

An Excerpt from Missionary Journal of Donald A Knight 1937 Brazil Mission

On May 10 I was transferred back to San Caetano with the words that I was to stay until I had ten members baptized. The work went steady on and finally Herr Schneedorf asked for baptism. The date was arranged and all was set. Herr Schneedorf took his vacation from his work to prepare for the occasion but the Friday before the baptism. Sunday he was struck with (the grippe) influenza and their baptism was postponed. The following Thursday he quietly passed away, left his body and took up his life in the Spirit World. It was very sad indeed. We administered to him twice but it seemed as though God needed him on the other side and so he called him on an eternal mission there. We buried him Friday August 13 and I dedicated the grave --- should I preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ all the remaining days of my life here on this earth and never find another listener I would feel well repaid for my serving in that I helped to bring the gospel Plan to Sister Schneedorf that showed her the plan of this life and gave her the greatest comfort in this time of deep sorrow and anguish. She saw the good that came from her husbands death and although she was very sorrowful and nearly left alone in the world she believed and believes today that God has a mission for Herr Schneedorf to perform that no other could do and so he called him after he had accepted the Gospel but before he was baptized.

On Sunday August 29 I baptized Frau Schneedorf. Never have I seen such a difference in a person as in her, before and after the baptism. She was really re-born into a new life and a new world.

We have been living with her since the first of March and I have really received a stronger testimony of the Gospel as a result of my association with her. She has nothing that she wouldn't give for the "Sacre der Wahrheit" even with her life itself.

This introduction was written by me this fifth day of September, 1937 in Sao Caetano

September 5th, 1937

Today being fast Sunday we fasted until 4:30 when we had Malz Kaffee and bread and butter. Spent the day studying and wrote a letter to Lucille. Read a little from President Wilford Woodruff's book "Apostifarten in unser Zeiten" . It is strengthening to me to read and realize these fearless and stalwart messages of God. Visited Bartaches late in the afternoon. The meeting was well attended there being a total of thirty present. We held it open as a testimony meeting and the members and friends were anxious to bear their testimonies to the world. Brother Richart was present having just arrived from Curitiba. He gave an inspiring talk. I confirmed Sister Schneedorf and felt a wonderful spirit pouring our upon us. Bros Myler and Tippets brought a few friends from Mooca which helped wonderfully . I thank God for His help and for the Spirit which he poured out upon us_all in our humble little (Sasambergten) ??? (Sacrament Meeting???)