

On the Wings of Prayer

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

Ted Wayne Johnson

January 17, 1952 – December 8, 2025

Born in San Antonio, Ted was raised in Monterrey, Chihuahua, and Torreon Mexico where he learned the ministry from his parents, Missionaries Sydney and Dorothy Johnson. Ted married Karin Goza in 1974. They served as missionaries to Mexico beginning in May of 1977. Ted started churches and mission works. He worked with camps, retreats, and Bible institutes in locations across northern Mexico until suffering a stroke in his home in Torreon in February, 2007. Having known Ted since the early 1980's, one thing that was evident to me is that Ted had a calling. Ted served the Lord with a certainty that God wanted him to do His work. God chose Ted to perform many soul winning and church planting works over the many years of his ministry. In the last years, as Ted worked to recover his health, he had plans to return to Mexico or to be fruitful where he was. Ted never quit, he never gave up, Ted was faithful.

Ted is survived by his wife, Karin; daughter, Rachel Ayala of San Antonio; son Joel and wife Karina of Chihuahua, Mexico; grandson, Yadid Ayala of San Antonio and Sister Marilyn Chavez of San Antonio. Ted was proceeded in death by his parents Sydney and Dorothy Johnson and his son Steven Johnson. Ted would want you to know, “To get ready, Jesus is coming soon!”
John Peebles IBFI Mission Director Psalm 16:11

January – February 2026

*Melissa Houston (Rio Grande Valley) reports some highlights over this past year. The VBS had an attendance of over 120. Eight were saved. Recently, fourteen went out on visitation. There were four individuals who put their faith in Christ. The International Mission Conference and dinner were well attended. The church added four new missionary families to support.

*Larry & Regina McKinney (N.A. Indians) report a young lady named Freda has a burden to reach her family with the Gospel. Since Freda has begun praying for her lost love ones, two have come to Christ! Recently, the McKinney's were given a van for church use by Hillcrest Baptist Church in Kaufman, TX. Bro. Larry's sister passed away in January. Please be in prayer for the family.

* Danny & Michelle Jones (Rio Grande Valley/Mexico) report they have recently averaged 110 in Sunday School, ten saved, two baptized, and two more joined the church. The Jones' request ongoing prayer for Michelle's health needs.

* Leslie Priday (Honduras) reports the church recently started a discipleship program and has four young men attending. Bro. Leslie requests prayer the church outreach and visitation program and more families would be reached with the Gospel.

*Tyler & Mishel Yates (Mexico) report they have begun an outreach ministry to those with addictions. From the addiction program, the Yates have seen four souls come to Christ. Please pray for these new converts as they grow in their faith.

*Bill & Sharon Smith (Brazil) report that the Bible Baptist Church in Carana celebrated their 25th anniversary. The Smiths started this work in 2000. Pastor Paulo is still the pastor since the beginning. There were 75 in attendance on Saturday night and 50 on Sunday night.

*John & Neila Yelle (Brazil) report there were thirty-five children who attended the special services for Children's Day in October and seventeen workers. The Yelle's request prayer for their ongoing construction projects: camp facilities, guest apartment, and horse stables.

*Mark & Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation) report twelve have been baptized in 2025 at Ganado Baptist Church. VBS had twelve saved and a high attendance of 110. The mission conference had a commitment of over \$100,000 to world missions for 2026.

*True & Diana Hawkins (Brazil) report there were six graduates this past semester at the Brazil Indian Bible Institute in Manaus. Bro. True is assisting in many construction projects for national Brazilian pastors and missionaries (church buildings and Bible institutes).

*Darrain & Mari Coker (Mexico) rejoice in the recent four-day Mission Conference. The congregation made their faith promise commitment. Bro. Darrain writes, "We rejoice in the Lord for this step of faith." Three came to Christ as Saviour on soul winning visitation.

*Harold Priday (Honduras) request prayer for the medical team that Bro. Harold will be helping in January. The Lord blessed the Christmas program with attendance and church members participation.

*Jared & Elizabeth Blair (Norway) request prayer for traveling mercies and ministry opportunities as they travel on deputation.