



On the Wings of Prayer

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

Borrowed Empty Vessels

Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. 2 Kings 4:3 Our task is clear, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature”. It is God’s work and his power is both necessary and near. And still the laborers are few, where will they come from? The vessels that God used to meet the overwhelming need above were all borrowed. God multiplied the widow’s oil into borrowed vessels. If you don’t have the needed vessels, go and borrow them for the Master’s use. We must search out those who are presently engaged in and reserved for other uses. How many Christians in your Church are ready for many and any use except to be borrowed for missions? Yes, it is their own life and I have no claim on it, but, from the Master’s lips come the words “Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbors”. May God Help us as we tell them; come for the master has need of you today. God will wait to multiply His oil until we do. They were also empty vessels. Before a vessel can be filled it must first be empty. What is already inside must be poured out. To be cleansed, prepared and then filled, it must first be emptied. Just as the thorns choked the plants in Luke 8:14, the cares and riches and pleasures of this life can fill our lives so that there is no room for God to multiply his oil in us. “Even Empty Vessels” We need for God to multiply His oil in some borrowed empty vessels today. And if the Gospel is to reach every creature, we need more than just a few. The oil stayed when there were no more empty vessels to fill. All we really lack are borrowed empty vessels. God will do the rest. “Borrow not a few!”

- John Peeples, IBFI Mission Director

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Connie Nixon (N American Indians) was contacted by a lady who Bro. Charles led to the Lord over thirty years ago. She wanted Connie’s input for a group of families that want to start a church in the area. They will have their own Independent Baptist pastor. The group met December 16, 2012, for their first service. There were thirty-two present. Some present were in Connie’s Sunday School class as pre-schoolers. Now they are adults. It is exciting when “fruit remains” in the Lord’s work.

- **Melissa Houston (Croatia)** asks that you pray she can learn the Croatian language quickly. She is thankful to be in Croatia. The Lord has provided a house and a car.
- **Don and Flo McMillan (Brazil-retired)** There are some Brazilian people who want the McMillan's to help start a Brazilian church in their area. Please be in prayer for this new ministry opportunity for them.
- **Leon and Becky Wambsganss (Accent Radio)** ask that you pray for their oldest son Stephen. He has nose, throat, and tongue cancer. He has been moved to MD Anderson Cancer unit in Houston, TX.
- **Leslie and Alba Priday (Honduras)** report a good turn out for some special meetings. Children's Day is a fun time for the kids. There were games, refreshments, and activities. Also, the youth visited an orphanage. They spent time with the children, played games, and brought them toys and lunch. There was also a Men's Conference. Please be in prayer for their Vacation Bible School. It will be in January 2013.
- **Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** report a good semester at the Ganado Baptist Bible College. There were five full time students. The next semester begins January 17, 2013. The Mission Conference was a blessing to the church with \$35,000 committed to missions.

“If I win a soul to Jesus Christ, the bells ring now, and they will ring forever and forever in this world and in the world to come.”

- Lee Roberson