

THE RHOADES

MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

December 2013



Dear Pastor, Supporting Churches, and Friends,

I hope and pray that everyone had tremendous Christmas and New Year's services. We were blessed to be able to spend the Christmas season with my parents in Virginia. Vashtee was given the opportunity to share her testimony at the Ladies Conference at Central Baptist Church of Victoria, Virginia. Our daughter, Mercy Joy, sang the solo, "The BIBLE," in front of 100+ ladies. Thank you for keeping our children in your prayers. Our son, Joshua Jr., has seven teeth now and eats more food than his sister. We gave him his first buzz cut, and we will not be doing that again. We have recovered, and Josh Jr. hopefully has forgiven us for his appearance.

We were able to travel to Victory Baptist Church in Tampa, Florida, with Pastor Smart. He has a Bible institute and is doing a great work for the Lord. They are very involved with world-wide missions, and we enjoyed presenting our heart and calling for Guyana on that Sunday.

Mercy Joy and I drove up to Faith Baptist Church of Staunton, Virginia, for a Winter Youth Rally. Evangelist Chris Hewitt invited me to come to the meeting, and it was a blessing to see several teenagers saved at the end of the service. Another blessing was to meet several pastors that I had not met previously, and was able to share a little about Guyana with them before we came home that evening.

I drove up to the Winter Youth Meeting at Fellowship Baptist Church with Pastor Tom Hatley on December 30th. It was amazing to see teenagers in line for a place to sit for the service.

There were chairs brought into the auditorium as well as out in the lobby. Brother Leonard Fletcher and his family sang with the touch

of God on them. Then, we were challenged to be "sold out for the Savior" by the preaching of Brother Tony Hutson and Pastor James York. It was a powerful and encouraging evening to see hundreds of teenagers and adults come to hear the preaching of the Word of God.

The morning of the 31st, I drove back to Blackstone, Virginia. I was honored to preach part of the watch night service at Grace Baptist Temple with Pastor Bruce Rhew. It was a special evening to preach with my father, Pastor Paul Fetter, and along with Evangelist Mark Renfro as well.

The year of 2013 has come to an end, but for us it was a year of beginning. We were blessed of the Lord to be in over 50 churches! We traveled from Flint, Michigan, over to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, down to Sarasota, Florida, and west to Milan, Tennessee. I am excited for the doors the Lord has scheduled us to go through in 2014. We will be traveling to: Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Ohio, New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Michigan, New Jersey, Iowa, Alabama, Illinois, and Alaska. We look forward to traveling out West, Lord willing.

Thank you for the precious prayers, support, and countless acts of kindness that have been bestowed on us this year!

Looking unto Jesus,
Joshua, Vashtee, Mercy Joy and Josh Jr.



PRAISES

- 37% support promised starting in January 2014
- Safe traveling for the past 46,000 miles
- Opportunities to lead souls to Christ
- New supporting church in December

PRAYERS:

- To be at 100% of our support by December 2014
- Wisdom in decisions for upcoming year
- A larger vehicle
- To be scheduled in 100 more churches for 2014

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