



# On the Wings of Prayer

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

## What God Hath Cleansed

In the book of Acts, God shows us a clear pattern of his overpowering the personal preference and even prejudice of those he calls and uses that the Gospel be preached to the entire world. Saul of Tarsus, through his ignorance and unbelief, was a persecutor of Christ's Church. Ananias found it difficult to minister to Saul after that eventful day on the road to Damascus. The disciples at Jerusalem were afraid to believe that Saul had become a disciple of Christ. Barriers of personal will were continually raised up against the will of God. Each time, these barriers were overpowered either directly by God or through the help of godly disciples such as Barnabas. The barriers that Peter overcame in order to obey God were expressed in legal terms. He stated to Cornelius, "Ye know that it is an unlawful thing". Saul could have expressed similar beliefs about Christ before his personal encounter with Him.

God is still doing a work in our lives that the Gospel may be preached to all the World. God's reply to our objections may be summed up with his reply to Peter in Acts 10:15, "What God hath cleansed, that call thou not common." God may speak to you today! What is your reply to what God asks of you?

-John Peoples, IBFI Mission Director

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- **True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** report tribes being reached with the gospel in the jungles through the Bible Institute graduates. In one of those meetings, 120 people trusted Christ. The Lord continues to open the doors to get into new tribes. The Hawkins' request prayer for the new fellowship they are starting among the Brazilian pastors.

- **Flo Martin (Guatemala)** the church in the city of Cantel is doing well. They had a high attendance of 107 children in their VBS this past December. The work continues to grow. They have a good group of youth who have Bible studies every Saturday.
- **Daniel and Michelle Jones (Mexico/Rio Grande Valley)** report an attendance of 470 for “Missions Sunday” at Bethesda Fundamental Baptist Church in Monterrey Mexico. The Jones’ report a good attendance of forty full-time workers at their annual pastor’s conference in Mexico. In their ministry in McAllen, TX they have had twenty trust Christ recently.
- **Darrain and Mari Coker (Mexico)** report that their Sunday School is expanding with more classes being added. The youth are using their musical talents and playing instruments for the services at the mission work. The Coker’s request prayer for wisdom as they look for property to build a church building.
- **Bill and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** Praise the Lord on His blessings on the five churches the Smith’s have started in Brazil. The new Bible Institute in Caracarai had its first graduation. It was well attended. God has blessed their faithfulness to His work in Brazil.
- **Prayer Requests:** Leon Wambsganss recovering from a recent stroke. He is still very weak. C.L. Jones is in rehab and is still very weak. Amanda Smith’s pregnancy. God would give wisdom to our missionaries as they minister the Word of God to the lost and disciple the saved. Health and safety for all our missionaries.

*“There are only three kinds of Christians when it comes to world missions: zealous goers, zealous senders, and disobedient.”*

*- John Piper*