



On the Wings of Prayer

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

Only A Handful of Bread

When needs are great and resources are tight, it is needful to be reminded of God's blessings on those that have gone before us. We have numerous examples from Scripture of those who gave in hard times, and how that was the beginning of God's multiplication. God told Elijah to go to Zarephath where he had commanded a widow woman there to sustain him. This poor widow had only enough for one meal, and yet as she gave what she had to meet the need; God miraculously multiplied her supplies. While she never had supplies in abundance, "the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail."

In the New Testament, Jesus taught us the same lesson when twice he multiplied the bread and fish to meet overwhelming needs. In John chapter six, the supplies were five barley loaves and two small fishes; and yet as Jesus asked God to bless it, he began to divide the little that they had among the 12 disciples. They in turn began to divide their portion among five thousand men. All that were present ate until they were filled. The disciples were used to work a great miracle. They handed out food to thousands of hungry men, even though they never had more than a handful in their possession at one time. While we may like to see the storehouse full, it is a lot easier to carry a handful of bread than a wagon load.

I believe that God would have us to give out the Bread of Life by the handful. If you have Jesus, you have enough. Gladly give what you have, your supplies will not run out. If we are faithful to do that, one day our Lord will show us the multitudes that were fed. Then he will tell us to pick up the fragments that remain to show us what a great miracle that he performs through us as we obey the will of the Master and "preach the Gospel to every creature."

-John Peeples, IBFI Mission Director

August/September 2015

- **Darrain and Mari Coker (Mexico)** had three recently baptized, two men and one lady, and one older lady trusting Christ. Praise the Lord for these decisions!

- **Daniel and Tammy Coates (Guatemala)** celebrated the 7th anniversary of the church recently. The Coates' request prayer for the main church, the coastal church, and their family.
- **Ted and Karin Johnson (Medical Leave)** are making plans to have services with preaching and singing at a nursing home. Karin had recent surgery for breast cancer. The cancer was removed and now she will start Chemotherapy soon. Please be in prayer for Karin's health.
- **Bill and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** report completing their semester at the institute. There were sixty present for the special services. They had a good service for Valentine's Day (June 12th in Brazil).
- **Melissa Houston (Croatia)** report a good attendance for Kid's Bible Camp. The children had Bible lessons, Bible verses, songs, games, and snacks. Melissa request prayer for those who attended would trust Christ.
- **Daniel and Michelle Jones (Mexico/Rio Grande Valley)** report their church Bethesda in Mexico had a record Sunday School attendance of 480. Their church in McAllen, TX had an average of sixty in VBS with three coming to Christ. Please pray for Michelle who has some ongoing health needs.
- **True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** construction continues to go forward on the church buildings in the interior (jungle) towns. The Hawkins' continue to train and disciple their many graduates who now are pastoring indigenous churches.
- **Leslie and Alba Priday (Honduras)** had a busy summer with their Mother's Day celebration, men's meeting, and a Pastor's Day celebration at their church. They also had a watch night service with testimonies, preaching, and special music. The Priday's request prayer for their teens at the church that they will remain faithful to Christ.
- **Ron and Kathy Valerio (Dominican Republic)** want to thank those who have given to special projects at their church (e.g. bathroom facilities, building construction). The Valerio's request prayer for the junior age boys. They now have a weekly basketball ministry to reach this age group.
- **Harold and Lena Priday (Honduras)** request prayer for their annual men's conference this October. The two new mission works are growing and will need to relocate to a larger facility.

IBFI October Fellowship Meeting
October 13th–15th in Pensacola, Florida