Lord. There is nothing to join or unjoin. Everyone who helps in the support of the work can count the work as theirs and the missionaries as their own.

regards to your family.

Yours in Him,
MARGUERITE HALLUM.