

# On the Wings of Prayer

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

## **Lena Priday**

(October 15, 1942 — October 5, 2023)

On the morning of October 5th, 2023, Lena Sue Duncan entered the presence of the Lord. She had been recently hospitalized in Siguatepeque, Honduras.

Lena was born to Edgar and Nora Duncan on October 15th, 1942 in Redmond, Oregon. She became a follower of Christ as a child. Harold and Lena were married for 62 years. She served alongside her husband as missionaries in Honduras for 50 years. She devoted her life to serving local churches, developing children's ministries, training teachers, and teaching hundreds of children.

Lena is preceded in death by her parents, her siblings - Floy, Virginia, Leroy, Carol - and her daughter-in-law Alba. She is survived by her husband Harold, her children Leslie, David and Litza, Melissa, Nathan and Eliza; her grandchildren Zadick, Halbert, Edgar, Lenis, Asael, Adriana, Noemi; and great-grandchildren Aly, Samantha and Judah; as well as, her siblings Glen, Harold, Sharon and Harvey along with her nieces and nephews.

Lena loved hosting and cooking for family gatherings. She delighted in sunflowers, orchids and roses. Lena devoted herself to a life of diligent service to her Savior from her youth and in her beloved Honduras - where she yearned to finish her race and be buried. God was pleased in answering that prayer with a long, fruitful race. Certainly, Lena was welcomed to the presence of Christ with, “Well done, good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

Harold and Lena Priday have been IBFI missionaries to Honduras since 1984.

\***Breze and Chantal Serugamba (Malawi)** request prayer for a mission trip to Malawi in March 2024. Please pray for “open doors” to share the Gospel and to encourage spiritual growth in those who have already trusted Christ.

\***Mark & Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** recently baptized three teenagers. They are faithfully attending services and are growing in their walk with the Lord! The Ganado Baptist Bible College are training men and women for the ministry. Plans are being made to build dorms for the college.

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\***Scott & Darla Griffin (Homeless No More)** report that 27 homeless people have come to Christ in the last three months. Eight have been baptized. The church has seen an increase to 50 in attendance on Sunday morning. The Griffin's request prayer for some health needs they have.

\***Jeremy & Joneia Bennett (Brazil)** home renovation is progressing, but due to heavy rainfall is causing delay in its completion. Bro. Jeremy is making good progress in his language studies. The Bennett's are beginning a discipleship program. They will start off discipling a younger couple in the church.

\***Leslie Priday (Honduras)** reports he has recently finished teaching the book of Colossians and has started the book of Hebrews in the mission work. Bro. Leslie request prayer for souls to come to Christ and spiritual growth in the lives of the congregation.

\***Jared & Elizabeth Blair (Norway)** report they have been in several churches while on deputation. They have been well received, as they share their burden for the people of Norway. Their survey mission trip to Norway is planned for January 2024.

\***John & Neila Yelle (Brazil)** are seeing souls come to Christ and following the Lord in baptism. The Children's Day activities were well attended with fifty-six children. The churches first couples retreat had seven couples participating.

\***J.D. & Vanessa Young (Spain)** have rented a building to begin their new mission work. They have been busy distributing Gospel tracts and remodeling the storefront. The Young's request prayer for this new church plant.

\***Tony & Melissa Roa (Antioch Baptist Church Planters)** Bro. Tony has filled the pulpit for churches in Cottondale, Roanoke, and Allen, Texas. The Roa's request prayer for a meeting place in Benbrook, Texas to assist a new church plant with Worth Baptist Church.

\***Larry & Regina McKinney (N.A. Indians)** recently completed their furlough and are back in Washington State where they minister to the Native American Indians.

\***Bill & Sharon Smith (Brazil)** The Smith's attended the anniversary service of a church in Caracarai that the Smith's started in 1978. There were 150 present on Saturday evening for a special service. Several of those who attended have been present since the beginning of the church and continue to remain faithful!

\***Ron & Kathy Valerio (Medical Leave)** please be in prayer for the Valerio's ongoing health needs.

“It's not about the color of your skin, but the condition of your heart  
that matters.” Lena Priday