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Through Missionary Efforts Of Brandon The Light Is Left Burning In Brazil

By J. F. BRANDON

In my reflections over the past I am prone to become weary and discouraged. But as I walk out over the broad grassy meadow in the late afternoon of today, old memories returned and seemed to invigorate my soul. When we lived in Codajaz many years ago, the people were stirred in a great interest in the Gospel. They attended the preaching services in our home and the homes of others every night for many months, until in fact there was no one in all the community that had not heard. After the church was organized and well under way in the work of the Lord, there was an interest created among the young people in learning to read and the Bible was chosen as the text book. My wife's contribution to this was far more than my own. After returning from three months journey up river, I was surprised to see the progress they had made. Many had learned to read from attending these reading lessons of the Bible in our home. But learning to read was not the principle blessing, for as I recall it now, every one who learned to read was sooner or later converted. While in Manaus a few years ago I met some little children in the home of one of the missionaries. I ask them who they were and when they told me, well did I remember

that their mother had learned to read there in our home and was later converted. Their mother and father were both dead and they were being cared for in the home of the missionary because they were so bright and spiritual. However small, not over 15 years of age, yet they were advanced in the Scriptures having been taught by their mother in the Sunday School in Codajaz. Long before that however, we had a men's Bible class in our home every morning, where the Scriptures were studied and then the Lord was sought in prayer by those taking part. As I recall, the victories won in prayer were not a few. The Lord endeared Himself to us there and those men got the habit of daily Bible reading and prayer. On one occasion while on a journey, the boat stopped at a small port in a lake not far from Codajaz. This was many years after we had moved from Codajaz. A man embarked, it was late in the afternoon and as night drew near the man sought to be alone. That I would not have noticed if later he had not reappeared with his Bible in hand looking for a quiet place to read it. Later I sought him for conversation. He did not recognize me, for I was much fleshier than I had been in former years. He sighed as he spoke of those good days in

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PICTURES OF WORK IN BRAZIL



This man and wife were saved in a meeting in a home. They are waiting baptism.



Three women recently saved. The old lady on the right is the one who took her crucifix off and threw it on the ground.



An eighty year old man who was saved, shaking hands with the pastor. The Sunday School report is on the black board. Brother Santiago has known this man for 45 years and he is getting feeble.



This is another picture of the 80 year old man that was saved. The glare through the window caused the other picture of him shaking hands with the pastor to be blurred.

This Brazilian Letter Shows Lawrence Smith Is Really At Work For The Master

Manaos, Brazil
June 17, 1950.

Dear Brother Overbey:

Today I received the \$200.00 draft dated June 13, number 6188 to be used for our trip to Cruzeiro do Sul for which we thank the Lord and you all. I am still waiting for the checks for the salaries which haven't come yet. The mail service for the last two months has been very bad for unregistered mail. Brother Hardy the Southern Baptist Missionary has been receiving his mail regularly. All official mail is registered. On the 15th we received a letter from mother and dad dated the 5th. To date I have received eight letters, which I calculate is all up to June 13th. We haven't as yet received the letter from Verna's aunt, written last month. The workers here in the Post Office are very careless with the regular mail. If I go to Cruzeiro do Sul by air I will have to go alone, for I don't think Brother Santiago will go by plane now. My trust is in the Lord and for this I am not afraid. I know He is with me always because I am in the center of His will, and when I pray and let Him lead, the result is always to His honor and glory. We may (the Lord willing) go in a launch to Cruzeiro do Sul. The Southern Baptist missionary has a launch that he doesn't use; he has quit making trips into the interior and we may be

able to rent it for around what it will cost to go on the boat. It will take only about half the time to go by launch. The steamboats, with paddle wheels in the back, go very slowly and stop every place to load and unload freight. There is some difficulty in making plane connections in Porto Velho. We can't make reservations here because the plane doesn't come here. If there happens to be room on the plane alright, if not we would have to wait two weeks for the next flight. There are only two flights a month.

GOOD REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to give the report for the month. It seems that every month we are doing better with the help of the Lord. Our attendance is getting higher each month for the Sunday night service and also for Sunday School attendance and also for offerings. The weekly services at night are a about the same. For the month there were three baptisms, eight professions, thirty-five services held and an average of thirty houses visited each day. Forty persons talked to and twenty-five Gospels given out and five tracts given out. All these numbers represent the average for each day for the past month. We all keep an account of our work to see how much we are doing. Some days it rains and other days we have personal business.

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Mission Checks For June Stolen And Forged, But Money Will Be Recovered

On May 31st we mailed the salary checks for June to the Missionaries to Brazil and Peru. We made a mistake and put the checks for Peru in the envelope addressed to Brother Smith in Manaus, Brazil. Then we put the checks for Brazil in the envelope addressed to Brother Hallum in Iquitos, Peru. Brother Hallum received the wrong checks and immediately returned them and we mailed them on to Brother Smith in Brazil. Brother Smith did not receive either the wrong ones or the right ones. The money is

sent in New York drafts similar to cashiers' checks. We notified the bank that the drafts had not been received and were perhaps stolen. The banker called us and said that the drafts had been cashed and returned and asked us to come in and see the signatures on them. They made photostatic copies and it was easy to see that the signatures were not real but forged ones. The bank is preparing affidavits for us to send for the missionaries to sign so that we can get our money back. Since the letters were sent by air mail, it seems that they were stolen in the post office in Manaus and then forged and sold on the open market to a man wanting American dollars. Other checks are being mailed to the missionaries so that they will have their salaries and not have to wait until we are refunded for the forged checks. Many and varied are the experiences in mission work. It will be interesting to know who is caught, if he is, and what is done with him for stealing mail and forging checks in Brazil. If we learn we will let you know in this paper.

HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES IN MISSIONS

LEE RECTOR
(Now In Glory)

In every truth honoring Church, the mind of the Holy Spirit is the mind of the body. I so assume in this article.

In presenting this study, I assume that the Lord in His Word has supplied us all needful information on the character and

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Missionary R. P. Hallum, Working Alone In Peru, Needs Consecrated, Godly, Helpers

Brother R. P. Hallum, missionary in Peru for the past 15 years needs help. In fact Peru needs hundreds of missionaries. It is a hard job. It is a job that is one of sowing and waiting patiently for results. There are many places that have never heard the Gospel. Brother Hallum is quiet and unassuming and I often think that none of us really appreciate him as much as we should. In our opinion he's one of the Lord's choicest servants. He is sound to the core and a hard worker. He just keeps working at the job without a let up, day after day and as you read his reports you will notice that from time to time, here and there, one to three, four or more, trust the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. It seems to us that one of the greatest privileges that a young missionary could have, would be to go to Peru and profit by the great experiences of this man of God. In making a comparison, picture a young missionary going out without any one there to meet him and help him in the language and customs of the

people. Then picture in your mind a missionary going out and having R. P. Hallum to meet him and help him and advise him from his vast store house of experience. May it please the Lord to call some young couple to Peru to help Brother Hallum and carry on after he has to lay his armor down for departure to be present with the Lord.

TWO APPLICATIONS

We now have two applications from preachers wanting to go to Alaska as missionaries, and from two preachers wanting to go to Brazil. Pray for these Brethren and that the Lord will send them if they are called by him. Also pray that the Lord will lay it on the hearts of the pastors and churches to give to send them out and support them. The ones who give are the ones who should pray. Pray that the Lord will enable you to give more and that He will lead others to give.

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.

Smith Letter

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One old man 80 years old was saved last Sunday. He gave a wonderful testimony saying that he regretted that he hadn't received the Lord when he was young. The picture taken in the church shows him shaking hands with the pastor, Brother Santiago. This picture is not so good so I took another. Note the blackboard shows an offering of 102.44 Crs. which is the highest I have seen. Last month a young couple accepted the Lord in a night service in a home. The old lady on the right in the picture of the three was going to the store to buy meat on a Sunday morning and as she passed by the church, something (she said) told her to go in. So she went in and stayed through the service and when the pastor gave the invitation she accepted the Lord as Saviour. When I went to take her picture, she had a little cross tied around her neck with a string, she jerked the cross off and threw it on the ground saying she didn't have any more use for it now, that she was trusting the Lord to save her. For these experiences we praise the Lord.

TEACHING AND PREACHING

Last Monday I began teaching the Evangelists and pastor—the New Testament. They have been begging me to do this for some time now, but I tried to put it off until I returned from Cr. do Sul. We study in the mornings and have the afternoons to work in evangelism. It is the hottest part of the day but more people are at home.

PREACHES FIRST SERMON

The first Sunday in June was my first time to preach a sermon in Portuguese. I surprised myself. The Holy Spirit was assisting me in the message and in the language. The text was John 19:19. "JESUS. NAZARENO REI DOS JUDEUS," Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews, the first written words of the New Testament. May the Lord continue to bless you in your work and be with you in your labors in Lexington.
Sincerely in His Service,
Lawrence Smith

P. S. I paid each of the workers all but 200 Crs. of their salaries and wired them "Guarda faulta"—look forward to receive the rest when it is received for this month. Only two words in Portuguese and 13 in English to say the same thing. The young people are meeting every Tuesday and I am teaching them to sing. We have already begun to sing specials in the church services and they are learning fast. A month ago there wasn't a one that could sing anything but the tune, but now each one sings his part well. You can hear all four parts clearly. There is so much to report that it is nearly impossible to write a short letter. I am praying for a police guard while I am away. It costs 50 Crs. a month or less than two dollars. The police force has a special department for night guarding.
The pastor's daughter and

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 1950

Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	\$ 21.12
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla.	5.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	31.00
United Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.	10.00
Liberty Point Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	31.66
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.	5.00
First Baptist Church, Stilwell, Okla. (By C. Lewis)	10.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	88.24
Macedonia Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.	10.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Hazel, Ky.	72.63
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	50.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	7.22
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	31.90
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., (Hope Bible Class)	50.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	35.00
Lovelaceville Baptist Church, Lovelaceville, Ky.	10.00
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, Ky.	50.00
Madison Street Baptist Church, Rochester, Pa.	5.42
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va.	7.50
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va. (Jr. Class)	2.50
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich., (B.Y.P.U.)	5.00
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Carderfview, Tenn. (Jr. Class)	5.00
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Carderfview, Tenn., (Intermediate class)	6.00
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Carderfview, Tenn.	9.50
Edmond Dempsey, Johnson City, Tenn. (Through Fish Springs Baptist Church)	4.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	25.07
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colorado	75.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	12.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	15.71
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	38.58
Second Missionary Baptist Mission, Pennington Gap, Va.	2.27
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Repton Baptist Church, Repton, Ky.	18.50
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	23.77
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. (B.Y.P.U.)	6.25
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	52.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	75.95
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	79.50
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., (for Church Building at Manoa)	28.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B.Y.P.U.)	2.87
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	45.80
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	35.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	14.23
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky., (Adult Ladies B.T.U. Class)	6.55
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	13.81
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	26.40
H. L. Chadoin, Titusville, Fla.	20.00
T. G. Smith, Tallulah, La.	25.00
R. E. Murphey, Castor, La.	5.00
Mike M. Bailey, Hood River, Oregon	3.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Linwood M. Williams, Baltimore, Md.	5.00
Leslie Stephens, Whitley City, Ky.	5.00
Luther R. Upton, McLeansboro, Ill.	10.00
Miss Maude Hunet, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
Edith Mehaffey, Philadelphia, Pa.	5.00
B. R. Matheny, Clendenin, West Va.	5.00
Karl Sabiers, Los Angeles, Calif.	.65
TOTAL	\$1,424.60

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

another girl are working for us and are going to stay with Verna while I am away. Barbara Jean and I are getting along fine but Verna is having digestive trouble and can't eat much at a time without it hurting her. We are going to the doctor pretty soon. Last Sunday in her Sunday School the teacher made a statement that was wrong and Verna shook her head and when the teacher was through talking she ask Verna what was wrong and Verna explained that baptism is a picture or symbol and could not take away sins, etc. She gave the example of the thief on the cross who was saved without baptism. I have spent an average of two-thirds of each day working with Brother Santiago. You can know all the words of a language and still not know how to talk. Talking in a language is done by using words in a conversation and hearing them used, one can learn by hearing as well as by seeing. Most of the learning has been by hearing and that is the best way to

get the pronunciation correct.

Today is the 20th. Yesterday Al told me that he had not received his check for this month either. Al said that sometimes the Catholic priests influenced Catholic workers in the post office to throw away the regular mail of the "Protestant" missionaries. They can't get away with the registered mail that way. They tell me that it is very important that all important mail be registered. (Will register all letters in the future. Editor). The Catholic natives next door jabbed a stick into our big turkey gobbler and killed him. I cut him open and found it. They also stole our pig that Brother Santiago gave us, but it got out and came back. Not until last week have they been doing anything like this.

L. M. Smith

Brandon Letter

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Codaiaz and attended a Bible

school in the home of an American missionary. The story was complete as it was and I did not make myself known to him. Further along, when we were living in Coary, the men in the morning had a Bible study followed by prayer. The most of these men were newly converted and all of them later had a number of years of their lives consecrated to preaching and doing personal work. I recall eight in regular attendance, with half a dozen others who would attend when possible. We would take the Bible doctrines, such as: "Salvation by grace," "Salvation of the believer," "Repentance" and such doctrines. Then all the Scriptures in the New Testament that dealt with these subjects were sought out and memorized together with the chapter and verse. Our studies were complete and the Lord blessed our efforts wonderfully. Just a few years ago while sitting in a meeting of the State Convention in Manaoas, one of the leading preachers from the south was discussing the Scriptures to a house filled with people. He failed to remember the verse he wanted to quote, when to his surprise and to others too, one of these brethren, now a preacher who was sitting near the front, arose and quoted the verse giving the chapter and verse. No one knew his past but he and I, and he did not know that I was there at the time.

Years after our Bible school in Coary, I came upon another one of these brethren who like Demas had gone back to the world and was then a peddler of general merchandise. When we had greeted one another and I was asking him about his life, he opened up the trunks that contained his merchandise and on top was his Bible. He said I do my best to read that and give them some explanation from it where they will listen. He also said, I begin each day with prayer and before going to sleep at night I thank the Lord for all His blessings to me. From there we moved to Cruzeiro do Sul where we also enjoyed a Bible class in the home. The women also came together once each week for Bible study and prayer. For many years this was our custom there, in fact there are many who are able to discuss the Scriptures with any one. These best personal workers I ever saw came out of the church in Japiim. Until today no priest finds much pleasure where they are. In trying to convert someone to your views on religion you must know beyond all doubt that you have something better than he has, and be able to prove it by the Bible by explaining it in an interesting way. After we had finished our Bible study and prayer service we would often go into the market place and begin a discussion. People would gather around and listen. I would take the lead. I would go through the New Testament presenting the lesson we had just studied. They did not know that we had just studied it together at home. Often I would give place to one of the men to lead off or come in with Scriptures and they soon gained the confidence of the people as knowing the word. There are a score or more of these people on the Jurua River today. Some of them are being paid by you through our mission, the others working to sustain themselves and families. They love the word of the Lord and will go far in defense of it. These are the lights that flicker in the midst of the forest. None of

them are smart, but they have all proved themselves capable on many occasions in guiding lost souls to Jesus Christ where they found peace and rest.

Holy Spirit

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the conduct of His Church-witness. I assume, as well as believe, that the Word of God alone can settle the way the Lord's Church does its work. I further assume that all genuine Baptists want our churches to carry on the way the Lord indicates they should.

The Local Church, God's Lighthouse

The local church, God's Lighthouse, is the only agency the Lord has ever authorized to speak for heaven and to spread His Light, Matt. 16:19 and Matt. 18:18 and Matt. 28:19-20. Human agencies or assemblies look in vain in the Word for divine authorization to "preach the Word" and to administer the Lord's will for His Churches.

The Holy Spirit, The Keeper Of The Church

The local Church was promised the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, Teacher, Testifier, Preacher, and Guide, to stand in it in the stead of our ascended Lord, John 14:16,17; John 14:26; John 15:26; and John 16:7-13.

The Holy Spirit came according to promise, and baptized the Church, and ended its members, and became its Superintendent, Acts 2:1-4. He is personally in charge of the release of the Church's light. He has ended and superintended all of the Lord's Churches from the Jerusalem Church down to the present. Thus, the gates of hell have not prevailed against it, Matt. 16:18 and Matt. 28:19-20.

It is thus clear from the Scriptures that the Lord committed the ministry of His Churches to the leadership, endowment, instruction, and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Yes, the Holy Spirit keeps the Lord's Churches. They do their work in and through Him. None should lose sight of this stupendous fact.

The Holy Spirit Guides The Lord's Churches At Work

How does the Lord carry on His Church work today? Since the Lord changes not, Heb. 13:8, and since the Holy Spirit came to the Church to abide in it and with it forever, John 14:16-17, and since He alone has divine authority to speak for Christ, the Church's Founder and Head, John 16:3, we must conclude that the Lord carries on His work in His Churches today as at the beginning. Churches moving today as Apostolic Churches moved can't be going wrong. Accordingly, we should follow the example set by the Apostolic Churches. The Lord shows us by example how to do His work. His program today, as yesterday, is a Church-centered and Holy Spirit-guided program.

I believe with all of my heart in churches keeping step together in missions. I believe we shall do so Scripturally, only when we subtract all human wisdom and expediency from our program, and lean trustingly on the Holy Spirit for absolute initiation, guidance, and control.

Editor's Note: Our churches could surely profit from these words of wisdom. We don't need Mission Boards, the Cooperative Program, nor any other man-made devices. We need to get back to the Word of God and the leadership of the Holy Spirit.