



On the Wings of Prayer

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

A Handful of Bread

When needs are great and resources are tight, it is needful to be reminded of God’s blessings on those that have gone before us. We have numerous examples from Scripture of those who gave in hard times, and how that was the beginning of God’s multiplication. God told Elijah to go to Zarephath where he had commanded a widow woman there to sustain him. This poor widow had only enough for one meal, and yet as she gave what she had to meet the need, God miraculously multiplied her supplies. While she never had supplies in abundance, the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail.

In the New Testament Jesus taught us the same lesson, when twice he multiplied the bread and fish to meet overwhelming needs. In John chapter six, the supplies were five barley loaves and two small fishes, and yet, as Jesus asked God to bless it, he began to divide the little that they had among the 12 disciples. They in turn began to divide their portion among five thousand men. All that were present ate until they were filled. The disciples were used to work a great miracle. They handed out thousands of pounds of food to hungry men, even though they never had more than a handful in their possession at one time. While we may like to see the storehouse full, it is a lot easier to carry a handful of bread than a wagon load.

I believe that God would have us to give out the Bread of Life by the handful. If you have Jesus, you have enough. Gladly give what you have, your supplies will not run out. If we are faithful to do that, one day our Lord will show us the multitudes that were fed. Then he will tell us to pick up the fragments that remain to show us what a great miracle that he performs through us, as we obey the will of the Master and preach the Gospel to every creature.

John Peebles
IBFI Missions Director

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- **Bill and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** celebrated their 40th anniversary. Most of those years have been spent in Brazil. Praise the Lord for the needed funds to finish the ceiling and redo the lights in one of the churches. The church in Caracarai had their first Youth Conference with 95 present. Pastor Luiz is doing a good job. The Smith’s started this church in 1978, thirty-two years later, God is still blessing it.
- **Harold and Lena Priday (Honduras)** will need to take care of some health needs for Lena while here in the States. Bro. Harold will be visiting churches and giving a report of God’s blessings on their ministry.
- **Ron and Kathy Valerio (Dominican Republic)** are busy traveling to their supporting churches while in the States on Furlough. It is a wonderful opportunity to share how God is blessing their ministry. The Lord has blessed the work with three churches started and each having its own pastor.

- **Larry and Regina McKinney (North American Indians)** have been busy and were able to purchase Bibles for three reservations with a special offering. They are winning souls and discipling the saved. Please be in prayer for some needed construction repairs.
- **Leslie and Alba Priday (Honduras)** please pray for their safety with the increase in local violence and crimes. A sixteen year old boy in their church had been praying for his parents salvation for several years. This couple has recently accepted Christ. The Lord continues to bless His work.
- **Daniel and Michelle Jones (Mexico)** has a good number of students in the thirtieth year of Bethesda Fundamental Baptist Institute. There are 35 students in Doctrines of the Bible I and 45 students in Missions I. Please pray for the two new works they are planning to start with institute graduates.
- **John Peeples (IBFI Mission Director)** - The 2010 IBFI Fall Fellowship Meeting at the Pensacola Baptist Temple was a tremendous blessing and encouragement. Pastor and Mrs. Glen Anderson and the good folks there did a first rate job of making the meeting a success. The preaching on the theme "THE GOSPEL TO ALL PEOPLE" was powerful and encouraging to all who attended. I had the privilege of preaching at the Santa Fe Baptist Church in Weatherford, Texas where Pastor and Mrs. H L Jayne are faithfully doing an excellent job of leading that Church in faith promise missions. Shirley and I were blessed and encouraged to be with this great church.
- **IBFI Mission Office** Thank you for your prayers and support for all the IBFI missionaries. God is blessing their ministries and labor. Please pray for the safety of each of our missionaries. It seems they are facing more violence and crime in these countries than ever before.
- **Prayer Request** Our former secretary, Alisa McKinney, had serious health problems for a long time. She went home to be the Lord, November 3, 2010. Please keep her family in your prayers. She is survived by her mother, sisters, and two grown children

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

"...we pause to pay tribute to the pioneers on whose shoulders we now stand. May each of us be found as faithful in the tasks that God has given us. The work is God's; but, wonder of wonders, He has chosen to accomplish it through us."

~Thomas Hale