

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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On Our Way to the Uttermost

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

The progression of our witness for Christ in Acts 1:8 has a very definite progression - beginning in our home town Jerusalem, we then move on to the rest of our country, Judaea. The progression ends with the uttermost part of the earth. Christ is Savior and “*all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*” Isaiah 52:10. But, on our way to the uttermost part of the earth, we encounter a strange and complicated place, Samaria.

Samaria represents a people group that while near to us geographically, even in our own country, is separated from us by barriers much more powerful than mere distance. Samaria is separated from us by barriers that are cultural, ethnic, and political. And even more difficult to overcome, barriers that we have built in our own hearts. Samaria represents the unreached people groups that, if we walk in the flesh, we don't really want to reach. But praise God! - We don't have to walk in the flesh; we can walk in the Spirit of God.

On our way to the uttermost, we must pass through Samaria. There are several cross-cultural people groups that come to my mind when I think of Samaria. As you read the prayer request below, please let God speak to you about what He would have you do to reach your Samaria.

-John Peeples, IBFI Mission Director
Psalm 16:11

***Breze & Chantal Serugamba (Africa)** request prayer as they are awaiting their visas to be approved, so they can begin traveling in the States to raise their needed support.

***Scott and Darla Griffin (Homeless No More)** report four coming to Christ recently. Please continue to pray for Griffin's as they reach the unreached among the homeless and addicted.

***J.D. and Vanessa Young (Honduras)** continue to report to churches as they raise their support. Please pray that their support continues to increase and that they will be in Honduras soon.

***Bill and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** request prayer for the pastors of the churches the Smith's have started in Brazil - Pastor Rogerio, Pastor Welesson, and Pastor Paulo. Please pray for four men who visited the church on Father's Day. They are unsaved. The Smith's celebrated their 49th Wedding Anniversary on August 15th.

***Leslie and Alba Priday (Honduras)** report three churches are participating in the monthly youth meetings. Please pray for the youth to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." The Priday's request prayer for the upcoming men's conference.

***Daniel and Michelle Jones (Rio Grande Valley/Mexico)** report an average of 99 in Sunday School. The Jones' request prayer as they seek God's wisdom in purchasing property and a building. The Jones' report 99 have graduated from the institute in Monterrey.

***John and Neila Yelle (Brazil)** report a good attendance of 50 for their Father's Day Service at church. Several of these were first time visitors! This past August there were 19 couples at the couple's dinner at the Yelle's church, Victory Baptist Church. They have six come to Christ in September.

***True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** continue to see God open doors to reach those in remote villages with the Gospel. The Hawkins' report nine students finishing a two year program to help equip them in church leadership roles and Bible knowledge. In December, three more students will complete their three year theology training. This will bring the total to 267 who have completed the three year degree. The Hawkins' are on furlough. Please pray for traveling mercies and protection over the works in Brazil in their absence.

***Larry and Regina McKinney (N.A. Indians)** request continue prayer for the water shortage they are having on the reservation. The ministry work on the Spokane Reservation continues to go forward. The McKinney's request prayer for laborers to help in the great need to reach the Indians on the reservations.

***Harold and Lena Priday (Honduras)** report the church members are growing in the Lord. Several are serving in various church ministries. The Priday's report 38 in attendance for the national Children's Day special program at the mission work.

***Darrain and Mari Coker (Mexico)** report a great Father's Day service at the Mount Sinai Baptist Mission. They had a high of 28 kids for VBS at the church and 40 children at the outreach community of el Rancho Viejo.

***Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** worked in several VBS this summer. In the Low Mountain community VBS, there was an average of 93 in attendance with 30 coming to Christ. The Haynes' helped with the VBS at Crownpoint Baptist Church where 22 came to Christ. At the Navajoland Baptist Revival there were 300 in attendance. The Haynes' have a burden to see more churches started on the reservation and ask that you would pray to that end.