

On the Wings of Prayer

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

The Value of the Eternal Soul

“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” Gen 2:7

Taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ across geographical, political, and cultural boundaries is what missions is about. These boundaries present barriers that must be overcome -if we are to be fruitful in missions. As we count the cost of crossing these boundaries with the Gospel, there is a purpose that drives us. Our Lord has given us a most urgent command.

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” That purpose is the value of the immortal souls of men for which Christ died, was buried, was risen from the dead, and is soon coming again to receive us as his own.

While people are lost in sin, their souls are still of eternal value. Though some think of physical death as the end, the soul of man continues on for eternity. The Bible makes it clear that there are but two eternal destinations for the soul of man. Geography, politics, and culture will all come to an end; but the souls of men and women and children will continue to endure. And they will endure in God's blessings thorough the Salvation that is in Christ, or they will endure in a lost, depraved, and deteriorating condition separated from Christ. There are but two Bible revealed destinations for the soul, **Heaven or Hell.**

Let this truth motivate us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ to seek and to save that which was lost. Pray for those that are preparing for the mission field, and also for those whom God is calling; but have yet to surrender to the call. Pray that God will empower and embolden our missionaries as they confront their limitations and their fears to trust God for the victory.

John Peebles, IBFI Mission Director
Psalm 16:11

March/April 2022

***Larry & Regina McKinney (N.A. Indians)** report the church they began in the Warm Spring's Reservation had the opportunity to share the message of Christ birth and sing Christmas hymns at the community Tree Lighting Ceremony. The McKinney's also took part in the Angel Tree Ministries that provide gifts to the families of those in jail. Attendance is picking-up since the setbacks of Covid.

***Darrain and Mari Coker (Mexico)** report that the church is now supporting several missionaries. The Coker's have the opportunity to reach children and their families through their children's outreach ministry in the community El Rancho Viejo. At Christmas, they shared the message of Christ birth, songs, games, gifts, and tostadas.

***Scott and Darla Griffin (Homeless No More)** report five souls came to Christ in December and four in January. There were sixty in attendance for the Christmas service.

***Antioch Baptist Church Planters** report they are assisting church planter Heath Van Zandt in Rhome, TX. They have been passing out copies of John and Romans in the area as they go out soulwinning and visitation. They assist in the services wherever needed.

***Leslie and Alba Priday (Honduras)** request prayer for healing for Alba. The Priday's request prayer for the church as they rebuild their attendance from the difficulties Covid has caused.

***Ron and Kathy Valerio (Dominican Republic)** please be in prayer for Kathy as she continues to recover from a stroke in December. She was hospitalized for fifteen days. Bro. Ron had a coronary stent placement in February. Bro. Ron is feeling better.

***John and Neila Yelle (Brazil)** report that two souls came to Christ in November. The Christmas service was well attended with fifty-one present. The Yelle's daughter Leila will be getting married April 10, 2022.

***J.D. and Vanessa Young (Honduras)** report that they assisted with a medical mission team from Haslet, TX in November. The Young's report that several came to Christ during the medical team's visit. The Young's request prayer for wisdom as they decide where to begin a mission work.

***Bill and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** report that the church in Caracarai called Pastor Francisco Eloia as their new pastor. His wife, Gecelita, grew up in the church when Bro. Bill and Sharon started the church.

***Breze and Chantal Serugamba (Malawi)** request prayer for the people in Malawi to hear and receive the Gospel, for their ministry, and their Visa situation.

***True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** continue their ministry in assisting interior churches with their church building construction. Bro. True is providing Spanish tracts to assist a Brazilian pastor attempting to reach a new tribe upriver that has not been reached before. The Bible institutes that have been started from graduates of the Bible Institute in Manaus continue to grow and train men and women for the ministry. The Bible institute in Manaus has 26 students attending this semester.

***Harold and Lena Priday (Honduras)** report a family living next door to the church was recently saved and is coming faithfully. The Priday's rejoice in the near completion of the new church building, Iglesia Bautista Gracia.