

On the Wings of Prayer

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

March/April 2021

IBFI Church Planters

Heath and Caryssa Van Zandt are our newest approved IBFI Church Planters. The Van Zandt's have one daughter, Salem. Bro. Heath is finishing his last semester at Norris Bible Baptist Seminary and feels called to plant a church in Rhome, Texas. He will be graduating in May with a B.A. in Bible Studies. Bro. Heath has been on staff at Santa Fe Baptist Church since March of 2018. Pastor Tony Thomas writes, “Brother Heath has done a great job teaching our young people and helping them have a greater knowledge and understanding of the Word of God. During his time with us, he has preached on a monthly basis, taught a discipleship class, preached at the nursing home, cleaned the building, maintained the church grounds, active on door-to-door visitation, and anything he has been asked to do.”

Property searches are currently underway with plans to begin this summer. I encourage you to prayerfully consider your support for this ministry.

John Peeples
IBFI Mission Director

***J.D. and Vanessa Young (Honduras)** are attending language school at the Spanish Language Institute of Honduras. They are progressing well and are grateful for your prayers. The Young's are assisting in two mission works.

***True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** purchased three new outboard motors for national missionaries to access villages in their river ministries. Several national pastors have passed away in recent months with the Covid-19. Please pray for the churches in Brazil that are now without a pastor; that God would raise up others to continue these works.

***Daniel and Tammy Coates (Guatemala)** report they now have six Bible students from their church. The Coates are having in-person services, as well as, providing services via Facebook Live.

***Antioch Baptist Church Planters (Roa's, Doty's, & Luman's)** are assisting Pastor Doug Ellis at Gospel Light Baptist Church in Roanoke, TX. They distributed 1,217 tracts in multiple neighborhoods and are assisting in the children and youth programs. Also, they are preparing to assist Bro. Heath Van Zandt in starting a church in Rhome, Texas in 2021.

***Heath and Caryssa Van Zandt (Rhome, Texas)** request prayer as they make survey trips to Rhome. They are seeking a location to begin a church. Please pray with them as they follow God's leadership.

***Leslie and Alba Priday (Honduras)** please continue to pray for Alba as she goes through Chemotherapy. She has completed seven treatments. Bro. Leslie continues to preach and teach his congregation in Honduras via Zoom.

***Larry and Regina McKinney (N.A. Indians)** joined with another Baptist church for a Valentine's banquet and had a great time. There were around 45-50 people in attendance. The McKinney's assisted several families with needed food, clothing, and furniture. Please pray for Regina who is having pain with her gallbladder.

***John and Neila Yelle (Brazil)** report that Joneia & Jeremy Bennett (daughter and son-in-law) came for a two month short term mission trip. They assisted in the church activities and services. The Yelle's are having in-person services, as well as, online.

***Darrain and Mari Coker (Mexico)** are in the process of a building project to construct a church on recently purchased property. The Coker's request prayer for the building project, winning souls to Christ, and discipleship of converts.

***Bill and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** Bro. Bill turned 72 in January. There was a party for him at church with 65 people attending. The Lord has blessed the Smith's ministry and faithfulness in Brazil. Please remember Pastor Luiz and family in prayer. His wife Rosa passed away with the Covid-19 in February.

***Daniel and Michelle Jones (Rio Grande Valley/Mexico)** the work in McAllen is averaging 94 and six souls saved recently. Michelle's health has improved and the Jones' give thanks for that! The Jones' request prayer as they seek to purchase property for a larger church building.

***Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** report a good attendance at the Ganado Baptist Bible College Discipleship Conference. A total attendance of near 70 each day. The church has reached out to the local senior citizens' home to provide personal items, Bibles, Christian literature, and gift cards to the residents and staff.

***Harold and Lena Priday (Honduras)** report the purchased lot has been cleared and leveled. They are working on the foundation and then the walls for the new church building. The Priday's report the salvation of five people they have led to the Lord recently! Please pray for these new converts.