

***"How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings."
Psalms 36:7 (ESV)***



Prayer Group on Whatsapp

We have opened a group on Whatsapp to update people on prayer requests for our ministry. If you would like to join, **you will need to download the app "Whatsapp" on your smart phone and register your phone number to join.** You can then contact me at +529631449072 to be added to the group. If you gave me your number during a visit to your church but have not downloaded the app, I can't add you. Please download the app and let me know so that I can add you to the group.

Home Again

We are home again in Comitán after a whirlwind trip to visit our home churches. Thank you all so much for all the energy, spirit and love that you poured into us while we were with you. We are so used to expending ourselves for others and it is so refreshing when we feel you pour into us. We love you all dearly and pray for you as the Lord brings you to mind. May the Lord cover you with the shadow of His wings, protect you and bless you as you continue to abide in Him!

The Journey and the Spiritual Battle

Our Journey group continues in spite of strong spiritual opposition. Over the past 7 weeks we have had many attacks against our leaders or participants but the Lord is faithful and has overcome many of the obstructions and broken through into the group's stories in mighty ways. Please continue to pray for this arm of our ministry. We have two more weeks with this group and more healing to experience. Pray that the Lord continue to fight the battles and that we (leaders and participants) would put on the full armor of God and be able to stand against attacks and do the work that the Lord has called us to do.

Prayer Request

One of our Journey participants is facing brain surgery. She found out May 24th that she has Arnold Chiari Syndrome. Pray for her as she walks through this dark valley, pray that the Lord provides that financing for the surgery and wisdom to know if she should go to Argentina or Spain for the surgery. Pray for her complete healing.

In the Shadow of His Wings

“But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in His wings...” Malachi 4:2 (ESV)

“And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment...” Matthew 9:20 (ESV)

**“...and they implored Him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment. And as many touched it were made well.”
Matthew 14:36 (ESV)**



In my reading through Matthew, I have been pondering the verses in chapters 9 and 14 about the people's reaching out to touch Jesus' garment and thought I would share some of what I have found out.

It may seem odd that I have used these particular verses together here. But in Hebrew, the word Kanaph (H3671) can mean corner, wing, or end. The tassels (H6734) on the prayer shawl (Numbers 15:37-41) is a wing-like projection that represent God's protection and they are also considered to be on the wings (corners) of the shawl.

Jews who knew their scriptures were familiar with the verse from Malachi. If they believed Jesus was the “sun of righteousness,” they believed that there would be healing in His “wings.” When they reached out in faith to touch the fringe of His garment, it was an act of faith that God would heal them. That touch was a declaration of their faith in who Jesus was.

It is also interesting, and I am investigating further into it, that in Ezekiel 16:8, God as the bridegroom covers the bride with the wing of his garment and that in Ruth 3:9, that Ruth asks Boaz to “spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer.”

I love the picture of God's protection and healing for us – hiding in the shadow of His wings. I picture myself hiding in His arms with His shawl wrapped around me like a little child or a bride – holding and protecting me from all that happens around me.

Psalms 63:7, Psalms 91:4, Psalms 57:1, and Psalms 17:8

Singing for joy beneath the shadow of His wings,

Tom and Nancy Rach