

On the Wings of Prayer

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

Lord Teach Us To Pray

For almost three years, the disciples had followed Jesus. Jesus had taught them daily and when they were alone, he would explain his teachings to those who were invested in Him. Their own testimony was "Lord, we have left all to follow thee." And still, after all this time, they were students in search of answers. In Luke 11:1, we read where one of the disciples was waiting while Jesus was praying. Maybe he was thinking; "How can I have power in prayer like Jesus?" When Jesus had finished praying, his request was "Lord teach us to pray." We too should desire to have a relationship with the Father that will result in answered prayer. And yet, our tendency is to use the power we have to promote our name, our life and our will.

Jesus answered the request with familiar words. He had taught them this from the beginning, and he would repeat it again. "When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread." He went on to encourage them that God will answer their prayers, but his introduction gets straight to the point of the greatest hindrance to prayer that we face. Prayer is not as much about getting our agenda accomplished as it is about God. Thy name... Thy kingdom...Thy will... When we come to God in prayer, this is the starting point.

Missions, like prayer, is all about living for God's purposes. Lord teach us to pray.

John Peeples, IBFI Mission Director

July 2012

Harold and Lena Priday (Honduras) Bro. Harold reports good recovery from his
cataract surgery and abdominal surgery. Recently they passed out 1000 tracts and 600
books of John and Romans. Lena lead one of the ladies in her Ladies' Class to the
Lord. The Priday's are making some needed repairs on the Sunday School building.

- Daniel and Michelle Jones (Mexico) report twelve new students. Due to the violence in Mexico, there will be a new institute opening forty miles from Bethesda Fundamental Baptist Church. This will enable these new students an opportunity to study near their homes. Bro. Danny reports that the institute students lead 148 people to Christ in May!
- **Daniel and Tammy Coates (Guatemala)** report good results from their Missions Conference. Eleven people surrendered their lives to the Lord for whatever ministry he has for each of them. Two new families have joined the church. One of these families has four teenage children who have come to Christ. Please pray for Tammy's fracture bone in her foot to heal quickly.
- Leslie and Alba Priday (Honduras) report the Lord's blessing and work in the teenagers lives that came to Youth Camp in April. There was an emphasis on Christian conduct for youth. The Priday's are seeing their people grow and work together in many areas of ministry.
- True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil) have experienced flooding in many areas where they minister. This is causing people to evacuate their homes. The Hawkins' report some of the Indians from remote tribes studying at the institute that do not have the Old Testament in their own native language. These men will go back to their villages and teach others what they have learned at the institute. There were forty-two baptized in four of the churches in Manaus in May.
- **Prayer requests:** The Coker's safety as they continue to minister in Mexico. The Haynes' as they begin construction on the new building in Ganado. The Hawkins' "turn over" project of training the nationals to take over more of the leadership in the Institutes and churches. Our missionaries as they train nationals to teach and train others. Please pray for our missionaries protection, their health, and their ministries.

The history of missions is a history of prayer. Everything vital to the success of the world's evangelization hinges on prayer. - John R. Mott