

On the Wings of Prayer

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

A Thankful Heart

In Luke Chapter 1, it is interesting to see how contrasting situations between Elisabeth and Mary resulted in the same results of joy and thanks to God. Elisabeth, who was called barren, rejoiced in that God had promised to remove her “reproach among men”; while Mary rejoiced in God’s promise to put her into a position of reproach by conceiving of the Holy Ghost while being a virgin and espoused but not fully married. The key to this happiness is in believing God’s promises and trusting His goodness. We sometimes find that our circumstances are difficult, and we cannot understand why. If we have a relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ and obediently follow His leading, we can trust that whatever our situation may be; God will get us through it and at the end of it all, our eternal reward will be much greater than the brief afflictions of our present situation. And we will say with Mary, “My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.”

¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; ¹⁸ While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Cor 4:17-18

John Peeples
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Psalm 16:11

October – November 2025

*True & Diana Hawkins (Brazil) are involved in helping several Bible Institutes with their building needs. Bibles and literature have been purchased for distribution for the national missionaries’ ministries. The annual youth retreat this past September had over sixty in attendance.

*Mark & Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation) report over three hundred came to the Navajoland Baptist Revival each night. Six people came to Christ. Ganado Baptist Bible College has begun its fourteenth year. There are twenty-six students enrolled.

*Jeremy & Joneia Bennett (Brazil) request prayer for the members (in particular the men) of Igreja Batista Victoria to be courageous in their stand for Christ. The Bennetts also request prayer for their discipleship program.

* John & Neila Yelle (Brazil) returned to Brazil on September 3rd. They are glad to be back in Brazil and their ministry to the Brazilian people. While on furlough, the Yelle's visited sixty-one of their supporting churches.

*Darrain & Mari Coker (Mexico) celebrated the church planting work's twelfth anniversary in San Miguel de Allende. This past summer, some members of Worth Baptist Church assisted in three Bible clubs and soul winning outreach. On the following Sunday, there were a total of eight trusting in Christ as Saviour.

*Tyler & Mishel Yates (Mexico) hosted their first teen camp. The Yates have moved to begin their ministry in Felipe Carrillo Puerto. Please pray for Bro. Yates as he begins a ministry to reach addicts with the Gospel.

*Scott & Darla Griffin (Homeless No More) report that during this past summer at the Homeless No More Church, thirty-seven have come to Christ and ten were baptized. At the Homeless No More Church Eastside, fifteen have been saved.

*Bill & Sharon Smith (Brazil) report thirteen were in attendance at the Pastor's breakfast. In October, the Bible Baptist Church in Caracarai celebrated their forty-seventh anniversary. The Smith's began the church forty-seven years ago.

*Daniel & Michelle Jones (Rio Grande Valley/Mexico) report that their average Sunday School attendance over the past three months has reached One Hundred and three with eighteen saved and two baptized! The summer VBS had a recorded attendance of one hundred forty-eight with eight children coming to Christ.

*Leslie Priday (Honduras) has been on a short furlough since September to report to his supporting churches. He will return to Honduras November 15th. Bro. Leslie request your prayers for souls to be saved, believers baptized and disciplined to serve the Lord.

Happy Thanksgiving!