



# On the Wings of Prayer

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

## Investing In Eternity

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven," Matt 6:20. In our times of financial uncertainty, there is one investment that is guaranteed to be better than Stocks, Gold, Real Estate or any other investment on earth. That is our investment on the Lord's work. There is no better way to lay up treasure in heaven than to serve the Lord in your local church. This also includes faithfully giving your tithes and offerings. Faith Promise missions' giving has helped many give beyond what they think possible and at the same time increase their "treasures in heaven."

A balanced investment portfolio includes investing in the Gospel Message in four areas: our Jerusalem, our Judea, our Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Jerusalem is our home town and Judea is our home country. Samaria, on the other hand, is the cross-cultural populations near us; that we don't have any natural affection for, or even have a strong dislike for (and that is putting it nicely). The Uttermost part of the earth is everyone else on the planet.

This is God's plan. If you find that your heart is not in it, my advice to you is this. Begin to put your treasures in God's plan by faithful giving through your local church, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matt 6:21

Thank You for your investment in world missions. It is by far, the best investment you can make. Considering the value, return, and security of your investment there is nothing in this world that can compare. On the authority of God's Word, I encourage you to do more, you won't regret it.

- John Peoples, IBFI Mission Director

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**Bill and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** have returned to Brazil after Sharon completed her radiation treatments for cancer. They were eager to get back home to Brazil. The churches they have started continue to go forward faithfully. They request prayer for one of the churches that need a pastor.

**Leslie and Alba Priday (Honduras)** report good attendance for the men's conference. Also, there were four churches who participated in the teens youth rally. The Priday's request prayer for their upcoming VBS.

**Don and Flo McMillan (Retired-Brazil)** please be in prayer for Bro. Don. He has been diagnosis with bile cancer. They are active in teaching and helping in their home church.

**True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** are on furlough until April 2015. They request prayer for their "continued health, open doors among the tribal people, the Bible institutes, pastors and churches."

**Ron and Kathy Valerio (Dominican Republic)** report the bathroom facility is under construction. The roof work on the bathroom and Sunday School section is completed. The Valeio's report a high attendance of sixty-two on their regular Sunday attendance.

**Larry and Regina McKinney (N.A. Indians)** will be on furlough to give an update on their work until May. They are looking forward to visiting their supporting churches and presenting their ministry to new ones.

**Daniel and Michelle Jones (Mexico/Rio Grande Valley)** continue to help Hispanic ministries with Sunday School curriculum and Bible Institute curriculum. The Jones' report a high attendance of seventy-six for the Thanksgiving service and eight trusting Christ in their work in McAllen recently.

**Prayer Request:** Ted and Karin Johnson's three grown children were in a auto accident recently. They request prayer for their daughter who has a fractured wrist and son who is recovering from "cracked ribs."

***Furlough: True and Diana Hawkins (until April 2015)***

***Melissa Houston (3 months, until March 2015)***

***Larry and Regina McKinney (until May 2015)***