



# 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 Do You Want for Christmas?

A man once had opportunity to give a very brief Christmas greeting to a group of business men and women. Knowing that some were Christians and some were not, he simply stated that his Christmas wish for each of them was *That Child that was born King in Bethlehem some 2000 years ago*. Such a wish may seem of little value to those who do not know Christ as Savior, but those of us who believe, understand that no greater gift was ever given than Jesus. Today's news headline reads “It's time to ban Christmas presents.” The British article goes on to explain how some people give expensive gifts that they like, but the receivers don't appreciate them. Then they receive gifts in return that they don't appreciate. I wonder how many people really appreciate the first Christmas gift?

Giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the nearest we can come to giving the gift that God the Father gave to us that first Christmas. It is as easy as telling someone we meet about the Christ of Christmas or giving tithes and offerings to support the ministry of your local Church and to send Bible preaching missionaries around the world. Jesus Christ is the greatest gift ever given. What are you giving this Christmas?

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- **Bill and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** have been doing some needed repairs on their church buildings. Their work in Caracarai, Bible Baptist Church, celebrated their 34th anniversary. Please continue to pray for Pastor Francisco after the loss of his wife.
- **Flo Martin (Guatemala)** report many visitors came for “Friend Day” at church. Some of the church members were invited to teach Christian values in a public school. This is a great opportunity to share the gospel with many children at one time.
- **True Hawkins (Brazil)** report the Lord is blessing the construction on the buildings of two new works. Bro. True is being treated for some health needs.

- **Darrain and Mari Coker (Mexico)** report they have started two Bible study groups. Please continue to pray for their safety.
- **Daniel and Michelle Jones (Mexico/Rio Grande Valley)** The Bethesda Fundamental Baptist Institute continues to train men and women for the ministry. They have had seventy graduate since their inception in 1980.
- **Prayer request:** Wisdom, guidance, and strength for each of our missionary families. Their health needs. The Haynes' construction on their church building in Ganado. The Hawkins' "turn over" project of training the nationals to take over more of the leadership in the Institutes and churches. Michelle Jones is having some problems with asthma. Our missionaries as they train nationals to teach and train others.
- **Praise:** Tammy Coates broken foot has healed. The Coates' children all came down with chicken pox, but they are over that now. Darrain Coker received his permit, so he can live and work in Mexico. Danny and Michelle Jones had their first church service Sunday, November 25, 2012 in the Rio Grande Valley.

## Merry Christmas

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. ~ Isaiah 9:6