

# On the Wings of Prayer

“Because thou hast been my help, therefore in  
the Shadow of thy wings will I rejoice:”

## Someone

By Roberta Nowlin

Someone has to stand offstage  
to give the cue,  
to turn the page;  
and after the last bow is made,  
after the last accolade...  
to dim the light  
and draw  
the shade.

## Witnesses unto the uttermost part of the Earth

The call of God to preach the Gospel is made. Few are those that hear and obey. Fewer still are those who take the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the Earth. In 1957, Joe and Elaine Hawkins did. Up the Rio Negro from Manaus to remote areas of the vast Amazon jungle, they faithfully ministered; and God has richly blessed. God is still calling, and there are still unreached portions of the uttermost. I had the privilege to attend a celebration of the life of Elaine Hawkins. Out of the limelight, she made an incredible impact for Jesus Christ.

My Aunt Berta wrote a short poem about the ministry of those who may be unknown to most, but are necessary to the work and are well known and appreciated by God.

John Peoples  
IBFI Mission Director  
Psalm 16:11

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\***Ron & Kathy Valerio (Dominican Republic—Retired)** have served in the Dominican Republic for 25 years. The Valerio's have had a fruitful ministry. Due to their declining health, they have retired and will not be returning to the field.

\***Tyler and Mishel Yates (Yucatan Peninsula)** were married November 8, 2024. Bro. Tyler and Mishel led a young lady to Christ while out soul-winning. The Yates request prayer for a man named Don Godoy to trust Christ as Saviour.

\***J.D. and Vanessa Young (Spain)** request prayer as they remodel the church facilities. The Castellanos family from Honduras will soon begin helping in the services. This is an answer to prayer.

\***Jeremy and Joneia Bennett (Brazil)** report that Bro. Jeremy's Portuguese has improved considerably which makes preaching much easier. Bro. Jeremy is pastoring the congregation and is excited for the opportunity. Some of the church members have "stepped-up" to help serve in the church. Bro. Jeremy says, "Our church members are serving and thriving."

\***Daniel and Michelle Jones (Rio Grande Valley/Mexico)** report that 7 souls were saved and 8 baptized in the past three months! Iglesia Bautista Betesda in McAllen, TX are supporting 39 missionaries.

\***Daniel and Tammy Coates (Guatemala)** assisted a medical missions team from Heritage Baptist Church in Haslet, TX. There were 1744 people who received medical care. The Gospel was presented to each one with 700 professions of faith!

\***John and Neila Yelle (Brazil)** are currently traveling on furlough. The Yelle's request prayer for traveling mercies. On Children's Day at the Victory Baptist Church in Brazil, which the Yelle's planted, had thirty-five children present.

\***Bill and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** request prayer for a young lady who goes to one of the churches the Smith's started. She had a motorcycle accident. Her wrist was broken and kneecap. Also, she had a cut above her eye that required stitches. While she was healing from the accident, her appendix ruptured; that resulted in an appendectomy.

\***Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** have served 28 years in the Navajo Nation. The Haynes' rejoice in the many souls that have come to Christ in 2024. Ganado Baptist Church members have committed to give over \$100,000 to missions in 2025.

\***Jared and Elizabeth Blair (Norway)** report that deputation is going well. The Blair's report they have been blessed by the hospitality of the churches they have visited. They request your prayers as they figure out the visa situation in Norway.

\***Zack and Charish Doty (Antioch Baptist Church Planters)** Bro. Zack has had the opportunity to fill the pulpit at several churches and preach two mission conferences. The Doty's request prayer concerning some family health needs.

\***Leslie Priday (Honduras)** reports assisting a medical team from Heritage Baptist Church in Haslet, TX, Pastor Eric Crawford. There were 715 patients seen and 35 accepted Christ as their Savior.

\***Breze and Chantal Serugamba (Malawi)** request prayer as preparations are being made to preach in a refugee camp in Malawi. Please pray that many souls will come to Christ!

\***Scott and Darla Griffin (Homeless No More)** report 67 souls have trusted Christ in 2024 through Homeless No More ministry! Also, 17 believers were baptized. The average attendance on Sunday is 45. Please continue to pray for Griffin's health needs.