



On the Wings of Prayer

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

Have You Heard?

From my back porch, I can see in the distance steady streams of headlights and tail lights as vehicles filled with people cross the Lake Worth Bridge. As far as my eyes can see lights glisten across the hills, each representing a house, street, or property. In Tarrant County, there are almost 1.9 million people. Dallas County has another 2.5 million with a total of 6.8 million inhabitants in the DFW area. There are 25.9 million people in Texas, 311 million people in the USA, and 6.9 billion people in the World.

When Jesus walked with his disciples, it is estimated there were 50 thousand inhabitants in Jerusalem, 2 million in the area of Palestine, and the city of Rome had up to 1 million with 200 million inhabitants in the entire world. The harvest was great at that time. It is greater now.

Jesus tells us “Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal:” There is not a greater work for you to be involved in than preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Lord is calling and sending laborers into His harvest. Have you heard?

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- **Bill and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** the work continues to grow and more Sunday School rooms are under construction at the work in Caracarai. The men and young people from the church laid over 1000 bricks. Vacation Bible School was well attended. A new Bible Club was started at the church in Alvorada. The Smith's had their first men's meeting at the three churches they started in Boa Vista. Sharon celebrated her 60th Birthday.
- **Darrain and Mari Coker (Mexico)** have been busy visiting churches and presenting their work while on furlough. The Coker's had the opportunity to take hard cover Spanish Bibles to Iglesia Bautista Principe de Paz (Prince of Peace Baptist Church) in Coahuila, Mexico.

- **Steve and Mary Earlywine (Mexico)** have had good attendance at the Mission work. The Spanish Bibles from BEAMS have been a special blessing. Please continue to pray for the Spiritual growth of the Believers in the Earlywine's ministry.
- **Frank and Amanda Smith (England)** have been in churches who have taken them on for support. They have almost 50% of their needed support. Please continue to pray for Amanda's pregnancy. She has been able to travel with Frank; which they are both thankful.
- **Daniel and Michelle Jones (Mexico)** have had good attendance. They are running between 330 and 350 people. They are in the process of adding some more bathrooms at the Bethesda Fundamental Baptist Church. They are having some difficulties getting all the approvals necessary before they can start building on the new property. Please be in prayer about this situation. Also, be in prayer about some property that is being donated for a new work. If all goes as planned, this will be the third work started in four years. January and February of 2011 the Jones' report 214 souls saved in their ministry. Praise the Lord! They also had a great turn out for the couples' banquet. There were 158 present. The Jones' will be on furlough starting in September 2011.
- **Harold and Lena Friday (Honduras)** returned to the field April 5th. They are excited to be back. They had a good Easter Service and were able to broadcast it over loud speakers to the whole neighborhood. The Lord blessed camp and two were saved. Lena will need another surgery this summer. Please be in prayer for her.
- **Ted and Karin Johnson (Medical Leave)** report improvement in Ted's health. The Johnson's received good news from their work in Mexico. The work continues to go forward and they just added the floor on the second story.

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