



On the Wings of Prayer

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w i l l I r e j o i c e : " P s a l m 6 3 : 7

They Had Been With Jesus

Acts 3 and 4 tells a remarkable story of Peter, John and the healing of a lame beggar who was daily brought to the Temple. While the people that witnessed this miracle were filled with wonder and amazement, the leaders of the Temple were grieved when they heard the disciples teaching them faith in Jesus Christ. After Peter and John were arrested and brought to the High Priest and his court, the story arrives at the great conclusion of all those at the hearing. This conclusion I have chosen as my title. "They had been with Jesus". This is the only explanation for the notable miracle that took place.

It all started almost 4 years earlier. As they were in the midst of a day's work as fishermen, Jesus walked by. When he called "Follow Me", they immediately left all and followed Jesus. Later when he chose them to be his disciples and prepare them for ministry, they continued daily with Him in his busy schedule, "and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples" (Mark 4:34). Without the commitment to be with Jesus, they could not be Christ's disciple. Do you daily spend time alone with Jesus? It is a special time for Jesus and it should be for us also.

When they faltered under trials, Jesus had already prayed for them, then sought them and brought them back to him (Luke 22:32; Mark 16:7). He also cares for you and will never leave you or forsake you!

When He empowered them, they turned the world upside down with the Gospel of Christ. I fear that our greatest temptation that will lead us to failure is to attempt to do the work of God in our own power. Peter's testimony to the lame man before he was healed was this "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee".

Will it be said of us by those who examine our ministry "They have been with Jesus"?

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. - John 15:5
John Peeples, IBFI Mission Director

- **Ron & Kathy Valerio (Dominican Republic)** report a recent visit from Faith Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights, MI. Over one thousand gospel tracts were past out. One of the men from Faith lead a Dominican man to the Lord. The Word of God changes lives wherever it is shared.
- **Daniel and Tammy Coates (Guatemala)** report a good turn out for their first annual Family Conference. They had a national pastor preach. There were six saved during the conference. The Coates' report having the opportunity to go into eight public schools to share the gospel with the children. There were over 1,400 children that heard the good news of salvation. Many put their trust in Christ! They have been granted permission to go into fourteen additional schools. Please pray that the Coates will have funds to purchase additional John & Roman booklets and treats for thousands of students.
- **Harold and Lena Priday (Honduras)** report a visit from Heritage Baptist Church in Haslet, TX. A new auditorium was built with lights, fans, and windows installed. The group was also able to pass out tracts and share the gospel in some schools. The Priday's continue to reach the children in a local school where they share the gospel of Christ.
- **True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** The Hawkins' report eight students finishing the semester at the Institute in Manaus. The Hawkins' continue to train and encourage the national pastors and missionaries in the remote areas. They will be traveling to conduct a Pastor and Leadership Conference for about sixty in the near future.
- **Daniel and Michelle Jones (Rio Grande Valley/Mexico)** report beginning a new institute in McAllen, TX with their first two students. The Jones' report the youth camp in Mexico was well attended with 135 youth present. Three were saved and four were baptized. VBS in McAllen was well attended with an average of sixty. There were fifteen adults who worked in the VBS.
- **Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** report God blessed their VBS at Chambers Baptist Church with fourteen being saved. A second VBS was held at Window Rock where eighteen came to Christ for salvation. The VBS at the Ganado Baptist Church had a high attendance of 162 with thirty-six saved!

“For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.” - 1 Corinthians 16:9