

MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

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(Spanish Language)
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IN COLUMBIA
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(Spanish Language)

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J. F. Brandon In Leprosarium Recalls Past Experiences

MISSIONARY LAWRENCE SMITH PROVES HE IS A BAPTIST BY CONTENDING AGAINST HERETICS

Manaos, Brazil

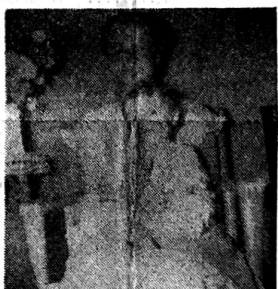
Regarding the trip to Cruzeiro do Sul:

There is another reason for my going there as soon as possible, and that is, one of the missionaries of Mid-Missions has been proselyting there while Brother Brandon was in the States before he returned with Billy. (I would not have known this but I read a letter that Miguel sent to Brother Santiago in a report of the work). I talked to Al about this. This particular missionary, he says, worked with Brother Brandon some and when Bro. Brandon left because of sickness this missionary went to Cr. do Sul and began working with Miguel. I'll find out the straight of this when I get there and talk to Miguel myself. I see right now that I am going to have more trouble with the Baptists here than any other group, because they would like to steal our work. They will

go to more trouble than any other religious group. We need the never ceasing prayers of the saints of the churches for the Lord to give us wisdom and understanding how to deal with these trouble makers. The Southern Baptists have said nothing or done anything. That was the way the Mid-Missions were until they saw that I wasn't knuckling to their desires and demands. We are still friendly and I don't think Al is taking an active part or will. But the pastor of their church here wants to stop our building of the church on the lot (if this were possible) and take over our work. The other day he practically ordered me to attend a special meeting that they were going to have to tell me what we could do about building the new church building and what they wanted done with our work here, as if they could stop it or do anything to hinder. To be certain (Next page, Column Three)



Pastor Santiago and his daughters and two boys with Mrs. Smith and Barbara Jean on a river boat whose skipper is lost but attends the church services.



Mrs. Lawrence Smith and daughter Barbara Jean, Brother Smith's helpers in the Lord.

Your Heart Will Burn Within You When You Read This Letter From Brother Hallum

Iquitos, Peru
July 6, 1950

Dear Brother:

Greetings in His name. We sent the checks for July yesterday. Thanks for same. The lost checks have not appeared as yet. As to the work, we have not been making trips to points on the Nanay river often of date, having been hindered by various causes. Last week Don Simon and I went to Mapa on the Nanay preaching two nights to them. The first night the attendance was regular. The second night at the hour of the service the rain was pouring down so the attendance was limited to the people that sleep

in the house where the services are held, with three or four girls from other houses. It was the time of the fiesta of Saint Peter and Paul. In one of the houses there was an altar with the images of Peter and Paul. They danced before this altar all night, at least I heard the drum all through the night till day break. We went both afternoons to invite the people to hear us preach. In the house where the altar was set up there were 6 or 7 women and a man. I used the opportunity to explain the way of salvation and the evil images. These fiestas are used as an excuse or time for corrupt practices. I should say that there were 5 or 6 men with their women in the house where we had the services. I am now teaching a class of four to five men two nights a week. The notes received in the West Kentucky Bible School by H. B. Taylor on the New Testament on Monday nights and the Old Testament on Saturday nights. In this way it does not interfere with other work. All are young men except Don Simon Gaima. One is not a member of the church. He comes once and awhile. I hope you included these in your prayer list. A few days ago I noticed that someone had written on the wall (window) "The gospel does not amount to anything." I was moved to have made on the out-

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Ordaining three deacons. The one in the center is a policeman. Brother Smith helped in the service but had to take the picture.

By J. F. BRANDON

I arrived in Cruzeiro do Sul on the afternoon of May 10, 1949 and was met at the boat by the elders of the church. They were happy to receive me and I equally happy to have arrived in peace and to have found the work in prosperity. I was so worn out from the 35 day journey aboard a small tramp river steamer that I was glad when the pastor said "we will go to your home tonight instead of going to the meeting house; we are all anxious to see you and that way you will not have to go to the church house." He had a wonderful meeting and all were happy. The next night was the regular prayer meeting services in the meeting house, which was well attended, with a blessing to all. The next day was May 12th which was the anniversary of the organization of the church. I attended a wedding in the afternoon and had a special service at night in our mission building on the street. I was impressed with the humbleness of the brethren and with the power of God that accompanied the serv-

ices. It was not until the following Monday that one of the brethren brought me word from the doctor that I must submit to an examination for leprosy. I find it impossible to properly express my feelings on this occasion. I do not understand why, but it had not entered my head once that I had leprosy. Yet there was no reason why I should not have it, because I had contacted many who were victims of it always with precaution when it was a known case. I must have felt like one who is caught under a falling house, everything seemed to cave in upon me at once and I lay beneath the wreckage with no one to help me. This happened on the 16th of May and not until the 17th of the following month was I able to get out of the place. The doctor did not examine me for if he had found me positive it would have been difficult for me to have gotten away, perhaps not at all. I think this was providential, so the Lord provided me the passage on a government plane to Rio Branco the Capitol (Next page, Column One)

Two Brief Letters From Brother Hallum, Our Faithful Worker In Peru

Iquitos, Peru
July 18, 1950

Dear Brother:

Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am writing to advise that the checks sent by Edward Overbey (while we were away in a meeting Ed.) dated July 12th came to hand, the checks in place of those that were lost in June. Thanks for same. The check for Don Tomas was forwarded to him. One thing I am confident has escaped your notice—I noticed in the Mission Sheets of April last, four contributions for the building of Don Tomas as follows: Mrs. A. N. Tiffin, Portales, N. M., \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Bilberry, Portales, N. M., \$5.00; Mrs. L. W. Bilberry, Portales, N. M., \$1.00; West Side W.M.U., Portales, N. M., \$4.00; Pearl L. Hendley, Farmington, Ky., \$1. Mrs. Tiffin is my sister, through her influence the other persons at Portales, N. M. made contributions. I have just received a letter from her, she asked if Don Tomas had ever gotten the roof on his building. My prayers have been for you in the meeting at Lancaster, Ky. A Brother Ayres was in the West Kentucky Bible School at the same time I was there. I have been wondering if it is the same Brother at Lancaster, Kentucky. (The same Brother, Ed.).

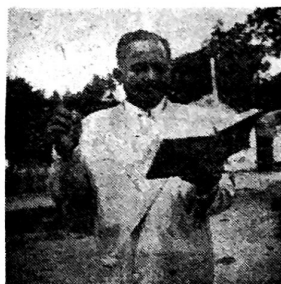
As ever in the Lord,
R. P. Hallum

Iquitos, Peru
July 19, 1950

Dear Brother:

Your communication dated July 14th came yesterday. We have a consul agent here and I thought it would be better to have him acknowledge the affidavits of the stolen checks. I went to him this morning to get them fixed up, he was not sure under what head he should indicate that the papers would be, so he suggested that we wait for him to write to Lima for this information. He thinks he will hear from the American Embassy by next Tuesday. I con-

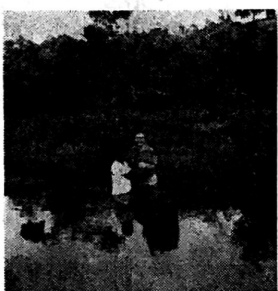
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This is the Sunday School Superintendent and the man who has answered the call to preach. He wants to work with Brother Smith.



This is the Sunday School with the Superintendent and Brother Smith standing on the sides.



Missionary Lawrence Smith baptizing the old man whose picture was in last month's paper.

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.

J. F. Brandon

(Preceding page, Column five) city of the Territory of Acre in which I lived. My departure was on the 17th of June. I was undergoing the greatest trial of my life, crossing the valley of the "shadow" of death. This was only the shadow of death, but too often the shadow of a thing has an uglier appearance than the thing itself, thus death fled from me, and I refused to usher myself into the presence of God by taking my own life; the only thing was to endure. The sorrows of hell took hold upon me, and I believe I was carried as deep into mysteries of darkness as a man can go and then return to the land of light.

In my distress I called upon the Lord and He comforted as He alone can; I sought Him and His will in the matter, and as I waited on my knees before Him, I recalled the prayer of the servant Abraham. Then I took courage and said in my prayer, "Now let me open the Bible, and let it be that it will fall open at the place where thou wilt instruct me how to proceed." This I did and the place where the Bible fell open was at the 31st chapter of Genesis and I began to read at the first verse. When I had finished the third verse I knew what to do and was ready to obey, for I felt that it was His will. When I related this to the church, they were happy and all agreed that I should not delay but get under treatment as soon as possible. The morning I left them was the saddest of my life. I cannot discuss it. I felt as I do now that we were all equally broken hearted. I preached to them every night as long as I remained with them. The last Sunday services being the climax. So blessed it was to be with them in the presence of the Lord, perhaps for the last time on earth. The profoundest joys of life accompany the preaching of the gospel, together with sorrows deepest caverns which only too often must be explored. In leaving them I recalled John 17:12-18, and thus did I deliver them over to the Lord for safe keeping. Arriving in Rio Branco the same afternoon I went to a cheap hotel, with the intention of waiting a few days for a plane that would be going to Manaus. I was in company with a friend who was not a believer, and after we had supper, we were resting in our hammocks when one of the missionaries who was living there came for me, to go to his home. I excused myself by telling him that I was afflicted with leprosy, but he assured me that they had a place prepared for me where there would be no danger. Yet he thought it better to remain there that night and to go to his home the next morning, so we did. How did he know we were there? There was a believer standing by when we sat down to supper, and observed that I offered thanks for the food. He went to his home and told him that I was there and sick. I remained in the home of the missionary until Wednesday morning and then flew to Porto Velho where I was obliged to wait two days for another plane that was going direct to

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 1950

Macedonia Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.	\$ 8.75
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.	5.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	20.89
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	20.00
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla.	5.00
Good Will Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	69.42
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliff, Ky.	25.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Kirbyton Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	147.61
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	50.23
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	73.70
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich., Ladies Bible Class	10.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	20.31
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	39.20
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., (Hope Bible Class)	50.00
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky., (Ladies Bible Class)	5.00
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colorado	75.00
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va.	7.50
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne W. Va. (Junior Class)	1.00
United Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.	10.00
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	5.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	19.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	29.39
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	12.94
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	8.21
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Faith Baptist Church, Santa Rosa, Calif., (Ladies Bible Class)	6.00
Ball Creek Baptist Church, Bee Log, Tenn.	31.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich., (B.Y.P.U.)	7.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	11.60
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	118.88
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	16.36
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	89.50
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	19.35
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	11.83
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	25.14
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich., (B.Y.P.U.)	4.85
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	63.50
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	13.00
Bethesda Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va.	17.77
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Carderview, Tenn.	15.00
Hager Hensley, Grayson, Ky.	20.00
L. W. Page, Lawtey, Fla.	20.00
Miss Bona O. Keith, Barger, Texas	20.00
G. E. Duncan, White Plains, Ky.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sego, Glendale, Ky.	5.00
J. E. Reynolds, Chattanooga, Tenn.	5.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	10.00
Mike M. Bailey, Hood River, Oregon	3.00
Miss Edith Mehoffer, Philadelphia, Pa.	5.00
Mrs. William L. Stephens, Orlando, Fla.	3.00
Ralph C. Chick, Marion, Ky.	42.00
Mrs. C. D. Chick, Marion, Ky.	35.00
Mrs. M. A. Ailstock, Mansfield, La.	1.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
B. R. Matheny, Clendenin, W. Va.	5.00
A Friend, Ashland, Ky.	50.00
TOTAL	\$1,597.93

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

Manaos. On Friday morning I embarked for Manaos and arrived there about 10 a.m. Arriving in Manaos I went to the meeting house, for we have sleeping quarters there for me in a small room behind the church building. I did not go to the homes of any of the brethren, but preached to them every night while there. The fourth of July was the anniversary of the organization of the church. We had a nice service on that night. The house was overflowed with many on the outside. We enjoyed a wonderful meeting before the Lord. It was interesting to see the growth of the church. I took passage on a plane to Belem, Para, leaving on Thursday morning, arriving there in the afternoon. I went to the hotel and on Saturday morning very early I was aboard a Constellation plane headed for Miami. We enjoyed a good journey across, arriving in Miami the same afternoon, less than 18 hours flight. I arrived there too late to change money and was forced to spend Sunday there because I had no American

money. Then I was delayed until Tuesday morning but the journey was pleasant and I arrived here at 3 p.m., July 12th, coming by New Orleans and Baton Rouge. A few days ago while walking about the place I stopped and looked at the engraving on a monument in one of the courts. To my astonishment this place was first begun as a retreat for lepers in July 1895, which is the year and month of my birth. Then it was taken over by the Federal Government, remodeled and beautified in February 1922 the year and month of my conversion. Just why the dates should have fallen as they did is hard to believe.

Lawrence Smith

(Preceding page, Column two) I didn't attend and will not attend. They have a public address system and here of late they have been turning it on so loud with a speaker outside that it bothers our services in the church. They have been



The old man is leaving the water and the old lady who threw down her crucifix when she got saved is entering the water. Pastor Santiago is standing on the bank with his Bible in hand.

having only one service on Wednesday night but now they have one on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday the same as us.

Also they are proselyting. I just found out recently that the pastor of their church was not ordained, that they believe that when a man is called to preach that the Lord ordains him in his call. I know now what you said was true about alien immersion. Our church is really doing things. This month I believe has been the greatest in the history. The average attendance was up about one-third in spite of rain and sickness. We have ordained three deacons. This is the first ordination the church has had for the ordaining of deacons. One man the church excluded, came back and apologized to the church and promised to live more for the Lord. He mended one of the walls of the church building which was broken. The new Evangelist that has recently answered the call to full service of the Lord, says that he wants to work with me. He is a native of Cruzeiro do Sul and says that he worked for an oil company and knows all the rivers and creeks in Acre and between here and there. After I have prayed some more and sought the will of the Lord more I have a matter to put before the brethren regarding the work here. I feel that He is leading (definitely) me to begin a special work which is about the only way to work the field that is already here and to contact new ones. I believe the Lord has a way, where even one person can service the points now established and also to establish new ones. I will be able to know more definitely after returning from Cruzeiro do Sul. My heart is burdened for the mission points that are now abandoned and are not being worked at all. I am including under separate cover a message to the churches of the mission to be put in the MISSION SHEETS as a special message. I would like for Brother Gilpin to print it as a tract. Take the cost out of the money I receive from the tax return or from my salary. (We won't take any money of yours Bro. Ed.). I am going to translate Edward's New Testament Doctrines and distribute them here in the other churches. I am including a sample copy of our S. S. lesson as an example of the work on the mimeograph machine. I can now see how it is going to be a great help. May the Lord bless all the churches that are in His will. Pray for us continually as we do for you.

Yours in the service of the Lord.

L. M. Smith

R. P. Hallum

(Preceding page, Column five) sented to wait until them. If he does not hear by then I will get one of the Notary Publics here to do it and send the affidavits and photostat checks right on without delay. All the folks are well. I sent you a letter yesterday acknowledging receipt of checks for June.

Yours truly,
R. P. Hallum

R. P. Hallum

(Preceding page, Column two) side wall of the church near the top with cement these words; "Jesus says 'Repent and believe the gospel' " Mark 1:15. The Priests and Nuns have made many of the people believe that the gospel is a deceit. With these words I close asking God's richest blessings on all. As ever in the service of the Lord.

R. P. Hallum

ROME AND MONEY

The year of 1950 will be a great year for the Catholics. It will be what they call the "Holy Year." Millions of people will pour in from the four corners of the earth. Millions of dollars will remain in Italy after the year is over. These people will come to receive special blessings from the "saints," many of them will confess to the priests in the world renowned St. Peter's Cathedral. Every good Catholic will pass by the statue of the Apostle Peter and kiss his foot. Think of how many times the hand of the Pope will be kissed, and all the blessings that he will place upon them. There is always a catch to something like that, and in this case it is money. Everything that you do will cost you something. The auricular confession will cost, the special blessings of the Pope is bound to cost something although it might be indirect. To my notion the only thing that it does is to pour money in to the Catholics. After living here for about a year it is not so hard to understand why the people in Italy do such things because they have been taught Catholicism since birth. They hear about it when they go to school, because it is taught in every school. They learn about it on the streets, in the picture shows, and on the sign boards, and all they know about it is what the priests have told them. They know nothing of God and His Word and very little about His Son. They pray to the "Virgin Mary" and to the saints. They confess their sins to a common man. They do this because they have no Bibles, because their parents and friends do it, because they have heard it and been taught it from infancy.

Yes, these are some of the millions that fall for the teachings of "The Apostasy." They will pay their last lire to get a blessing from "The Pope in Rome." Many of you who are reading this think to yourselves what a sin indeed to think that Italy could be so stupid. I might add that they are not the only ones that will do these things but thousands of our own countrymen will be doing the same things. Americans who are the most educated people in the world will fall at the hand of the Pope and worship.—Copied

Remember, it is Catholicism that our missionaries face in South America.