

On the Wings of Prayer

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

Jerry Wayne Moore
March 15, 1942 – March 9, 2023

On March 17th, I received a call that Bro. Jerry Moore had gone home to Glory. Early in his ministry, Jerry started the Moore Baptist Temple in Moore, Ok. When Jerry and Marsha served as missionaries to Brazil, they lived in Benevides where Shirley and I lived; and where we started our last church as missionaries. When we were young missionaries on deputation, Jerry invited us to his Mission Conference at the Crossroads Baptist Church in Duncan, Oklahoma. Jerry planted this church when he came back from Brazil. Jerry served as the IBFI Mission Director from 1990 to 1998. Not long ago, Jerry invited me to preach his September 2021 Mission Conference at the Harvest Hills Baptist Church in Duncan. Retiring shortly afterwards, Jerry and Marsha remained special friends to us and our ministry.

After I received that call, I couldn't help but think of Hebrews 12:1 and that great cloud of witnesses - knowing that its number had just increased again. I had to ask “Lord, with all of the glories in their presence, **why are they watching us run our race?**” I now have four reasons to give you.

- They Love Us! Love doesn't stop at the grave. We still love them and they still love us.
- They Care for Us! Knowing what they now know, they watch to encourage us to do more.
- They are Interested in Us! We are an extension of their ministry. They labored and we have entered into their labors.
- They See Jesus Watching Us! They are doing what Jesus is doing. There must be a lesson here.

Because they are watching:...

- I want to do right
- I want to finish well
- I want to preach Christ
- I want to look unto Jesus

John Peebles
IBFI Mission Director
Psalm 16:11

***Larry & Regina McKinney (N.A. Indians)** request prayer as they begin furlough soon. The McKinney's rejoice that nine came to Christ in the past few months. The church van is needing some engine work done. Bro. McKinney requests prayer for his brother who is having health problems and his niece who is battling cancer. The McKinney's will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in July.

***Leslie Priday (Honduras)** appreciates your prayers as he leads the church in Honduras. The Lord has blessed with visitors. Bro. Leslie is expecting a new grandson in June.

***Antioch Baptist Church Planters** report that Gage Doty (Zack & Charish's son) trusted Christ as his Savior! Bro Jacob & Lindy Luman family continue to work with church planters Bro. Chad & Tara Fitts at Arise Baptist Church in Northlake, TX. This new church needs a permanent meeting place. Presently, they are meeting in a member's home for services.

***J.D. and Vanessa Young (Spain)** Please pray for the Young's as they are on furlough to raise support to go to Spain.

***Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** report the recent seminar on using your spiritual gifts was well attended with 125 present. The Haynes' rejoice in how God has provided a newer truck for the ministry work.

***Bill and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** request prayer for some ongoing health needs. The 4th Ladies Conference was well attended with over 116 in attendance.

***Daniel and Michelle Jones (Rio Grande Valley/Mexico)** report they are in their new church building! There was a record attendance in Sunday School on Friend's Day with 148 present. Please continue to pray for Michelle who has ongoing health needs.

***True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** report 57 campers attended this year's youth camp. An outdoor boat motor was purchased for a Brazilian missionary who ministers in the villages along the river. Seven souls came to Christ at a recent conference. The Bible Institute is re-suming classes for a new semester. New students are coming to prepare for the ministry.

***Tyler Yates (Mexico)** has been traveling to many churches raising support for his ministry on the Yucatan Peninsula. Bro. Tyler reports he has a little over 50% of his support raised. On his recent mission trip to Mexico, Bro. Tyler was able to be a blessing to a man in need by providing a wheelchair and a Bible.

***Jeremy and Joneia Bennett (Brazil)** request prayer for Jeremy as he studies and learns the Portuguese language. The Bennett's report the Teen Day Camp had twenty-four teens in attendance. The fence project around the property is going well and is nearing completion.

***Melissa Houston (Rio Grande Valley)** reports the new church building is a blessing! Melissa is teaching children and youth workers to serve in these ministries.

***Heath & Caryssa Van Zandt (Church Planter-Rhome)** Antioch Baptist Church in Rhome, TX, now has a permanent location. The church now has its own building and 7.6 acres. The building has several repairs that need to be done. The Van Zandt's are rejoicing in how God is providing for His work.