

On the Wings of Prayer

“Because thou hast been my help, therefore in
the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice:”
Psalm 63:7

Make the Men Sit Down

“Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” John 6:5

Such a question needs to be asked. Still today, there is a hunger in the soul common to all. But, where shall we get the bread that will satisfy? Have you noticed that hunger in the multitudes? Jesus did. I don't know if the disciples had noticed. I think they must have, but it is evident from their answers that they didn't plan on meeting that need. Maybe, it was because they saw it as something they had no power to do. Jesus, on the other hand, wanted to teach his disciples that this was exactly what he was preparing them to do.

Jesus answered his own question in John 6:35 when he proclaimed, “I am the bread of life.” He was then - He still is - He always will be! There is no other bread that can satisfy the hunger in the soul of man.

There are several questions that we should ask ourselves, as Jesus' disciples, that will help us to do what Jesus has prepared us to do.

Do we see the hunger in the souls of those we meet? If they don't know Jesus Christ as their Savior, they do not have the Bread of Life and there is an unsatisfied hunger in their soul that only Jesus can satisfy.

Do we plan to give them the Bread of Life? Jesus is an Amazing Savior! The needs may be overwhelming to us, but to Him it is a small thing. The little bit of food that the disciples had at their disposal was given to Jesus, blessed by Jesus, divided up by Jesus, and given back to the disciples. At this point, no visible multiplication had taken place and the supply still seemed way too small to meet the need; but as the disciples began to give out the handful of bread that they had - a marvelous thing happened. Each time they broke off a portion of the bread in their hand and gave it away, God multiplied their supply. If they didn't give away what they had in their hand, no miracles happened. As long as they gave away part of what they had in their hand, they never ran out of something to give. Even though, they never had more than a hand full of bread at one time; the disciples were able to give away enough bread to satisfy thousands.

Jesus is still the same today. He is the Bread of Life. If you will take a hand full of the Gospel and begin to pass it out to a hungry multitude, you will never run out of the Gospel to give away. Even though, you may not feel you have enough to meet your own needs. And at the end of the day, you will feed a multitude with the only Bread that can satisfy the hunger of their soul. When it is all over, Jesus will ask you to collect the fragments that are left over; and you will find you have much more left over than you ever had before.

“Make the people sit down,” and start passing out the Bread of Life.

John Peebles, IBFI Mission Director

- **Melissa Houston (Rio Grande Valley)** coordinated VBS in Rio Grande Valley this summer. There was a high of 96 in attendance. A group from Worth Baptist Church came and assisted in the VBS, as well as, a Kid's Bible Club in the community park. Six souls came to Christ as a result! Melissa is serving with Missionaries Danny and Michelle Jones.
- **Flo Martin (Guatemala)** reports good attendance in the Saturday afternoon Bible studies. Please continue to pray for Flo's health and for Pastor Thomas family as they lead the church.
- **Bill and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** are on furlough. They are also in the States to get some medical needs met. The Smith's request prayer for Pastor Luiz as he leads the church. The Bible Institute, the Smith's started a few years ago, had their graduation ceremony. There were nine students with one graduating. Pastor Rogerio is doing a great job leading the church. Please pray for these pastor's as they lead these churches that the Smith's started.
- **True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** request prayer for their continued safety as they serve in Brazil. The Hawkin's continue to serve and minister in Manuas and in surrounding areas, as well as, their river ministry.
- **Daniel and Michelle Jones (Rio Grande Valley/Mexico)** reports that Worth Baptist Church team came and served in VBS and the 4 Day Bible Club. Bro. Danny reports that Worth BC was a blessing as they ministered to the children. The church in McAllen has an average attendance of 65 with 10 saved and 7 baptized since his last prayer letter. The Jones' request prayer in purchasing land in McAllen for a permanent church building.
- **John and Neila Yelle (Brazil)** are finishing their furlough and will be returning to Brazil this month. They request prayer for their daughters who are staying in the States.
- **Harold and Lena Priday (Honduras)** Lena is doing much better and has completed therapy from her knee replacement. Please be in prayer for their upcoming national men's conference and funds to purchase property for a church building.
- **Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** request prayer for strength to keep up with the demands of their busy schedule. The church in Ganado had their VBS with a high attendance of 131. There were 28 trusting Christ. Also, The Haynes' assisted their son Missionary Joel Haynes with VBS in his mission work. 42 people were saved as God did his amazing work.