

On the Wings of Prayer

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

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*Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. **Mat 10:16***

Jesus both called and sent his disciples to go to a specific group of people and preach the message that he had given to them. He also warned them that they would go out as sheep in the midst of wolves. There will be enemies and obstacles that will oppose us but our task is to remain faithful to the One who called us and who sends. He will provide what we need. He will protect us to do His work. We are to stay faithful in our direction, to reach the people he has sent us to. Stay faithful in our message, the Gospel message that he has given us to preach.

He also warns us that we must take up our own cross and follow him. The cost is much, the reward is greater. And the reward is sure. It is true that we, as believers in Christ, are all his servants and responsible to do his will. It is also true that He has sent some to very specific and difficult ministries. Those include the missionaries that we support and pray for. As you read the missionary updates, please be in special prayer for each family. Some are facing very real and powerful enemies and obstacles. Many of their prayer request are silent and not mentioned in their prayer letters. Please don't forget to pray for these requests also, they may be the most needful.

*And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. **Rev 5:8***

John Peebles, IBFI Missions Director

***Scott and Darla Griffin (Homeless No More)** report their first indoor service at Homeless No More Baptist Church was well attended with thirty-five present. The Griffin's report two trusting Christ recently. The church is in need of repair. The most urgent need is the heating and A/C unit.

***J.D. and Vanessa Young (Honduras)** are in need of financial support. The Young's have begun deputation and have booked several meeting. Please pray for them as they obey the Call of God to reach the unreached.

***Bill and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** have been missionaries to the country of Brazil for forty-seven years! The first church the Smith's started was forty years ago and is still going strong! The church celebrated with a special service to commemorate God's blessings. What a testimony to God's faithfulness!

***John and Neila Yelle (Brazil)** report that the two church works are growing. The ladies' meeting was well attended. There are five candidates for baptism.

***Darrain & Mari Coker (Mexico)** continue to share the Gospel in Mexico. They are discipling those who have a willing heart to bear spiritual fruit. The Coker's request prayer for the two weekly Bible studies, in addition to their normal church services. Also, the children's Bible club in a neighboring community is reaching children for Christ.

***Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** Ganado Baptist Church supports 35 missionaries. Souls are coming to Christ on the reservation! Ganado Baptist Bible College has completed their seventh year. Plans are being made to find land for a college dorm.

***Leslie and Alba Priday (Honduras)** request prayer for the church in Barrio Abajo and for the Lord to provide a Honduran pastor for this work. They also need to purchase some property to build. Please be in prayer for the upcoming annual youth camp.

***Harold and Lena Priday (Honduras)** are looking to purchase some property to begin construction on a needed church building. They have outgrown the house they have been meeting in. The ladies' conference was well attended. Miss Lena headed the meeting. The Lord blessed and many were encouraged in the Lord.

***Larry and Regina McKinney (N.A. Indians)** request prayer for the upcoming VBS at the Spokane Reservation and Revival services. The dates have to be approved by the Tribal officials. Please pray for favor with them and a open door to share the Gospel there.

***Ron and Kathy Valerio (Dominican Republic)** request prayer for Antonio and Isabella, a couple who recently trusted Christ. Men are being called into the ministry! Please pray for Kelvin, who is preparing for the ministry at the Bible Institute.

***True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** report they have had 260 graduates at their Bible institute in Manaus, Brazil. Many of these graduates are now pastors and missionaries. T

***Daniel and Michelle Jones (Rio Grande Valley, Mexico)** report a total of sixteen institutes that they or a Bible institute graduate have started! The Jones' report seven souls trusting Christ so far this year in the work in McAllen and three families joining the church. The Jones' are looking for a larger building to accommodate the church growth. Please keep Michelle in your prayers. She has on going health needs.

“pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.” - Matt 9:38