

# On the Wings of Prayer

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

## Way-Mary Project Update

This is the report on the second trip into the “Way-Mary” reserve made from June 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The names and places have been changed or omitted due to the sensitive nature of this mission endeavor.

There are thirty-nine villages in this reserve with an estimated population of more than two thousand adults. Five men made up the evangelistic team, among them Dorinelle - one of our graduates. The men spent the days travelling on the river and were allowed to visit only three of the villages. During this time, they shared the gospel thru interpretation and gave out pieces of cloth to each family they evangelized. We purchased the cloth for them to make clothes, as these are in short supply; and this was the main “reason” they were able to make the visits. Our next “gifts” will be plastic buckets and other useful household items. They were hosted by Bianco, a chief that is friendly and open to the gospel. They stayed in his “maloca” (a large round palm frond house where all the villagers sleep) and were under his protection and care until June 9<sup>th</sup>, when he told them to go - as their lives were in danger. Another chief named Bari, the son of Manacuaka, the famed Way-Mary “white man killer”, is very unfriendly and threatened the team. He said they could not stay any longer, neither visit any more villages. He claims this tribe does not want the gospel and would kill them if they remained.

The adjacent area and reserve is being evangelized by Manituá (Money-chew-waa), a Wai-Wai believer who came from Guyana forty years ago. He is now seventy years old and is trying to reach a few of the Way-Mary, and he has seen some from the Atree tribemen believe the gospel. His health is failing, and he has been barred from evangelizing any further upriver. He was very glad the team made the visit and was overjoyed to know there were other believers interested in winning these people.

Due to persecution, Varco, the missionary sent by the Wai-Wai had to move his family out of the area and go downriver and hack a new settlement out of the jungle and start his own village. He is in a strategic area. He has a project: evangelize, baptize believers, and build a church. He saw what the Wai-Wai church at Mapuera has done. He wants his village to be a Christian community likewise, from which he plans to reach all the villages in his area.

Please pray for this project and for Varco and his plans. Another visit is planned for December 2018, with a bigger team and more resources. This is a very encouraging example of cross-tribal evangelism, and we are excited about the prospects. Thank you for all your prayers and support. – True Hawkins

**Scott and Darla Griffin (Homeless No More)** have been recently added to our IBFI missionary family. They have been working with the homeless for four years. Please pray for this needed ministry of reaching the homeless with the gospel.

**Larry and Regina McKinney (N.A. Indians)** report two groups of young people coming to help them minister on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. They were a blessing and helped out any way they could! Also, The Native American Baptist Fellowship held a conference with the results of two trusting Christ, twelve rededications, and three families joining the church!

**Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** report a new church plant has begun, Newcomb Baptist Church. They had their mission conference on the reservation at the following churches: Old Paths Baptist Church, Chambers Baptist Church, and Solid Rock Baptist Church.

**Melissa Houston (Rio Grande Valley)** reports the church choir is serving the Lord through song. She is serving as choir director. Melissa is the coordinator of the VBS. They will be reaching children and adults. They also will have a Good News Club program at a nearby neighborhood.

**Harold and Lena Friday (Honduras)** please pray for a speedy recovery for Lena. She recently had surgery to have a finger joint replaced.

**Bill and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** report a good turnout of ladies for Mother's Day at church. The Bible Institute the Smith's started now has eight students attending. Two will be graduating this fall. The Smith's have served in Brazil for forty-five years!

**John and Neila Yelle (Brazil)** report two recent baptisms. The ladies retreat was well attended with thirteen ladies and teens. The church members at the Yelle's newest work distributed two hundred tracts in the neighborhood. The Yelle's newest work, Victory Baptist Church, has an attendance of twenty-seven and growing.

**Ron and Kathy Valerio (Dominican Republic)** request prayer for Kevin who is a nine month old baby who has been in and out of the hospital. His parents are members of the Valerio's church. The church has had some recent burglaries. Please pray that the situation gets resolved soon.

*Thank you for your prayers and financial support for our missionaries!*