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On the Wings of Prayer

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



IBFI Mission Director's Message by John Peeples

How is it that ye sought me?

Have you ever felt like you could not find Jesus? For three days, Mary and Joseph agonized in vain to find Jesus. We may find ourselves in a similar situation. Jesus was only twelve years old and yet it seemed all too simple a task that they find Him. After all, at this young age, He knew who He was and what He should be doing. He was a child of God. “Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?” Even today you will find the Son of God, in the way, doing His Father's business. **(Luke 2:49)**

IBFI Missions Conference a Great Success

The IBFI missions conference, held for several days after the May Fellowship meeting, was a time of fellowshiping & informative classes. We'd like to thank Worth Baptist Church (Fort Worth, TX) & Handbags Go Global for their generous gifting to our annual missionary store. Attending were IBFI missionaries (front row, L to R) Larry & Regina McKinney (Navajo Indian Nation), Kathy & Ron Valerio (Dominican Republic), Karin Johnson (with husband Ted behind her) (Spanish-speaking San Antonio, TX), & Mrs. John Peeples. Back row, L to R, were Pastor Donald & Joyce Gregory (founding pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights, MI), Harold Priday (Honduras), Frank Smith (England), Ted Johnson & IBFI Missions Director John Peeples.



IBFI's Newest Missionaries Frank & Amanda Smith, Missionaries to England



Frank & Amanda Smith are going to England to help churches without pastors whose doors are ready to close. 4,000 churches are expected to close in the next ten years & churches will be facing extinction by the year 2040. The needs are great & time is of the essence. The Smiths have been married for six years. They met at Heartland Baptist Bible College in Oklahoma City. Frank continued his education at Crown Southwest & Norris Seminary where he graduated with a Master of Ministry. In September, they will travel to England on a survey trip where they will meet the key people who have offered their help & guidance to churches that need help. They are raising support.

More IBFI Missionary News & Prayer Requests

TRUE & DIANA HAWKINS (BRAZIL) write that Pastor Raimundo Nonato will take the pastorate of the XXVI of November Baptist Church in August. • True & Diana have been busy these last two months with visits, counseling, & as many of five church activities per weekend. Diana is getting the ladies together for a fellowship meeting & True hopes to finish the parsonage by the end of July. • In April, they went up to Presidente Figueiredo to see their new building's progress. They began the brick work on the front of the auditorium this month. • The work on Km142 is going slowly but the communities in the area are steadily being reached. The roof has been bought by the people there, some church members in Manaus, and you, the Hawkins's supporters. They are now working on the walls & floors. • True has not received news from Beruri and Anori, due to their phone being out for several weeks. Also, he has not had three days in a row needed to make the trip. He hopes to have a few days to go on trips to the interior works, including a survey trip to Purupuru, where they hope to establish a preaching point this year. • True taught Poetical Books for six weeks & finished on April 30th with 18 students. The invitations to teach at the interior institutes & among the tribal works have been put on hold, due to needing to care for the church in Manaus. • Bill & Sharon Smith (IBFI missionaries to Brazil) invited them to preach their anniversary conference in Boa Vista. The Hawkins have also been preaching conferences in their own churches in their area & promoting national & international missions. • Please continue to remember them as they prepare the XXVI of November Baptist Church for its pastor. Also for their safety, as violence & related problems are growing. Their supporting churches are an encouragement to them & they appreciate your partnership.

RON & KATHY VALERIO (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC) ON FURLOUGH "Lord willing, we will be in the States from May 2010 through April 2011. We are looking forward to spending time with our home church, Victory Baptist Church in Weatherford, TX, & many of our supporting churches. If you would like for us to visit, please phone our home church at 817-594-7421 or email katvalerio@yahoo.com. God Bless!

LESLIE & ALBA PRIDAY (HONDURAS) "We celebrated Resurrection Sunday with a sunrise service & the next night observed the Lord's Supper. The next Sunday we had seven baptisms. On June 10-12 we will have our second Men's Conference. My father, Missionary Harold Priday will be the speaker. Please pray for this ministry & for him as he speaks. One of the greatest needs in the churches here is to have more men that are dedicated to the Lord. We have had some expensive vehicle repairs. Thank you for your prayers & support!"

MELISSA HOUSTON (CHILDREN OF MEXICO) writes, "Thank you all for your faithful prayers! In March, they had youth camp during, as always, the week of the Easter holiday. I was a camp counselor. What a good time of spiritual learning we all had! And did Satan ever fight! Michelle (Michelle & Danny Jones, IBFI missionaries to Mexico) became very ill just before camp & spent the week in the hospital, so Danny was not able to be present for a good part of the camp. That left the co-pastor, Juan de Dios, in charge & he did a great job. The speaker of the week was a missionary to Guatemala. God used him greatly to speak to hearts. Several young people made decisions, and some surrendered their lives to serve God in the ministry. Praise God for Youth Camp! • I am also now helping two different Bible Clubs during the week. For those of you who are not familiar with Bible Club, it is where you invite the children from one neighborhood into a church member's house, and have a Bible program planned & ready. It is like having Children's Church, but during the week. I really enjoy working with the kids. Almost all of them come from non-Christian homes, but they learn about the Word of God in a club. It is a great thing to hear them answer questions about the last week's lesson & verse. I sure do love my job! Just as you all help me by praying, you also help me by sending monthly support. I thank God for you all for being so faithful. God Bless You!"

DANNY & MICHELLE JONES (MEXICO) "Michelle's health is much better. We know this because God's people are praying for her. We are also the proud grandparents of Mia Rianne, born to our youngest, Michael, & Tasha Jones on April 20, 2010. • We showed the movie "Fire Proof" here at the church & over 50 couples attended! • Bro. Israel Sanchez is moving the church that he started in his home to a rented house. They have been having Sunday night & mid-week services for two years now & have outgrown their facilities. • Others are on the mission fields of TX, OK, NY, Mexico, Guatemala & Panama. Another is on deputation, raising his support to go to Spain (David Garcia) & there are three others training to go into the mission field. One is a pastor that Bro. Steve Earlywine (IBFI missionary to Mexico) works with. • Bro. Gabino Puente is pastor of the Emanuel Fundamental Baptist Church in Guadalupe. He was graduate no. 60 of our 25th graduation exercises. He was saved & baptized under the ministry of Luciano Luna, the first pastor of the church which was started under my dad's (IBFI missionary to Mexico) ministry. Bro. Luna died three years ago of cancer. Gabino was his right-hand man."

Nathan's Fish Story by Harold Priday, IBFI Missionary to the Honduras

Nathan is Harold and Lena Pridays' (IBFI Missionaries to Honduras) 12-year-old son. "One warm sunny day, Nathan asked me if I would go fishing with him. We left early in the morning to drive through the most rugged mountains in Central America. It took an hour over very steep, crooked roads to reach the large pond where we often fished with other missionaries. I rigged up Nathan's pole and had him practice casting a few times. We had been breaking lots of line in prior trips because our lines were light and old. We had lost lots of huge fish (a good fish story). There is no good line in the Honduras so we were waiting to get some from the States.

We got out the live earth worms we had dug up from the garden the day before and worked the worm onto the hook. Nathan made a very good cast, and then I heard a big splash & a big tail hit the water. I told Nathan to reel in very slowly and let him get tired. Nathan did it just right and after a while he was close to the shore. "Wow, what a big one!" everyone exclaimed. He was the biggest one we had seen, could we land him? He was a channel catfish, a good game fish fighting hard for his freedom. "Don't try to reel him in," everyone was saying. "Let him get tired." The excitement was high. The net dipped into the water and slipped under the big cat. "Get him clear away from the shore before you unhook him," everyone told him. Catfish are slippery and very alive even out of the water. He weighed 10½ lbs. and was 27 inches long. Nathan rested a little, walked around some and the next thing I knew he was casting under a tree where he caught a nice limb. He decided to climb the tree and crawled out on the limb. "Nathan," I said, "you are going to fall." The hook and line were just a little out of his reach. There was a big splash and Nathan was in the water. Everyone had a good laugh; this was our extra entertainment of the day. The catfish made very nice fish fillets."



Mark & Tricia Haynes (IBFI Missionaries To the Navajo Nation) Travel to China By Mark Haynes

"I had the privilege of preaching at Charity Baptist Church of Beijing the first Sunday here. Nick translated for me. We also went to two Thursday night prayer meetings, walking up several floors of darkly lit stairs to get to the apartment where they meet. The men and women pray separately and pray in a circle. I also got to accompany Nick to the Bible Institute where he teaches. Of course, I can't understand a thing, but what a blessing to see Chinese people being trained for the ministry. Another Sunday, I preached to several missionaries here. Tirzah taught a children's class. They are excited to have an English class. Tricia and the girls sang at Charity and everyone really enjoyed hearing them.

The main thing that I will take from China is the massive number of people here. Not many Chinese own cars, but the ones who do are all on the road at once! There are bicycles, motor scooters, mule drawn vehicles, and every other thing imaginable sharing the road. The traffic laws here seem to be merely suggestions and not law! I've gotten over the fear. It's just life in Beijing.

We shopped in several markets where it is not unusual to have people grab at you as you walk by to try and get you to buy from them. When I speak to them in my bad Navajo, it's hilarious to watch the response! They have never heard anything like it! The poverty is awful. There are many places the Chinese government never allowed the world to see during the Olympics. The smells can be overwhelming. You cannot use a public restroom comfortably here, but it is the way of life."



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Bible Verses



Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; **1 Timothy 4:1** Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignitaries. **Jude 8** How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. **Jude 18**