

THE RHOADES

MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

July 2014

"People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say rather it is a privilege."
- David Livingstone

Dear Supporting Churches, Friends, and Family,

800 Bibles

Ephesians 3:20-21 states, "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." This month has been one of "above all that we ask or think." I have been telling churches for months that 800 complete Bibles were promised to us by Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Oliver Springs, TN. On July 22nd, I drove to Oliver Springs, TN and was



blessed to meet the men who printed the Bibles. Their pastor is Pastor Garvin Walls. It was overwhelming to see a pallet, almost as tall as me, with Bibles to be shipped to Guyana! I left the morning of July 23rd to take the Bibles to be stored at the warehouse in Gulfport, Mississippi, of BEAMS Bibles. I arrived that evening at Faith Baptist Church in time to hear Dr. Dan Carr Sr. preach the first point of his message that evening. It was a tremendous service, and it was an honor to meet Dr. Carr Sr. and the church family. The next morning, Dr. Butch Lockard gave me a tour of the facilities of BEAMS. Being shown all that the Lord is doing at BEAMS was deeply encouraging! They have distributed over one million Bibles! Dr. Lockard took me down the road to a tract printing

ministry called PUBLISH OR PERISH. They are a ministry of Biloxi River Baptist Church. I was told to let them know when I would like some tracts for Guyana! Praise the Lord! Back at BEAMS, our pallet of Bibles was weighed at 1,170 pounds. I am looking forward to June when we will be delivering 6 pallets of Scripture from Bible & Literature Missionary Foundation of Shelbyville, Tennessee. They are a ministry of Victory Baptist Church with Pastor Jim Tedder.

The Iowa Circuit

We started the month driving to Iowa to present in a series of churches over a two-week period. Sunday evening, I preached for Pastor Royce Philips at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Coralville, Iowa. Several men had come before him to try to start a church in Coralville and were unable to do so. Pastor Philips told me that he simply believed God and lived one day at a time. It was advice that I will not be forgetting as we get closer to going to Guyana. Wednesday afternoon, we drove to Fellowship Baptist Church with Pastor Hannahs in Marshalltown, Iowa. The church family was deeply gracious and generous to us. Their church has sent out families to the mission field as well as others to plant churches in the U.S.A. We were blessed to meet new friends as well as many friends from past years. Calvary Baptist Church of Sheldon, Iowa, with Pastor Moffitt allowed us to use their 2 story prophet's home while we traveled around Iowa. They thought of everything a person could need, whether it was food, snacks, or buckets of toys for Josh Jr. and Mercy Joy. We were blessed to be present all day Sunday at Calvary, and I was honored to preach there also. Pastor Moffitt and the church family were deeply gracious and giving. They were a huge help in making our "Iowa Circuit" possible.

Pennsylvania

We were blessed to be able to visit and preach at Grace Baptist Church with Pastor Kenneth Codner. It was a joy to meet his family that evening and the church family the next morning for the Sunday service. They are truly a missions-hearted church, and it was an honor to spend time with them all. We were blessed to also meet Pastor Donald Pendley, his wife, and church family. He is the pastor of Countryside Baptist Church in Anita, Pennsylvania. It was a special time as they opened up their home and hearts to us.

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

PRaises

1. 800 Bibles safely delivered to BEAMS
2. Joshua Jr. learned to walk
3. Visiting churches in Iowa, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Mississippi
4. Faith Baptist Church of Shelby, NC providing the funds to pick up the Bibles

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. For wisdom as we are on deputation
2. For our support to be at 100% in December 2014
3. For the staff at WWNTBM



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