

THE RHOADES

MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

“All my friends are but one,
but He is all sufficient.”
- William Carey

October 2013

Dear Pastors, Supporting Churches and Praying Friends,

The month of October has been a blessing! The Lord has continued to provide safety on the 5,173 miles of traveling. We have been in 7 different states, a part of 5 missions conferences, and preached in 4 other churches.

Our family was blessed to travel to Oak Knoll Baptist Church and enjoy the missions conference with Pastor Miller. We thoroughly enjoyed their hospitality and generosity to us! I was in need of some suits, and a gentleman at the church gave me 4 suits, 7 shirts, and a collection of tremendous ties! I was overwhelmed! Pastor Miller lives near an Amish community. It was the first time that Mrs. Vashtee got to see the Amish. It was a blessing to see the church's desire and heartbeat for missions!

We were given the privilege to go to our supporting church's missions conference in Chesapeake, Virginia, at Tidewater Baptist Church with Pastor Pearson. This meant a great deal to me. This is the same church where I was called to preach and surrendered for full-time Christian service. The Lord allowed me to cross paths with veteran missionary Gary Santino. He has spent 19 years in Romania planting churches. My family attended Tidewater when I was a child. We heard Brother Santino when he was starting out on deputation to go to Romania. What a blessing to cross paths with men that have been faithful on the mission field these many years! While we spent the week at Tidewater Baptist Church, their heart for missions and missionaries continually overwhelmed our family!

I went to Flint, Michigan, to present our ministry at Pastor Stallard's church called Fenton Road Baptist Church. Pastor Stallard opened his home for me to stay with his family. I was given the honor of staying in their son's room who is currently serving in the Marine Corps. On two of the walls were mounted 9 and 11-point buck heads. On the other two walls were the many

decorations and awards that their son had been awarded! Pastor Stallard teaches at Midwestern Baptist College in Orion, Michigan. I was able to attend an evening of classes before the missions conference started that next evening. Many of my family attended college at Midwestern, and it was encouraging to see and hear the Word of God being taught and preached so faithfully! Pastor Stallard and the church family cooked tremendous meals and were extremely kind to spend time with those couple of days. The missions conference speaker was Dr. Robbie Morrison, founder of All Points Baptist Mission. The messages challenged my heart and encouraged my soul!

My next stop was the missions conference at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with Pastor Kerr. I had never been to Philadelphia, but the Lord used that trip for me to meet many pastors in the area, have a meeting scheduled for next year in Camden, New Jersey, and be exposed to a dozen different countries that were represented there at Lighthouse Baptist Church. It was an honor to meet Pastor Garris of Inner City Baptist Church of Camden, New Jersey. We will be presenting the work there in April 2014! I was taken to a pastors' fellowship at Lighthouse Baptist Church with Pastor Jim Doster in Gloucester City, New Jersey. There was a Chili-Cook Off with a trophy for the best tasting chili. Over 20 different kinds of chili were served, and they all tasted phenomenal! It was a blessing to fellowship with the pastors in New Jersey and listen to the burden they have for where God has planted them! While traveling up north, I have found: The folks are kind, the food is great, and the churches love missionaries.

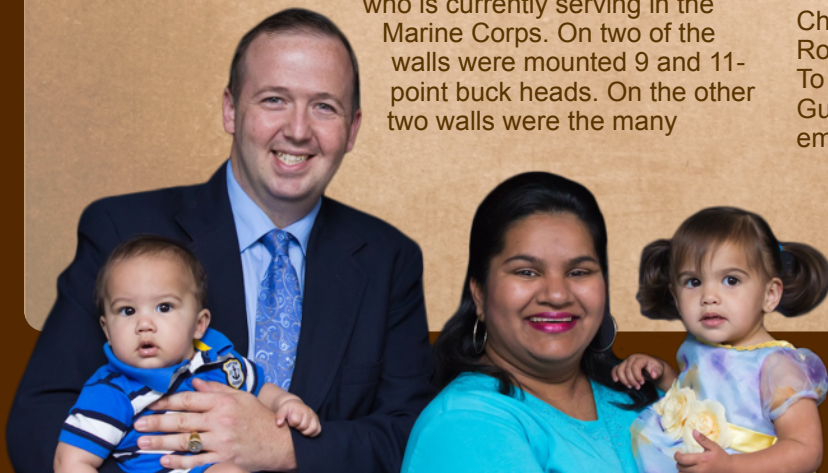
The last week of October, our family went to Bible Baptist Church with Pastor Nathan Dorsey. Veteran Missionary Roger Blevins was the conference speaker for the week. To my surprise, Brother Blevins just returned from a trip to Guyana, South America! I was mightily excited to get the email that their church voted to partner with us!

Prayer Requests:

- More supporting churches and supporting individuals
- To be at 40% by the end of the year
- We have 8 months of 2014 open to schedule meetings
- To exalt Christ in all that we do

Praise Report:

- Faith Baptist Church of Primrose, Georgia, has partnered with us!
- Bible Baptist Church of Statesboro, Georgia, has partnered with us!
- 3 other churches have called or emailed that they will be partnering with us!
- For the generosity by churches and individuals this month!
- The Lord has filled 4 months of scheduling for next year!



Looking unto Jesus,
Joshua, Vashtee, Mercy Joy, and Joshua Jr.
Acts 26:18

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