

# THE RHOADES

## MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

June 2014

Prayer has been the preparation for every new missionary triumph, and the secret of all true missionary success.”

-AT Pierson

Dear Pastors, Supporting Churches, and friends,

June has been an exciting and encouraging month for our family. This month, the Lord provided safety as we traveled to North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Connecticut, and Indiana. We have received 45% of our support for the month of June.

We started June by being part of the missions conference at New Testament Baptist Church in Kinston, NC with Pastor Tim Daniel. It was a privilege to be able to stay in the home of Pastor Jackie and Sister Kari Elwart during the conference. I am deeply thankful for the opportunity to preach that week on the theme, "That All May Hear," from II Timothy 4. One highlight was being able to see Brother Dalton and Sister Norma Heath. They have been serving in missions for the Lord for 43+ years!

After the missions conference, I took my family home Thursday and drove Friday morning to Galeton, Pennsylvania, to preach that evening for Pastor Brent Baker of Redemption Baptist Church. It was a joy to see how the Lord is working in the church. It was refreshing to spend time with Pastor Baker and his wife, Sister Shalane, along with Pastor Byrd and Sister Leah of Old Paths Baptist Church in Moyock, NC. I preached Friday evening, and Pastor Byrd preached Saturday evening. A gentleman named Eli was there for both services. After Friday's service, Pastor Baker spent some time talking with Eli. He is a little over 5 feet tall, tattoos everywhere, and physically built like a bodybuilder. Yet when Eli left, he was sobbing with tears running down his face, but did not get saved. Eli came back Saturday night, and heard Pastor Byrd

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preach the Word of God with Heaven-sent power! I was driving home during Saturday's service. Pastor Byrd sent a text to my phone to let me know that Eli had gotten saved that evening. I had to pull my car over in a parking lot because I could not see where I was driving due to the tears of joy! Pastor Baker and Pastor Byrd later told me that Eli had skipped a concert with his best friend (They had been best friends since age 4). It was a concert that Hank Williams Jr. and the Charlie Daniels Band would be performing. I find it marvelous to see that an unsaved man would skip all of that to come and hear another night of preaching from the Word of God! Glory to God!

We were honored to be able to present at Victory Baptist Church of Staunton, Virginia, with Pastor Rader Ogden. We are truly thankful for their friendship and for the food and fellowship that evening. He started the church 32 years ago, and it is a lighthouse for the cause of Christ, supporting over 60 missionaries! I am always encouraged to find pastors that have been faithful to the Lord for decades with a heart for souls and our Savior!

We were extremely excited to be able to come home to our sending church, Faith Baptist Church, of Shelby, North Carolina, with Pastor Barry Goodman and Sister Ava, for our mission agency's "Family Fellowship Week!" It was great to talk with so many of the folks that support and pray for us on a daily basis. I was very proud to watch and enjoy the love that our church family gave to 50+ mission families that week! There were great sacrifices made to provide the food, hotel rooms, and gifts to the children and adults!

### Praise

1. The funds that have been donated for the Bibles
2. Having 45% support come in for June
3. Eli getting saved in Galeton, Pennsylvania
4. Unexpected opportunities to present church planting in Guyana

### Prayer

1. For wisdom in all that we do.
2. For \$4,900 to ship the container of Scripture to Guyana
3. For us to be receiving 100% support by this December
4. For safety on the roads, and good health for our family

### MISSION AGENCY

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I do not believe I will ever forget Dr. Wingard's message to us that week. Though he just had his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, I watched in awe as he preached like he was 20 years old with the touch of the Lord Jesus on him!

We drove to LaGrange, Indiana, to fill the pulpit for Pastor Jeff Farnham of LaGrange Baptist Church for an entire Sunday. We were spoiled while we were there. We stayed at Pastor Farnham's home, and the church family treated us to some tremendous food and fellowship. We were getting ready to leave that Monday morning, and one of the church members anonymously left a thank you card with \$200 for Bibles in Guyana, South America. Glory to God!

The month of June came to a close, as I was able to be at 3 churches on that last Sunday. I presented and preached at New Covenant Baptist Church in Bloomfield, Connecticut, with Pastor Herman McKenzie on Sunday morning. He had a stroke in January, and his right side was paralyzed. Yet, Sunday morning service, Pastor McKenzie was at church, and it was an honor to preach that morning. I am deeply thankful for their generosity and kindness shown to me! I look forward to a lifelong friendship with that church family!

That afternoon, I drove to Newington, Connecticut, to visit and enjoy a church picnic at Emmanuel Baptist Church with Pastor Cary Schmidt. It was a joy to meet a young couple named Joey and Joscelyn. It was exciting to hear how the Lord is working in their lives and in his parents' lives as well! Listening to the testimonies that were given that afternoon truly increased my desire to be in Guyana all the more! As I watched Pastor Cary that afternoon and listened to the members of the church share with me how the Lord is working in their lives, it was clear that Christ is being magnified and proclaimed in Newington, Connecticut!

That evening, I drove to Central Baptist Church of Southington, Connecticut, with Pastor Jim Townsley. I just dropped in to visit with them as I was on my way back to Virginia. I deeply appreciated being able to be with a group of men and Pastor Townsley to pray before the service that evening. I felt at home and excited at the same time. Pastor Townsley and Central Baptist Church understands church planting and has helped start 15 churches. I am very thankful for the surprise opportunity to present church planting in Guyana and humbled with their generosity to me that evening.

Looking unto Jesus,  
The Rhoades Family Acts 26:18