

On the Wings of Prayer

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

Recently Approved IBFI Missionaries

Tyler Yates – Church Planting Missionary to Yucatan, Mexico
2021 Graduate of the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary
Son of Earl and Yolanda Yates, missionaries to Mexico

Pastor Javier Garza of Iglesia Bautista Neuvos Horizontes in Fort Worth, Texas writes, “It is with great pleasure that I recommend Bother Tyler Yates to you. He is a hard worker, he loves the Lord and loves the lost. I’ve no doubt in his calling. Our church, our family, and I am proud of the work the Lord has done through him and look forward to supporting him as his sending church and seeing how God continues to use him for His glory!”

Chad Fitts - Church Planter
2016 Graduate of the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary

Pastor Cody Samford of Victory Baptist Church writes, “I would like to recommend Brother Chad Fitts and his family. I have personally known Chad for over 16 years and he is a man of faith and character. The church unanimously voted to send our Brother Chad Fitts and his family as a church plant out of the Victory Baptist Church in Kerrville, Texas to Northlake, Texas under the name of Arise Baptist Church. We will be working with Brother Chad very closely as his sending church to help navigate and facilitate any needs that the new church might have. We appreciate the opportunity to be able to work together with the IBFI to see the Lord do great and mighty things through new church plants in the metroplex area. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions. May the Lord continue to do great and mighty things through called men and women!”

We had a Great Missionary Seminar

24 were present for our annual IBFI Missionary Seminar. Valuable wisdom was imparted during our sessions. There was also great fellowship and delicious food. We were encouraged by our time together.

A Faithful Servant of the Lord has been a special blessing to our Missionaries

ARTHUR BARNES HOUK

The world first laid eyes on Arthur Barnes Houk on July 24, 1929. Born in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, he grew to adulthood there. In the summer of 1946 as a Merchant Marine seaman, he signed on with the crew of the Villanova Victory to deliver cattle to Greece for Hefer International. Because of the danger of mines in the Mediterranean Sea left from World War II, he was considered a veteran of the war. After graduating from Doylestown High School in 1947, he enrolled in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles (now Biola University) at the behest of his cousin Chuck. Bible was not his real interest; it was the allure of Southern California. However, shortly after becoming a student he put his faith in Jesus Christ for his eternal salvation. Several years later he graduated with a Bachelors degree and a new wife. On December 22, 1950 Arthur married Shirley Chambers, a Biola graduate from Ohio. They were a couple until she passed away November, 2016. After graduation in 1952 he became the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Clarkston, Washington. For more than six decades he pastored churches from Southern California to Alaska and from Miami to New York City, and points in between.

After serving for almost fifteen years as the pastor of Arden Faith Baptist Church in Colville, he retired at the age of 91, and moved to Brooklyn to live with one of his daughters. In addition to his regular church ministries, he preached in the Stevens County jail several times a week, gave a five-minute Gospel message Monday through Saturday on Radio Station WCZL, and sent frequent letters-to-the-editor of local newspapers.

Arthur is survived by his five children: Ruth Christopher (Stephen), Brooklyn, NY; David Houk (Cathy), Tempe, AZ; Deborah Clary (Glenn), Lynchburg, VA; Daniel Houk, Palos Verdes Estates, CA, and Jonathan Houk (Christine), Marietta, GA. In addition, he has twelve grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Arthur loved the Lord and left generous gifts to many Missionaries including IBFI Missionaries. His ministry to our Lord Jesus Christ continues today through these missionaries and the many lives of those he impacted with the Gospel.

***Leslie and Alba Priday (Honduras-Medical Leave)** request prayer for Alba. The doctor in Honduras found a mass in her abdomen. She has a history of cancer. They returned to the States, so Alba can receive treatment from her oncologist.

***Chad and Tara Fitts (Church Planters - Northlake, TX)** request prayer for Bro. Chad as he is recovering from extensive burns. He had surgery to repair skin damage. He is receiving physical therapy to help facilitate his recovery.

***Melissa Houston (Rio Grande Valley)** has begun a ministry with the teen girls called "Young Ladies Encountering Jesus." Melissa request your prayers for wisdom as she ministers to these young ladies. The Children's Day was a success with lots of fun activities for the children. The Lord has lead Melissa to begin a Children's Ministry Training Seminar. If you would like her to come and train your children's workers in this important ministry, you can contact her. melijoyh@yahoo.com

***J.D. and Vanessa Young (Honduras)** the Young's are thankful for your prayers as they serve and minister in Honduras. They have been serving in churches with veteran missionaries. They are praying for God's direction on where to begin a church.

***Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** request prayer for their summer activities which include: a men's campout, VBS, the Navajo Nation Rodeo Revival, youth camp, and upcoming building projects.

***True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** have several Bible institutes that have been birthed out of the Brazil Indian Bible Institute in Manaus, Brazil. At a recent youth meeting, there were 182 youth present. The church construction projects go forwarded. The Hawkins' diligently assist the national pastors and their ministry needs. This past April, the mission meeting was well attended with almost 200 present in Manaus.

***John and Neila Yelle (Brazil)** report that Neila spoke at the church for a ladies' tea with a good attendance of ladies. The Yelle's returned safely to Brazil after coming stateside for their daughter and son-in-law's wedding.

***Daniel and Michelle Jones (Rio Grande Valley/Mexico)** report they are averaging 90 in Sunday School. They have recently had ten people come to Christ. The remodeling project is going well at the church building. The Lord provided a building with an acre of land.

***Scott and Darla Griffin (Homeless No More)** report in three months, their have been 16 come to Christ and 3 baptisms. The Griffins' request prayer concerning their need of a church van.

***Harold and Lena Priday (Honduras)** report Lena has recovered well from a fractured vertebra in her back. The Priday's rejoice that their son Nathan was not badly hurt in a recent car accident.

***Darrain and Mari Coker (Mexico)** report the construction is progressing well on the church building. The church recently celebrated it's ninth anniversary.

***Antioch Baptist Church Planters (ABCP)** are assisting Pastor Heath Van Zandt in Rhome, TX with the new church plant there. Door to door visitation has brought some visitors to the church. Some of the church members are beginning to get more involved. Bro. Jacob Luman is assisting Bro. Chad Fitts with his new church plant, Arise Baptist Church, in Northlake, TX.

***Larry and Regina McKinney (N. America Indians)** request prayer for their VBS and children's ministries. Visiting church work teams have been a blessing as they ministry to those on the Warm Springs Reservation.