



# On the Wings of Prayer

“ B e c a u s e t h o u h a s t b e e n m y h e l p ,  
t h e r e f o r e i n t h e S h a d o w o f t h y w i n g s  
w i l l I r e j o i c e : ” P s a l m 6 3 : 7

## Elihu's Plea in Times of Darkness

“Teach us what we shall say unto him; for we cannot order our speech by reason of darkness. “ *Job 37:19*

As I read the book of Job, I can't help but see him as the teacher and preacher figure to the three friends and Elihu. I believe that Job must have been their mentor and their teacher. Their theology may have been based on his theology. Their prosperity was result of his investment in their lives. Their knowledge of God was the result of his relationship with God and his relationship with them. In Job's affliction and the resulting confusion, all of this was in the balance. As the three friends argued with Job, Elihu listened; and as time went on, his frustration only increased. As his time to speak came to an end, Elihu gives his plea to Job, “Teach us what we shall say unto him.” This was still Job's greatest responsibility to them. They were still dependent on Job in their relationship with God, and it was this relationship that was most important to Elihu.

Our times today are similar. As Christians, preachers, and missionaries, we have our trials, our losses, our questions and our arguments; but, as they may consume our attention, there are still those around us who are dependent upon us if they are to receive the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Their plea to you is “Teach us what we shall say unto him.” The next time you find that your own situation consumes all of your attention and your energy, remember Job and Elihu's plea.

- John Peeples, IBFI Mission Director

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- **Larry and Regina McKinney (N. A. Indians)** held their first Native American Baptist Fellowship. Eight churches participated. The Lord blessed and many were encouraged in the work of the Lord. The McKinney's request prayer for a new work on the Warm Springs Reservation. Bro. Larry has been preaching there. Please pray the Indian people will be receptive to the gospel.
- **True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** The prayer breakfast was well attended with twenty-seven pastors present. The Lord continues to bless with new church buildings being built. The Bible Institute celebrated it's 40th anniversary this past May. During this time, 232 men and women have been trained through the Bible Institute in Manaus. Please remember to pray for the Hawkins' health need. True and Diana had the Dengue Fever again recently.

- **Daniel and Tammy Coates (Guatemala)** report the completion of the construction of a new church building at one of their works. Iglesia Bautista La Esperanza de Zapotitan now has two Guatemalan men leading this church. Bro. Daniel and some of the members from their first church continue to assist in the services on Thursday. The Coates' have seen their church members grow spiritually as they take leadership positions.
- **Leslie and Alba Priday (Honduras)** report a good attendance at youth camp this year. They had morning devotions, two Bible classes in the morning, and preaching each evening. The Lord worked in hearts and commitments were made to God's work.
- **Melissa Houston (Croatia)** Continue to pray for Melissa as she continues in her language studies. She has a heart in particular for the children and women's ministries. She request prayer for some unsaved visitors who have attended the church services recently.
- **Ron and Kathy Valerio (Dominican Republic)** report souls saved and spiritual growth in their church. They are grateful for funds given to purchase hymn books. The Valerio's were able to complete the construction of a new Sunday School room recently.
- **Prayer Request:** Our missionaries safety, health needs, and wisdom as they preach and teach others, so they can do likewise.

*“Be assured if you walk with Him and look to Him, and expect help from Him, He will never fail you.”*

*-George Mueller*