



On the Wings of Prayer



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

IBFI Mission Director's Message by John Peoples

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God (Psalm 19:1)

How long has it been since you spent time out in the country on a dark night, far from the city, and looked into the heavens to consider the glory of God's creation that is presently beyond our reach. Where I live, the lights of man's creation have over shadowed the glory of the moon and stars. Months and even years can go by, all the while, the artificial light of this world is blinding our eyes to the Glory of God and His True Light. I encourage you to look again to the heavens. They declare the glory of God. Let go of this world and take hold on eternity. *“And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.” Daniel 12:3*



DANIEL & TAMMY COATES IBFI Missionaries to Guatemala

“Recently we were able to lead a special young couple to Christ. Edwin and Asuceli had been baptized by the Mormon assembly down the road from us, but thank God they now know the Jesus of the Bible! We have seen increasing numbers of Mormons here in Guatemala in the last couple of years. In fact, the LDS cult is building what is reported to be the largest Mormon temple in Central America, right here in our backyard. Pray for us and other Baptist missionaries in Guatemala as we give out the Good News, the True Gospel given to us by the Lord Jesus!”



GUATEMALA



FLO MARTIN IBFI Missionary to Guatemala

“As of now, we haven't had any problem politically. One thing that we do have is that we can ask the children to come. The parents will let them come, but there is no encouragement from the parents to be faithful in church. So we just keep going on hoping that the parents will get saved with their children. Seems like in Cantel it hasn't been difficult to preach and teach the gospel. But it's hard for them to be continually in the services for the children. We have a few adults that are faithful to the services and come to all of them. Please keep praying for God to work in their hearts.”



Missionary News & Prayer Requests

Bill & Sharon Smith (Brazil) write, “The ladies meeting of the three churches in Boa Vista was held at our church in Alvorada with 15 present.. The two pastors & their families came to our house for breakfast & we talked over plans for our churches & how we can unite them in church activities. On March 30th we made a trip to Caracari to visit some of the people we knew were sick with dengue. It was good to visit with ones we have known & we encouraged them. Sharon's birthday was April 1st.. We ate at a restaurant & while we were waiting to enter we saw the actor that was playing the part of Jesus in the Easter play. The governor of our state was talking with him. Afterwards, the governor turned around, shook hands with us, & wished us a good day. We had to take Pastor Francisco to the emergency room because he hadn't been feeling well. He needed some medication for a virus . He received a shot & felt better, but was still weak. We celebrated the 3rd anniversary of the church on April 9-11. Bro. True Hawkins was invited to preach for the 3-day conference. Both he & his wife, Diana, did good jobs preaching & teaching. 72 were present on Saturday night. Several unsaved people were there & we pray they might make the decision to accept the Lord.”



Larry & Regina McKinney (North American Indians) write, "The church in Portland is still doing well. We keep seeing people get saved & the Lord has been good to us in this area. On April 1st, 74-year-old John Bloom, gave his heart to the Lord. Now he is asking about being baptized & doing the Lord's will. Then, on the first Sunday in April, Judy Barnes gave her heart to Christ & awaits baptism. I made a hospital visit the other day & just missed the man I went to see, but the patient in the next bed got saved. Pray for Wendell to get surgery out of the way & follow the Lord in baptism. The meeting in Harrah, WA, was a great time. We hold our NABF meeting there every year & we really have a Pow-Wow. Glad to hear some of the young preachers who are coming up. We took a small group from Portland & they came back on fire for the Lord. The Lower Valley Indian Baptist Church is a needed work on that reservation. Pray for Glen & Debbie Hohmann as they labor there. We just had a lot of printed materials done that cost around \$400. Bibles are needed & we would really put those to use. The Warm Springs reservation is just around the corner from us & so is the Celillo Village. We are still commuting 300 miles round trip & the car is holding up, but somewhere in the future I will be asking you to pray for a reliable vehicle. If you have one you want give to the ministry, call the mission office & let them know."

Steven & Mary Earlywine (Mexico) write, "Outside of 'The Mission' of Salinas Victoria, the Great Commission is taking place. There is soul winning, visitation, special meetings, building of a baptistery, teaching, & preaching God's Word to whosoever. Since July 2009, we have seen 120 salvations, eight prospects, two new families (four for security of salvation, two other decisions, & one young lady praying about being a missionary). In Feb., the Mission started supporting Bro. David Eliud, missionary to Spain. We have moved from San Nicolas to a town called Santa Rosa on the north side of Monterrey. It is lots closer to the Mission in Salinas Victoria & is in a more secure area. Pray for those who are waiting to be baptized, Pastor Isidro & Veronica, & our safety as we travel to the Mission. Praise God that we received funds for Mary's hearing aids."

Charles & Connie Nixon (Northern Indian Tribes) write, "God is so good. We have come through a difficult winter but souls are still being saved. I was especially blessed to be able to lead Ty Hall to the Lord after he was badly injured in a fall from an oil rig. Ty's mother, Marlene, was one of the first Chippewa Indians I led to the Lord in 1979. Please pray for Bro. Ray White Tailfeather. He faithfully continues to lead Morning Star Baptist Church without the help of his wife, Ruby, who went home to be with the Lord last year. He is holding Bible classes to train future leaders. Bro. Jimmy Harris also needs your prayers. He is still trying to raise funds to move a building to replace the one that was destroyed by fire a year ago. New building codes have caused costs to skyrocket. Please pray for Bro. David Boyd as he leads the church at Brockton, MT. His health is declining. Please pray for me & Connie that we will have the health to fulfill God's purpose for our ministry. We thank the Lord for you all."

Darrain & Mari Coker (Mexico) write, "Here in Piedras Negras, Coahuila, in the Iglesia Bautista Calvario (Calvary Baptist Church), one of our Christian ladies & invited her 22-year-old nephew, Raul. Mari & I went to visit him. That same evening at the church service, Raul gave a testimony & on Resurrection Sunday, he followed the Lord in believers' baptism. Please pray for 1) Raul & his spiritual growth, 2) eight children who have trusted Christ as Savior this past month, 3) Dora who trusted Christ as Savior & gave a testimony at church, 4) the church & Pastor Ruiz who leads the church, 5) our spiritual & physical strength, and 6) our one-year furlough starting August 2010 when we travel to our supporting churches & raise more support for church planting. We no longer use the Box 5131 address. Please send all mail to the mission office."



MORE FROM REVEREND LESLIE PRIDAY, MISSIONARY TO THE HONDURAS 2010 HONDURAS YOUTH CAMP

During Easter Week (known here as Holy Week), we held our third youth camp in this area. It was Tuesday morning through Saturday morning. We praise the Lord for those who sent special offerings to help lower the costs for the young people. Our theme this year was SOLDIERS OF CHRIST. We had an attendance of forty-nine from six churches from three cities of Honduras. The title of the camp each year is Impactful Baptist Youth. Praise the Lord that the teens said this year was better than last year. Our goal is to equip them be an impact for Christ in the world and their churches, not just be impacted. Alba and I organized and directed the camp. Each morning began with a devotional in cabin lead by the counselors. There were two classes in the morning, one in the afternoon, and a service each night.

Each class dealt with the warfare in which the saved participate. Missionary Harold Priday taught about the War of Temptation and Sin. A Honduran missionary taught about Satan's War Using Music, and a Honduran pastor taught the book of 1 Peter. Each teacher prepared handouts that were given to each teen to take notes so that they would have references for the future. Each night we had a regular service. Several churches prepared special music. Two missionaries and a Honduran pastor were the speakers for the night services. Each message was a blessing from the Lord. After the service Friday night, we had a bonfire. Each teen and counselor gave a testimony about how the camp had been a blessing to them. As each gave their testimony, they would throw a log or branch on the fire and this served as a lesson how that if we serve the Lord together, our impact will be much greater. This was a sweet time of singing and rejoicing for God's work in each life.

Our sons were a big help in the camp. Edgar helped with the sound system and prepared computer presentations for the singing and the teachers who had their classes in power point format. Halbert organized games and activities for the free times in the mornings, afternoons, and after the night services. We couldn't let them get bored!

The camp ended with a bang though. We are in our dry season and the camp has lots of trees. During the last class on Saturday, we noticed smoke outside. People who live next to the camp's property were burning trash and the property caught on fire. We labored to put out the fire until the fire department arrived. Praise the Lord that there was no damage to any of the buildings. We were all worn out and it was hard to get everyone calm to continue with the last class. But it did serve to prove the point that Satan was not happy with what was going on, even if we all were very happy and excited. Truly, we are in a war with Satan. If it had happened while we were asleep, who knows what the losses would have been. Please pray for our youth that they will stay on fire for the Lord!



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And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. **(Mathew 10:28)** Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? **(Mathew 23:33)** Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. **(Jude 1:7)** And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. **(Rev 9:2)** And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. **(Rev 20:10)**