

On the Wings of Prayer

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Psalm 63:7

“Lay Up for Yourselves Treasures in Heaven”

Matthew 6:20

Sometimes the homegoing of a few faithful old saints results in a noticeable dip in the level of a church's missions giving. It seems that they were laying up treasures in Heaven at a very high level and their absence is felt. You don't have to be old to lay up treasures in Heaven. The penman of Hebrews 10:34-35 remembers the gifts joyfully given to his ministry in the past and then encourages the givers to keep it up! In the next chapter, he tells of how Moses esteemed “the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt, for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.”

We will do well if we live our lives in the light of eternity! Our attitude towards giving to Christ's work is a strong indication of how we are doing. Matthew 6:22-23 gives us a simple test. Has anyone ever given you a gift with a twinkle in their eye? Do you give to God with a twinkle in your eye? What puts the twinkle in your eye?

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***Harold & Lena Priday (Honduras)** Lena Priday went home to be with the Lord on October 5, 2023. She had a recent fall that caused a brain injury.

***True & Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** continue to assist churches with their construction needs. The Lord's work continues to grow and multiply through Brazilian national pastors. The Hawkins' continue to train and assist these pastors, so they can reach their own people.

***Mark & Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** report that Vacation Bible School had an average of 110 in attendance. Thirteen came to Christ. Youth camp had 153 campers registered with seven coming to Christ. Ganado Baptist Bible College has 24 students.

***Jared & Elizabeth Blair (Norway)** are on deputation raising support. Please pray that they can raise their support quickly and for travel mercies.

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***Ted & Karin Johnson (Mexico-retired)** Bro. Ted Johnson has had some unexpected medical expenses with his recent hospital stay for difficulty with swallowing and high blood pressure. Ted is unable to walk at this time. He is receiving physical therapy. Please pray he can regain his strength.

***Jeremy & Joneia Bennett (Brazil)** report several visitors have attended the church these past few months. Their home renovation is nearing completion. The Bennett's request prayer for David and Thayani's salvation.

***Bill & Sharon Smith (Brazil)** celebrated 52 years as missionaries to Brazil and 53 years of marriage. There was a special service at church to commemorate their many years of faithful service. There were about 85 people who came.

***Larry & Regina McKinney (N.A. Indians)** have been doing a lot of traveling on their furlough. They have visited many of their supporting churches. The McKinney's recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

***Scott & Darla Griffin (Homeless No More)** report 7 individuals going out soulwinning every Saturday with the Griffins. The Lord has blessed with many coming to Christ and 13 baptized. The Griffin's are in the process of planting a new church on the eastside of Fort Worth.

***Heath & Caryssa Van Zandt (Church Planter-Rhome)** had a grand opening service in their new church building on August 20th. The Van Zandt's rejoice in the six individuals who have trusted Christ in their ministry. Please pray for their children who have ongoing health needs.

***Tyler Yates (Mexico)** has reached 75% of his needed support. On Bro. Tyler last trip to Mexico, he was able to preach in some remote villages. Also, he had the opportunity to help and teach at a teen camp; as well as, preach on a radio station.

***Leslie Priday (Honduras)** reports a medical team from Heritage Baptist Church in Haslet, TX saw 631 people with medical needs. Each person was witnessed to and 103 people received Christ! Congratulations, Bro. Leslie, on the birth of your new grandson, Judah.

***Darrain & Mari Coker (Mexico)** celebrated the church's 10th anniversary. Dr. Weaver preached for this special celebration. The Bible club outreach continues to move forward with teaching God's Word to the children and their families. The new church building is nearing completion.

***Breze & Chantal Serugamba (Malawi)** request prayer for their son Micah and his upcoming surgery. The Serugamba's are excited about a Bible Seminary opening in Zimbabwe. Some men who trusted Christ as their Savior, when Breze presented the Gospel to them in Malawi, are making plans to attend the Bible seminary.

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***John & Neila Yelle (Brazil)** reported that 15 couples participated in their Valentine’s dinner (celebrated in June). In July, the church had a Friend’s Day Soup Night. There was a great turn-out of 54 people in attendance. In August, Father’s Day had 45 present for the church services. In recent days, two have come to faith in Christ.

***J.D. & Vanessa Young (Spain)** Please pray for “open doors” and more laborers to assist them. The Young’s have rented a building to begin a church plant in the city of Cartagena.

***Tony & Melissa Roa (ABCP)** continue to minister where needed. Recently, they have served at churches in Rhome and Roanoke. Bro. Roa has filled the pulpit and led singing where needed.

***Zack & Charish Doty (ABCP)** have been traveling to several churches to share their ministry goals. Bro. Doty has had the opportunity to fill the pulpit in several churches. The Doty’s assisted with much of the remodeling at Antioch Baptist Church in Rhome, TX.

***Melissa Houston (Rio Grande Valley)** had an opportunity to go on a mission trip to Uganda, Africa. She passed out tracts and witness, as well as, taught children’s Bible classes. Please pray God would use the “seeds” of the Gospel that were planted in the hearts of the Uganda people.

***Daniel & Michelle Jones (Rio Grande Valley/Mexico)** report 5 have come to Christ recently. The church is averaging 90 in attendance. There was a good turn-out for Vacation Bible School with over 100 in attendance. The Jones’ have had some battles with their health. They appreciate your prayers concerning these needs.