

# THE RHOADES

## MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

January 2014



Dear Pastors, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

We are thankful for the 3,000+ miles of safety that the Lord provided for us in January. We were able to participate in 4 mission conferences throughout the month. Traveling through Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Alabama has taught us that you simply cannot out give the Lord.

We were blessed to be part of Faith Baptist Church's missions month with Pastor John Kinsey in Emporia, Virginia. We had been driving by their church for a couple of months on our way to other meetings, so it was great to be able to spend the day with Pastor John and Mrs. Kinsey. We were treated extremely well and had a wonderful time sharing our calling to Guyana.

We arrived in Wilson, North Carolina, to join Trinity Baptist Church's mission conference. Brother Danny Whetstone preached through Acts 1. It was a powerful challenge of world evangelism in the first century. Pastor Winstead went to be with the Lord days after the mission's conference was finished. Through his leadership, the church has been supporting over 150 missionaries. The church was very loving and gracious to our family and the other missionaries at the conference.

We drove to McDonough, Georgia, to be with Pastor Archie Norman at Henry Baptist Church. We were blessed, honored, and spoiled by everyone at the church. We had the joy of staying with Brother Butch and Sister Marla Waller. The church scheduled a Youth Retreat to coincide with the missions conference to expose the teens to the many missionaries that attended. We stayed on the third floor, and the 20 teenage boys lived in the refurbished basement for that weekend. It was a

great time to spend with the young men! Pastor Norman set the tone, and over the years the church has grown and shared the same

intense compassion for missionaries and missions worldwide. It was a powerful moment at the end of the conference when the church came up on the platform to lay hands on all the missionaries and prayed for us. I was blown away when one of the Sunday school teachers came to tell me that his class of teen boys wanted to support us on a monthly basis. I am encouraged to see the Lord working in the hearts of teenagers in the churches that we have visited.

We traveled over to Oakwood, Georgia, and joined in with the missions conference at Pastor Rod Bell Jr.'s church called Maranatha Baptist Church. Pastor Bell has known me since I was a 1<sup>st</sup> grader and attended Tabernacle Baptist School in Virginia Beach, Virginia. I was able to introduce our family to him, Mrs. Shari, and the church family. It was encouraging to be able to see Dr. Bell and his wife. It was exciting to see all that the Lord is doing at Maranatha and at their Christian school. I was able to preach that Tuesday morning in their chapel.

We have also had the opportunity to travel to Maranatha Baptist Church with Pastor Smartt in Ripley, Tennessee, Mountain View Baptist Church with Pastor Mike Rouse of Birmingham, Alabama, Calvary Baptist Church with Pastor James in Fyffe, Alabama, and Oak Crest Baptist Church with Pastor Jay Smith in Memphis, Tennessee, for their missions conference.

Please pray for us in the month of February, as we will be traveling through Ohio, Maryland, Florida, and New York.

Looking unto Jesus,  
The Rhoades Family, Acts 26:18

### PRAISES

- One new church sent in support for January
- Safety on the roads
- Benevolent giving of others to our family along the way
- Joshua Jr. turned one year old and is in great health

### PRAYERS:

- Wisdom in daily decisions
- To see fruit from our ad that was in the Sword of The Lord
- A larger vehicle
- Important immigration paperwork to be found
- To be at 100% by December 2014



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