

On the Wings of Prayer

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

July/August 2019

Flora Mae Martin

January 19, 1932 – June 18, 2019

Veteran missionary Flo Martin passed away in her home in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, Tuesday morning June 18. Flo married Frank Martin on July 19, 1952. They both trusted Christ as their Savior that year and began preparing to be missionaries. In 1959, they left for Costa Rica where they served for 10 years. They served as missionaries in Guatemala since 1971. Frank passed away on February 6, 2003.

I was privileged to travel to Guatemala for her funeral and was present for two of the three services held in different locations in the area. There was a wake held on Tuesday evening with over 250 in attendance. I arrived in town Wednesday and was able to attend the second service held at the funeral home; where there was an overflowing crowd. I was honored to preach Thursday's funeral service held at the Temple Baptist Church, the first church that Frank and Flo started in Guatemala. The auditorium was filled and many went to the cemetery for the graveside service.

The Temple Baptist Church has beautiful facilities. Looking through the glass doors of the auditorium, you see in the distance the peak of the Santa Maria Volcano. God richly blessed the missionary work of the Martins. Multitudes have been reached with the Gospel of Christ. I visited three Churches that were directly started by Frank and Flo, and there are eight churches in Guatemala today that are the result of their ministry. They also worked with and helped start other ministries.

As I stood in front of that group of loved ones, I told them of the great truth that Flo Martin's long and fruitful life had brought her to a very special reward. The work that she did for Jesus Christ here on earth is eternal. The results of that work are eternal. As the Apostle Peter tells us in 2 Peter 1:11, Flo Martin will receive a very special entrance into Heaven.

For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. - 2 Peter 1:11

Thank You for your faithful support for Flo Martin. There are some expenses that we would like to help the family meet. If you could continue your support through this month of July, we will forward it to help the family cover these expenses.

-John Peeples, IBFI Mission Director
Psalm 16:11

***Daniel and Michelle Jones (Rio Grande Valley/Mexico)** report that the first Bible institute they started in Mexico, now has had 100 students graduate. From the one institute has been produced 17 other Bible institutes. There are 8 students attending the institute in McAllen, TX. The annual Women's Day Luncheon in McAllen was well with 36 ladies in attendance.

***William and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** report two men graduating from the Bible Institute this past May. There was a good attendance of 75 for the ceremony. The Smith's request prayer for the lack of medical care in their area for the Brazilian people.

***Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** Bro. Mark has been busy with preaching at four Faith Promise Mission Conferences. Recently, five people have come to Christ! The Haynes' request prayer for their upcoming VBS.

***Larry and Regina McKinney (N.A. Indians)** are presently ministering on the Umatilla Reservation near Pendleton, Oregon. The church people are taking ministry responsibilities and growing in their walk with the Lord. Please pray for traveling mercies for the McKinney's. They stay busy ministering on the reservations. The McKinney's request prayer for VBS and their many outreach activities.

***Leslie and Alba Priday (Honduras)** report youth camp was well attended with 63 present. One trusted Christ at camp and others who re-dedicated their life to Christian.

***Harold and Lena Priday (Honduras)** report that several have come to Christ recently and 14 were baptized. The Priday's are looking at property to purchase to build their own building.

***John and Neila Yelle (Brazil)** report four first time visitors recently at the church. They have had two come to Christ in the past two months. There was a special program for the ladies for Mother's Day. It was well attended with some visitors to follow-up on.

***True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** continue to help by filling the pulpit for churches without a pastor. The Hawkins' continue to work on construction projects for their churches: ceilings, flooring, electrical, roofs, etc. The pastor's prayer breakfast was well attended with 37 present. The Institute day classes had 14 students this past semester. The night classes have begun with 18 students enrolled. The Hawkins' continue to edify the believers and win the lost. They request your prayers.

***Ron and Kathy Valerio (Dominican Republic)** had several visitors in June at the church. The Valerio's request prayer for them; that they will return for more visits and will put their trust in Christ. Mother's Day service was well attended and each mother received a gift.

***J.D. & Vanessa Young (Honduras)** have been traveling across the country. They have picked up six new churches recently! The Young's are at 33% in their support. Recently after Bro. Young preached, three men trusted Christ! As Bro. Young says, "the Gospel changes lives and eternity."