



On the Wings of Prayer

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

On the Pathway to the Uttermost

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." - Acts 1:8

There is a method to God's plan for us to reach the most distant souls with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. First, there was the command to wait at Jerusalem for the promise of the Holy Spirit's Power. His work will not be accomplished without it. Jerusalem was described as "thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee." There Christ was crucified; there the disciples were commanded to wait. Jews were to receive the Gospel first. The disciples would meet where Jesus had met, at the Temple in a place known as Solomon's Porch under the watchful eye to those who called for Jesus' crucifixion. Maybe not my first choice, but God gets to choose. To face fierce resistance at home can prepare a missionary for the same under the inhospitable surroundings of a foreign culture. It can also lead to the conversion of men like Saul of Tarsus. All Judaea was under the influence of the same group in Jerusalem. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me," and they were to continue on to other cultures of people near home that they would normally avoid. The disciples had been brought up to believe that the Samaritans should not even be in the land. They were the outsiders that were not welcome. They were the untouchables as the woman at the well told Jesus, "the Jews have no dealing with the Samaritans." But, Jesus does; and so do faithful Christians. There is not a better place to gain the feel for missions right here at home, than to take the Gospel of Christ to the untouchables of your city. Are there neighborhoods of different cultures near your church where you don't want to be? Are they worse than the Samaritans? Jesus said to preach the Gospel to them too. Jesus told us to do it all, witness to the entire world, but somehow, I believe that if we can do a better job with the first three steps; we will do a better job with the Uttermost part also. -John Peeples, IBFI Mission Director

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- **Leslie and Alba Priday (Honduras)** request prayer for their annual youth camp in April. Their church members worked hard and had a special Christmas program. Please pray for their upcoming Friend's Day when they will have a guest speaker.

- **Larry and Regina McKinney (N.A. Indians)** are thankful for those they have seen come to Christ on visitation and during the church services. The believers are growing in their walk with the Lord. The McKinney's request prayer concerning starting a work on two more reservations.
- **Daniel and Michelle Jones (Mexico/Rio Grande Valley)** report the Fundamental Baptist Institute in Mexico celebrated their 28th graduation with seven graduating. There was a large attendance for the graduation, 496 people. Five trusted Christ at the invitation at the end of the ceremony.
- **Ron and Kathy Valerio (Dominican Republic)** request prayer for Kathy's upcoming knee surgery. Also, Bro. Ron's upcoming medical procedure for a problem with two heart valves.
- **Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** report forty-five coming to Christ in 2013. The construction work on the inside of the new building goes forward. A lot of work needs to be done before it is complete. The Bible institute has grown to seventeen students.
- **Prayer Requests:** Leon Wambsganss recovering from a stroke. He is still very weak. C.L. Jones is in an assistant living facility 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.

‘Seek each day to do or say something to further Christianity among the heathen.’ - Jonathan Goforth