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Brandon To Preach In Leper Colony While Regular Chaplain Is On Vacation

Carville, La.
May 20, 1950

For several weeks now I have been teaching the Sunday night Bible Class in our church services. I enjoy it very much and the people including the Chaplain seem to enjoy the services, too. I never did this kind of work to be exact, but it is good. We are studying Genesis and there is so much to be brought out in there that even one like myself can keep them thinking on the subject for a little while. I have been so perplexed lately that I felt such a need of help. I invited the Chaplain to meet me at the church each morning and pray with me. He consented to do so and we have been praying now for a week or more and I am being blessed. The Lord is giving me victory, the kind that comes through the Lord Jesus, which is always a blessing and I am grateful. The Chaplain will be on vacation for five weeks in the month of June and July and he has invited me to fill the pulpit for him while he is away. I am looking forward to it, anticipating much joy as I will be able to present the gospel to the people as I feel it should be, at least five times. I hope the Lord will save some, thereby approving the movement.

Other Missionary Lepers Discharged

There are two other missionaries here. They are both being discharged soon. One man will return to California and the other, a woman, will return to Africa to her mission field. The head doctor said that it would be better for her to go to Africa than anywhere else,

seeing it was her heart's desire.
—J. F. Brandon



This is a picture of Zacharias Nunes de Abriu, the native missionary that labors at Morapicango in the Acre territory of Brazil. We have not had his picture to run before this. Notice, his name in the list of missionaries at the upper left corner of this page. Brother Brandon says that by nature he speaks very loud. The people say he has no secrets because he speaks so loud. He has a good personality and is doing a good work. He lived in Japiim for many years. He is the first man converted and baptized there after Brother Brandon returned in 1942.

Dear Brother in the
Lord Jesus:

Greetings in His name from all. I am glad to say that we are feeling better than we all have at the same time for some time. I think it may be interesting at least to relate an experience I had visiting an Indian village and preaching to them on the nights of the 16th and 17th of this month (May). It was Santa (Saint) Rita, one of the Indian villages near Iquitos. We started late. Don Simon Gaima and I, after eating lunch on the way, we arrived at the village about 1:30 p. m. We traveled part of the way by motor and part by paddle. It is an inland village. By the time I had gotten permission to have services in one of the largest houses in the place it began to rain but did not rain very long. Don Simon was not acquainted very well with the people so I left him with the stuff and I went out and invited all to the service that night. I guess about 30 were there including quite a number of boys and young men. Five or six of the young men and some of the boys and girls can read. The young fellows helped us the best they could with the song service.

Five Young Men Accept Christ As Saviour

At the close of the service five of the young men or boys came and gave me their hands indicating that they had accepted the Lord Jesus by faith as a personal Saviour. One of the young men had definitely professed faith in Christ on previous occasions. We slept in

the same house that night. About five o'clock the next morning I awoke hearing three or four women wailing and a sad, lonesome wail that could have been heard a mile or so away. I knew that there had been a death, and that meant there would be a "velorio" the following night. I debated in my mind the advisability of staying in the village to have a service that night. During the morning a girl of the house told me the people of the old lady that died had asked them to loan them their house in which to have the "velorio" and that they were going to have it there. I had already gotten permission from the owner of the house to have a service there that night so I went and asked her about the matter again and she told me that they would not have the "velorio" in her house and we could have the services in it. I went on to some other houses and they told me that the "velorio" would be in the same house as the service. I had decided to go to another village but on the way back I passed the owner of the house and she again told me that the "velorio" would not be in her house. I thought the matter was settled and went to the house to wait for the night. About eleven o'clock some men came to make a scaffold on which to place the corpse and proceeded making holes in the ground and setting four posts, two at each end joined with cross pieces and boards laid across them. I decided to stay and see what we could do. The people had told us that everybody would be there including babies and perhaps some from other villages. In the afternoon a grandson of the dead woman came, in a

drunken state, with others also drinking but left. About six o'clock or before the women and children began to arrive. At seven the house was about full. They had brought blankets and anything that would do to sit or lie on. There were about 175 to 200 Indians in and around the house, including about 50 babies. They had come to play, to drink, to sing, to wail or anything to have a hurrah. I told one of the grandsons to speak to the daughter about our having a gospel service and she said that she would be glad for us to have one. We commenced immediately. The young men who had made profession of faith were there to help us. We sang four hymns, then Don Simon preached for 20 minutes and I followed him preaching for 15 minutes. The entire service was one hour long. I was surprised and pleased at the attention we had from that kind of crowd. After we dismissed the service we stayed on until nine o'clock. The people were decent except a fellow passed the liquor around. Many of the women took drinks but some did not. They passed us up, not offering us drinks, they understood that the evangelicals are against drinking. I noticed that as soon as the service was over the boys who had accepted Christ the night before left. Many of the men were outside where they were making a box for the corpse. They were drinking. We went to another house to sleep and the noise became worse as they played games, sang and drank. The next morning most of the men were full of liquor. The three or four women that waited carried on their wailing all day. During the service they (Next page, Column two)

Smith And Santiago Getting Ready To Leave For Cruzeiro Do Sul

Manaos, Brazil
May 24, 1950

This letter is to let you know just when we are to leave for Cruzeiro do Sul. We would have left June 15th but the pastor and I both were sick. He had a bad cold and I had Nephritis, a kidney infection. I didn't have the malaria as I first thought. I took 5 intravenous injections and five in the muscle and a liquid by 15 drops a day. So I was given the injections by our nurse "Verna" and got well. Verna had never given an intravenous injection and was pretty scared for the first one, but by the time she had given me the 11th one she was quite skilled at it. I was a good patient for her to start on because my veins were not hard to find. I am feeling fine now and ready for the trip May 26th, Friday. We are to be at the airport by 5:30 a. m. to leave

at six. Our time is three hours faster than yours, so with you folks it will be 3 a. m. when we take off. The plane will take us to Porto Velho and there we must wait from May 26 to June 5 for the plane to Cruzeiro do Sul. This plane only makes 2 trips a month for Cruzeiro do Sul and the Panair makes three from here to Porto Velho. We could make a little better connection if we went on the 15th but we could not go then as the doctor would not let me make the trip and we don't want to put it off any longer, as Miguel and the saints at Cruzeiro do Sul have been expecting us to come for a long time. Brother as the days go by I grow happier and more content in the Lord's work. Words cannot express the joy that I have in being able to speak in the church and fellowship and converse with the people. The

young people had their special meeting this Tuesday night for me to teach them music. Yesterday we spent the day in visitation, Brother Santiago, John Dias and I. There were 12 people in prayer meeting last night that we had visited and seven had never been to church before. There were 56 in all and many standing outside listening. One girl 14 that we had visited was saved. She has a baby about a year old who is very sick. The doctor, a friend of the family, came and examined it, but they didn't have any money to buy the medicine. The doctors do not carry medicines, they only diagnose and prescribe and you have to buy the medicine at the drug store. I took the paper and am going to buy the medicine for them today. We prayed and left. The girl came to church and was saved. We have

tracts and gospel booklets that I buy to use in personal work. The pastor and I work together and the Evangelist (John Dias) works by himself. Yesterday 26 houses were visited with the gospel. Twenty-four were Catholics. Thirty-six persons were talked to and 50 tracts given away. This is a sample of our work. Pray for us that we may be able to do more in the mission work for the Lord until He comes again. I am not able to work but only three days a week because of the climate, but the pastor and the evangelist work every day. While we are gone we will have two evangelists working. The new one is beginning on salary of 1,000 Cr that I am paying until the mission begins support. The Lord has been good to us and is blessing greatly. We need material to do this work badly. Many places on the riv-

er near here are being lost to the Seventh Day Adventists, etc., because we don't have a launch to work there. Pray with me to this end. Yours in His service,

Lawrence Smith



BRANDON'S LETTER

Recent letters from the Native Missionaries in Brazil show activities of the believers since I left there and that makes me happy indeed. In the Jurua section (Acre Territory) there have been twelve conversions in all of the churches, but not all baptized because the pastor from Cruzeiro do Sul has not been able to get to them all to baptize them as yet. Then in the church at Manaos there have been 25 professions of (Next page, Column Three)

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.

YOUR HEART WILL BURN WITHIN YOU AS YOU READ THIS LETTER BY HALLUM

Iquitos, Peru
May 3, 1950

Dear Brother In Christ:

Greetings in His name. Your letter with the checks enclosed came yesterday, thanks. We administered the ordinance of baptism last night. He is a young man of about 21 and quite capable. With the grace of God he could give a good testimony and do a good work for the Lord. His name is Juan Nieto. He is one of the men following the study of the notes given in the West Kentucky Bible School. I made a trip last week accompanied by Don Simon Gaima to Mapa, preaching two nights. The first night there were 50 to 60 present and the next night not so many. Don Simon is visiting some of the places this week that he goes to from time to time. He is a man of little education but knows the Lord and gives good evidence of being called of the Lord. He loves the Word and likes to preach it. He is capable of learning. A tract which I put out over Iquitos several weeks ago on the subject of the "Day of Rest" against the Seventh Day Adventists seems to be having good effect. I am having another printed which ought to be more effective. The most of it is taken from Mr. Jones' book, "Forty Reasons Why You Should Not Be A Seventh Day Adventist." Adventist preachers are a soft talking kind of people but their doctrine when believed will nullify all the precious doctrines of salvation by grace through faith and practically all the rest of the New Testament. If they are right then we (as they say we are) are all lost. Their doctrine is just as deadly as Roman Catholicism so far as it is accepted and believed. Returning to the subject of baptism last night, this was a special service and there was a much better attendance on the part of women and children than we have had in other services. The occasion was used to explain the purpose of baptism and its place in the church. The people are always interested in the ordinance of baptism. It is curious to them even though it is a very common thing for people to bathe in the river and lakes. I remember now to say that the MISSION SHEETS and the LIGHT AND SHIELD came a few days past. I will perhaps write a special letter later about the work in Columbia. I rejoice with you because of the good services and fellowship you had with the church at Russell and with Brother Gilpin and family and with Brother Simmons at Harmony. Fellowship with this class of brethren helps wonderfully. Perhaps more than you had thought. We can understand this well because of being deprived of it. We have never had a visiting preacher who is of our faith and practice to preach to the church here since Brother Bratcher came from Brazil for a few nights and that was years ago.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 1950

Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Florida	\$ 5.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	60.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	34.30
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., (Hope Bible Class)	50.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	24.03
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Millstone, West Va. (For building at Manaoas)	10.00
Danleyton Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Ky.	5.00
Macedonia Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.	9.16
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	47.86
Hickory Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	30.00
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va.	7.50
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.	5.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich., (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	22.69
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky., (BYPU)	8.60
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colo.	75.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	35.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	90.52
Little Sewell Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va.	50.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	9.62
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Carderview, Tenn.	17.75
Corinth Baptist Church, Anson, Texas	5.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	21.50
Second Baptist Mission, Pennington Gap, Va.	3.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	57.60
Ocoonita Baptist Church, Ocoonita, Va.	27.40
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	14.67
United Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.	10.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Newtonville, Ind.	13.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	15.29
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky., (Ladies Adult B. T. U. Class)	7.50
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich., (BYPU)	3.85
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	47.31
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	67.60
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	13.48
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	10.00
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill. (Young People)	10.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	12.01
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	84.77
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (BYPU)	5.00
B. F. Brown, Tatum, Texas	5.00
Elma Fisher, Ashland, Ky.	20.00
Shirley Winters, Los Angeles, Calif.	10.00
William D. Pettit, Wales, Alaska	56.87
Joseph I. Sproles, Benhams, Va.	2.00
L. W. Page, Lawtrey, Fla.	12.00
A Friend in Harrodsburg, Ky.	2.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	5.00
Robert Jordon, Jr., Louisa, Ky.	4.00
A Friend in Worthington, Minn.	5.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
R. W. Chadoin, Titusville, Fla.	11.00
Miss Irene Ayres, Gainesville, Fla.	10.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00

Total \$1,308.88

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

So far as I know the other people who call themselves Baptists who are here are all believers in unionism and the invisible, universal church, and alien immersion and open communion and the other heresies that go along with it. When you wrote that you were intending to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago in May, there came to my mind the question, Why do Southern Baptists go to Chicago to have their convention? They are certainly getting into bad atmosphere.

Yours as ever,

R. P. Hallum

Hallum Letter

(Preceding page, Column five) were very quiet but when the service was over they began again. When they put the body in the box the fellow that was so drunk the afternoon before began to wail. This was my first experience of this kind. It seemed to be providentially. I trust that the word spoken may do someone some good.

As ever yours in the service of the Lord,

R. P. Hallum

J. F. Brandon

(Preceding page, Column five) faith with 20 baptisms. They are preaching in the public places every night. The little church building is growing smaller each day for the church. I hope that the money can be provided and the work begun without too much delay. I suppose the pastor Brother Santiago at Manaoas and the missionary (Brother Smith) have begun their journey to Cruzeiro do Sul. I indeed hope so as there is so much to be done and so few to do it. This seems a good time to ask the Lord of the harvest to send some laborers into His harvest. Hope that you are all well. Remember me to the brethren and friends. The Lord bless you and prosper your work. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.

J. F. Brandon

Smith Providentially Kept From Plane Trip To Cruzeiro, Now Going By Boat

(This is Monday, June 5th and just as we were about ready to mail the copy to the printer, we received the following letter from Brother Smith. Read it and realize how thankful we all ought to be that we can have a part in such a great and interesting work. Editor).

Manaoas, Brazil
May 29, 1950

Dear Brother Overbey:

Here I am writing you at home. It seems like it just isn't the Lord's will for us to go in a plane to Cruzeiro do Sul. Here are the entries in the diary of our start of the trip to Cruzeiro do Sul:

Friday, May 26, 6 a. m.: Took off after slight delay with engine still missing badly. Brother Santiago is a little scared. 3:10: Engine trouble — carburetor quit — traveled one hour on one engine. Made an emergency landing in the water at Manicore about 100 miles in the interior from Manaoas. 4:30: We left the place and waited for another plane from Iquitos, Peru to arrive in Manaoas and come to take us back to Manaoas. We are returning in the plane from Peru, leaving the other plane until they bring a carburetor. With one engine it could only taxi in a circle, because one could not pull it straight. They were all surprised to see us again so soon. The flight was planned for Sunday the 28th, and here is the story that my diary tells of this flight: Sunday 28th, 9 a. m.: Took off again for Porto Velho — weather very cloudy and windy — air very rough. I notice the pilots and crewmen are very disturbed about something — we are going higher and higher — I asked the skipper how high we were? "Tres Mil Meteos" (Three thousand meters). I keep hearing something like a hydraulic pump pumping, pumping, and leaking, not completing the stroke — also sounds like the motor missing. They are moving (the crew) back and forth through the plane checking this and that. I asked them if they are having trouble with the motors and they say the valve that secures the front wheel and closes the door to make the compartment water tight isn't working and the doors are swinging open and that is what I hear — the hydraulic valve is leaking. With this trouble they can only land on the ground, the boat will leak in the water. I asked them why they didn't return. After they fastened it and stopped the valve from pumping we returned to Manaoas. When we got home every body nearly fainted, they thought they were seeing ghosts. Watching the pilots as they worked (we sat up front back of the cockpit) I noticed that they never did take the gasoline off "auto rich." When everything is fine they put it on "auto lean." I also saw the compass as it revolved from three points South of West. When I saw this I knew we were returning or something had gone pretty badly wrong. In a little bit I asked the radio man if we weren't returning and he advised that we would arrive back in Manaoas in forty minutes. We were gone 80 minutes from Manaoas in all. Brother Santiago didn't know

that anything was wrong or that we were returning until the skipper made the announcement after they got everything under control. Knowing that the crew wouldn't tell anything to alarm the passengers I was a little bit scared. Everyone likes life and it is pretty sweet when you are facing death even if you aren't afraid to die eternally. I wasn't afraid to die, but I did want to live. We both, Brother Santiago and I feel that it isn't the Lord's will for us to go by plane. Going by boat we will be able to visit two of the three abandoned churches of the mission. (These churches were abandoned by the machine crowd after they took them away from Brother Brandon. Editor). I feel and have felt for sometime that the Lord wants me to open the work again in these places. There are three places that are abandoned completely. Two of them we will be able to visit, the two that were organized churches. We are receiving our money back that we paid for passage on the plane and are thinking of taking passage on a boat for Cruzeiro do Sul which will leave about June 6th. The passage will cost about 1400 Crs each way for one. This is more than the plane trip because we were only paying for half the distance on the plane, the rest was in a Police plane and free.

You will remember that it was 8000 Crs if we had to pay our way to Rio Branco, Acre. We would only take the FAB or Police plane from Rio Branco to Cruzeiro do Sul. But the route has been changed since Brother Brandon made his last trip. It will take us 28 days to make the trip by boat. I will close so I can get this in the mail today. I don't believe that it would suit the people here to have Brother Santiago make a third attempt to go by plane. They are all a little scared. Continue to pray for us as we do for all of you. May the Lord bless you all.

L. M. Smith

BRO. HALLUM SAYS

We are praying every day the Lord will send a man and wife of His own, choosing to help in this work here. If some man and wife believes in going to the uttermost parts of this earth, this field is worthy of their consideration, but they should not come here with the idea that the people here are falling over each other to get to the preacher of the gospel, because it is not true, but Romans 3:11 is true—"There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God." I am sure that this is true, on any mission field. It is only after the word of truth has reached them that some believe and are saved. I am convinced that the true motive in going to a mission field (the only one that will cause him to stay) should be a profound conviction that the Sovereign Lord Jesus as revealed in Matthew 28:18-20 has sent him there. This conviction will enable a missionary to stay regardless of the results until the Lord tells him to leave. The Lord Jesus is the only Chief and only Commander of all the militant forces sent forth to carry out His great commission.