



On the Wings of Prayer

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

The Task at Hand

As we pray for one another and for our missionaries, it may serve us well to remember some of the elements involved in preaching the Gospel, winning souls and establishing churches both here and in foreign lands. We are not to build on existing foundations that the god of this world has put in place. On the contrary, “the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.” II Corinthians 10:4-5 uses these words to describe the preparations necessary in building a work for Christ: “pulling down strong holds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exhalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.” Before a meaningful work for Christ can be established, much existing structure must be removed: wrong ideas, flawed value systems, faith in false gods and incorrect conclusions must all be rooted out, pulled down, destroyed and thrown down in order to build on the foundation of Jesus Christ and to plant the seed of the Word of God. We are in a spiritual battle against a real enemy with fierce resistance. Hard and unpleasant work is required, but Jesus is worthy. As we pray for each other, let us engage in spiritual warfare using weapons that are mighty through God to give the victory.

John Peoples, Mission Director

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- **Ron and Kathy Valerio (Dominican Republic)** started a new Bible study that is doing well. They have plans to start two others. These will eventually become churches as they grow.
- **Don and Flo McMillan (Brazil-Retired)** visit the nursing home where Bro. Don preaches. They have a class at church for special needs adults. Two ladies have come to Christ in the last two months from this class. They visit the sick and shut-ins regularly. They also grade lessons for Rock of Ages Prison Institute.

- **True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** have completed another semester at the Institute. They had four graduates. The Indian works up the river are doing well. One pastor called and said they had nine saved and twenty-nine rededications at two recent Bible conference. Please be in prayer for their work in Manaus, as well as, the river ministries.
- **Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** are having good attendance with over 130 most Sundays. Ganado Baptist Bible College is scheduled to begin in August 2012 to train native men for the ministry. The Lord blessed the ladies conference with over forty ladies in attendance. They have had thirty-four baptisms this year.
- **Frank and Amanda Smith (England)** have been blessed with new support every month since beginning deputation. Please be in prayer for the needed extra support. They hope to leave for England as soon as possible.
- **Prayer Request** Bill Smith was hospitalized in January for an allergic reaction, but is doing better now. Ted Johnson was hospitalized last month for Transient Ischemic Attack. Don McMillan is under treatment for irregular heartbeat and Sleep Apnea. He is about 80 % recovered from a small stroke he had in April. Continue to pray for Charles & Connie Nixon with their ongoing health needs.

Faithful is he who calleth you,
who also will do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:24