

# On the Wings of Prayer

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

## Sing the Song of Thanks

The word *thanks* is first found in the Bible in 2 Sam 22:50. “*Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.*” It is near the end of a long evangelistic song of thanksgiving that David sang in the day that the LORD delivered him out of the hand of his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul. Yes, David was persecuted by both his enemies; and by some of his friends. God delivered him from both. In this song, David explains how God blessed him, why God blessed him, and how we can experience the same blessings. One of the many encouraging passages in this song is verses 31 – 33. These verses begin with “*As for God, his way is perfect*” and end with “*and he maketh my way perfect.*”

The last mention in the Bible of the word *thanks* is found in Revelation 11:17, “*Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.*”

The first mention is part of the history of Israel. God “*raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.*” The last is a promise of Bible prophesy. The day will surely come when “*the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*”

Everything that happens in-between is reason to give God thanks! We know how it all ends. Thank You LORD! In Christ, we are part of God’s eternal kingdom. Thank You LORD! We can spread the everlasting Gospel message and “*whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*” Thank You LORD! Whether you sing in the congregation, join the choir or sing a solo, lift up your voice! You are never too young or too old to sing the Song of Thanks to God.

*John Peeples, IBFI Mission Director*  
*Psalm 16:11*

November/December 2021

\***Jeremy and Joneia Bennett (Brazil)** have begun deputation and traveling. They ask for prayer as they travel and contact churches. They will need to schedule meetings and mission conferences to present their ministry.

\***Leslie and Alba Priday (Honduras)** report that Alba continues to be under doctor care, but has made improvements in her health. The Priday’s are planning to start a mission work in a nearby village of El Pacayal in December.

\***Larry and Regina McKinney (N.A. Indians)** report having a good attendance for VBS. A 17 year old young lady recently came to Christ. Please pray for her brother Thomas to receive Christ as well. The fall revival service had one lady, Margo, trust Christ. The McKinney's ask prayer for Pastor Louie who recently loss his wife, son, and brother-in-law. Pastor Louie is the pastor at Tacoma Indian BC in Tacoma, Washington. Bro. Larry and Regina planted this church several years ago.

\***J.D. and Vanessa Young (Honduras)** report they have been in Honduras one year this past September. Bro. J.D. has studied hard and has much progress in the Spanish language. Please pray for the Young's as they teach God's Word and serve in Honduras.

\***True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** report the Bible Institute continues to have day and evening classes with good attendance. The Hawkins are assisting with church construction projects and with outreach ministries in remote villages. The Youth Congress was well attended with 74 youth in attendance.

\***Antioch Baptist Church Planters** are assisting Pastor Heath Van Zandt and his wife Caryssa in establishing a church in Rhome, TX. They have secured a building to begin the Antioch Baptist Church. Their first service was September 26th. The grand opening will be in February 2022.

\***Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** report the VBS went well with good attendance and several receiving Christ! Many on the reservation have contracted the Covid-19. The Haynes' are dealing with some residual effects. Please pray for their complete recovery.

\***Harold and Lena Priday (Honduras)** had a special service in the new sanctuary at Iglesia Bautista Gracia. There were 45 in attendance. The Priday's are grateful to all who gave to make the new auditorium possible.

\***Bill and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** please pray for the Smith's health. Bro. Bill will be recovering from cataract surgery (Oct. 28th). Please be in prayer for Pastor Orlain and the church in Novo Airao as they have started a new congregation in a new location. This is a blessing to have a vision to multiple their ministry. The Bible Baptist Church in Caracari celebrated their 43rd anniversary with special services. It is a blessing for the Smith's to see their ministry continue strong after so many years!

\***Heath and Caryssa Van Zandt (Church Planter-Rhyme, TX)** received the approval to lease a building to hold church services in Rhyme. After lots of work and preparation the first service for the Antioch Baptist Church was held September 26th. The upcoming remodel project will add new classrooms and nursery.

\***Breze and Chantal Serugamba (Malawi)** request your prayers for "open doors". The need for United States visas to be granted, so the Serugamba's can raise needed support.