



# On the Wings of Prayer

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

May 2011

We had a great IBFI May Fellowship meeting. The preaching was a great encouragement to me and to everyone I talked too. The meeting was well attended, even on Thursday. Dr. Jerry Siler was elected as President, Robin Webb as Vice-President, and Dr. Terry Riggsby (who was honored with a Doctor's Degree) continues as Secretary. New Board members selected to replace those rotating off are Dr. Willie Weaver, Glen Anderson, and Dr. J. D. Weido.

Missionary to Mexico, Melissa Houston, was present at the meeting. Keep her in your prayers. She is taking an early furlough at the direction of her Pastor, Dr. Willie Weaver and Missionary Daniel Jones. Daniel and Michelle will be taking a furlough later this year. Melissa is working with the Jones'. The situation in Mexico has deteriorated in the last year and only the Lord knows the future. Missionaries in Mexico are taking more safety precautions such as restricting travel times and locations, as well as, minimizing 'attention attracting behavior' such as U S license plates on vehicles.

Frank and Amanda Smith, missionaries on deputation to England, arrived at the meeting later in the week. They are expecting a little Smith in October. Keep them in your prayers. They are doing well raising their support and are at the 50 to 55% level.

**Please be in Prayer for J.D. Weido's wife, Deanna, who is battling cancer and for Bro. Bill Keen, pastor of Victory Baptist Church in Beaver Creek, OH who is battling serious health problems.**

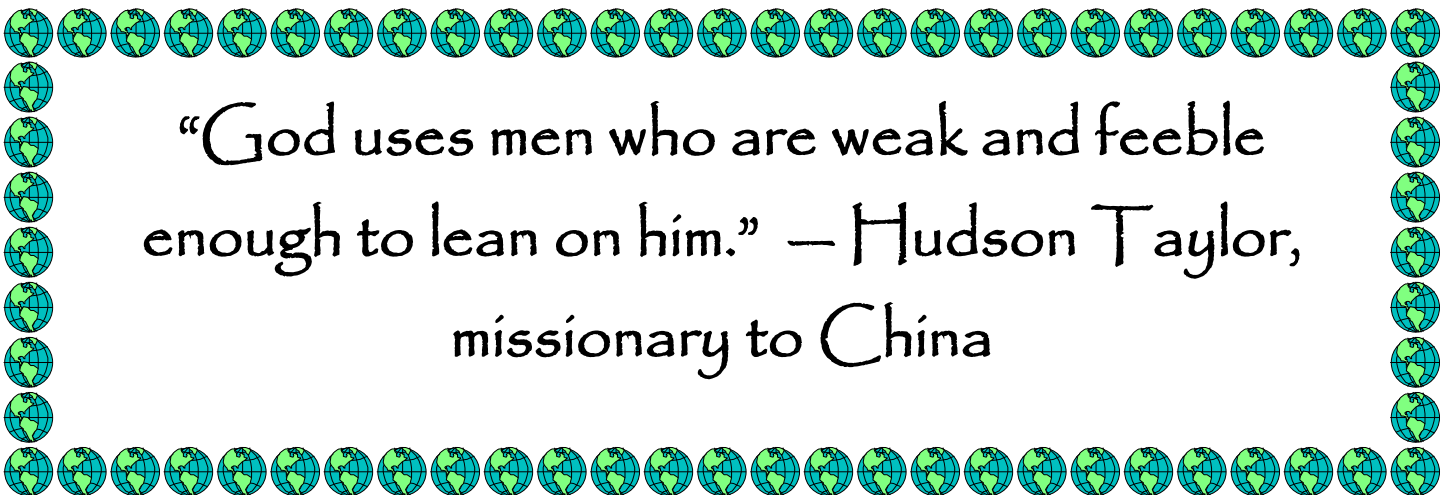
The economy continues to struggle here in the U. S. . Many missionaries are also suffering a loss of buying power with the U. S. Dollar. On the other hand, I have received encouraging reports from several missionaries as God is supplying ministry needs through the tithes and offerings of national believers. As the U. S. Dollar continues to fall, the value of many national currencies is rising. This will enable missionaries to practice "Indigenous" missions much more actively. Let us seek God's will and depend on him as we practice "Faith Missions".

We had a great meal with the IBFI Missionaries that were present Thursday afternoon. Special Thanks to the churches that gave generously to the Mission store and provided for the meal. You are a Great Blessing! Dr. and Mrs. Don Gregory spent some time encouraging our missionaries, as we had a brief time of Missionary Seminar Thursday afternoon. That was a precious time for all present. We also were able to go over some important information with our newer missionaries. God is blessing here, and I am sure He is blessing where you are also.

We appreciate your faithfulness as we take the Gospel of Christ around the world.

In Christ  
John Peoples

- **Larry and Regina McKinney ( N. American Indians)** report souls saved and baptized. It has been exciting to see church members grow in their walk with the Lord. The Lord changes lives and makes drug addicts into a witness for Him. Please pray for an upcoming family camp. They will be taking a group from the church.
- **Melissa Houston (Mexico)** report camp was a blessing with good attendance. Melissa was the Children’s Director for children 2-6 years old. Many Bible stories and activities were planned. The camp had to be shortened due to the violence in the area. Please continue to pray for the safety of our missionaries in Mexico.
- **Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** had a recent answer to prayer. For ten years they have prayed and witnessed to Milton and Julie. The couple came to a recent church service and came forward to receive Christ as their Savior. Praise the Lord! Another blessing was when five people came forward and accepted Christ at the Baby Dedication Service.
- **Frank and Amanda Smith (England)** report having 50% of their support raised. They have been well received in the churches they have visited. They are excited how God has opened doors for them to present their ministry.
- **Daniel and Michelle Jones (Mexico)** report 181 people attending family camp. The camp was shortened to two days due to unsafe conditions (gunfire) in the area surrounding the camp. Bro. Jones’ son Michael was the special speaker at camp and also preached two nights at the their church. God blessed with good attendance, two called to the ministry, and one saved.
- **Prayer Request:** Michelle Jones will be having surgery in June, Daniel Jones is recovering from sinus surgery, Karin Johnson fell and is having continual back pain, Flo Martin with on-going back pain, Charles Nixon health and recovery from stroke, and our missionaries safety and wisdom in their walk with the Lord.



“God uses men who are weak and feeble  
enough to lean on him.” – Hudson Taylor,  
missionary to China