

# THE RHOADES

## MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

May 2014

“You must go or send a substitute.”  
- Oswald J. Smith



Dear Pastor, Supporting Churches, and Friends,

Due to the blessings of God, our financial support surged to 61%. We have churches that support us on a monthly, quarterly, and annual one time a year basis. May happened to be the month when it came at the same time. Needless to say, we are deeply grateful and to God be the glory! On a monthly basis, we are receiving 36% and are promised 49%. This past month, we have traveled 3,800 miles safely. We were able to present in 10 churches and are now receiving new support from five churches. We are excited to have been given \$100 from First Baptist Church of Atoka, TN to be put toward Bibles from BEAMS Bibles in Gulfport, Mississippi.

At the beginning of the month, we had several meetings scheduled on the East Coast side of New York. We stayed several days with Pastor Joshua and Mrs. Hannah Byrd of Redeeming Grace Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. It was a great help, due to being scheduled in three churches on May 4<sup>th</sup>. While we were with Pastor Byrd, we were blessed to hear Pastor Cary Schmidt, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Newington, Connecticut, preach on that Friday evening. It was an exciting weekend to spend May 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning with Pastor John Koletas of Grace Baptist Church in Troy New York. Directly after the morning service, we drove 3 hours straight to Focus Baptist Church with Pastor Adam Crabtree. Being a church planter himself, Pastor Crabtree had us present to the church family the need for churches to be planted across Guyana, South America.

On that Sunday evening, we were honored to present at Open Door Bible Baptist Church with Pastor Montoro. You truly need to

research “The Miracle on 35<sup>th</sup> Street” to see how the Lord has transformed it from a church plant to an established church supporting over 70 missionaries! The Lord has truly worked mightily at Open Door Bible Baptist Church in Astoria, NY.

We drove to Buffalo, New York, to stay the rest of the month at the prophet’s chamber of Center Road Baptist Church with Pastor Bill Livermore. It was a pleasant surprise when we were notified they voted to partner with us to Guyana. It meant a lot to me to introduce my family to Pastor Lee, the founder of Center Road Baptist Church. We were given the opportunity to present at Faith Bible Baptist Church in Eden, NY with Pastor Art Kohl. Pastor Kohl told me that he is in the ministry due to Pastor Lee, and he has started a second church also. It never ceases to amaze me how the Lord blesses the faithfulness of the men of God. We went to visit Old Time Baptist Church in Hamburg, NY with Pastor Guadagno Jr. We were challenged by the message that Evangelist Craig Cobb preached entitled “Have You Lost Your Fire?” We are deeply thankful for the food and fellowship after the service with Pastor Lou Jr., Evangelist Cobb, and their families. Pastor Guadagno Jr. has made many mission trips, and we look forward to a lifelong friendship with him and his church family. It was exciting to meet a church family that supports Brother Dean Runyon. The month closed out with spending a weekend with Pastor McKee of Calvary Baptist Church in Granville, NY. I loved being able to preach and present our heart in the morning and afternoon service. We thoroughly enjoyed the great fellowship and are humbled by their tremendous generosity to our family. The month of May was encouraging on many levels, seeing firsthand how the Lord is working across both sides of New York. Thank you for your prayers and support as we come one month closer to when the Lord will have us leave for Guyana.

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



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