

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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“The LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart” - 1 Samuel 13:14

There are many missionaries on deputation and furlough, but are there enough missionaries to meet the need? I believe that God is still seeking men and women to answer the call to “go into all the world” with the Gospel of Christ. The need is great and God is still actively enlisting men and women to meet the need for laborers in World Evangelization. There is no doubt that missions is a special calling. It is an important calling. It is a necessary calling. God saves us and also calls us to his work. It is a holy calling and it is God’s work. There is nothing more important.

God found in David a man after His own heart, which would fulfill all His will. Saul had been rejected for doing his own will and following his own heart. David had developed a special relationship with God, and God called him to a special calling!

Paul found in Timothy, a man unlike all the others that Paul had worked with.

“For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.” - Phil 2:20-21

Our Lord is still working, still saving, still calling, and still bringing to pass His divine and eternal purpose. And He uses people to do his work. I encourage you to develop a special relationship of trust, faith and reliance with Him. And when he calls, respond with “here am I, Lord, send me”.
-John Peeples, IBFI Mission Director

***Melissa Houston (Rio Grande Valley)** reports a successful VBS with a high attendance of 103! Lots of work and decorations transformed the church into a national park. Please continue to pray for Melissa as she is preparing for special choir programs and children’s ministry programs and activities.

***Prayer Request** please pray for our missionaries health, protection, and wisdom as they share the Good News of the Gospel.

***Scott and Darla Griffin (Homeless No More)** report six souls have come to Christ in the last three months through their ministry! The Griffin's have started a new ministry, Addicted No More. So far, they are averaging twelve in the meetings. If you are able to help, the following items are needed: bottled water, shoes, socks, insect spray, and hand sanitizer.

***Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** report a good turnout of men for their men's retreat. The VBS ministries were well attended. The Ganado Baptist Church VBS had an average attendance of 104 and 8 came to Christ! The VBS at Strong Hold Baptist Church had an average of 125 with 23 coming to Christ! The VBS at Chambers Baptist Church had an average in the 70's with 24 trusting Christ! The Navajo Nation Cowboy Revival saw 2 folks saved.

***Darrain and Mari Coker (Mexico)** report a recent three day youth camp where there were Bible lessons, preaching, games, and lots of food! Children's Day at church was celebrated with a special children's program. It was also celebrated at a small community outside of town called El Rancho Viejo where thirty-eight children and several adults heard the Gospel. This is an outreach ministry point. The church just celebrated it's 6th anniversary.

***Daniel and Tammy Coates (Guatemala)** rejoice in those who are recently saved and baptized! The church celebrated Mother's Day with a special service and dinner at the church in La Esperanza. Bro. Daniel was able to make a trip to the States in May to receive his bachelor's degree from Norris Bible Baptist Seminary. The Coates' ask prayer for their oldest daughter Jessica who is attending Norris this fall.

***Daniel and Michelle Jones (Rio Grande Valley/Mexico)** report three graduates from the Bible institute in Mexico. The Bible institute in McAllen recently finished their semester with eight students. The church in McAllen has seen even more growth with an average of 103 in Sunday School. The Jones' ask prayer as they seek a larger building to purchase for the church. Please keep Michelle in your prayers to get the help she needs. She continues to battle ongoing health problems.

***Larry and Regina McKinney (N.A. Indians)** report water shortage on the reservation for the past seven months. The children's camps went on as planned, even with the water shortage. A work group came and helped the church with their outreach of community projects for the elderly. The VBS was well attended with an average of 55 present.

***True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** will be on furlough mid-August to mid-March. The Hawkins' are faithfully training Brazilians at the Bible Institute. The men's conference was well attended with over 100 present. Bro. True traveled to the interior (jungle) town of Anori for a dedication service of the congregations new auditorium.

***John and Neila Yelle (Brazil)** continue to train men for the ministry who can preach God's Word. Two of these men have been preaching at the two mission works the Yelle's have started.