

THE RHOADES

MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

August 2014

“When he landed in 1848, there were no
Christians here; when he left in 1872,
there were no heathen.”
-Said of Missionary John Geddie

Dear Pastors, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

It is hard to believe that summer has come to an end, and everyone is preparing for the school season! When we go to Guyana, we will be home schooling our children. We were praying about which curriculum to use and to have wisdom with paying for it all. A network of home schooling families in Virginia asked if they could help with the curriculum that would cover our first term in Guyana. We gladly accepted their help in this answer to prayer. We are praising the Lord for how He works! We did not expect the first four years to be provided for Mercy Joy and Josh, but they provided hundreds of dollars of curriculum! This will enable us to be able to have the needed curriculum for our first term!

We had the honor of assisting in the Vacation Bible School at Grace Baptist Church in Blackstone, Virginia, with Pastor Rhew. Vashtee and I taught the young adults Monday-Friday evening. God blessed our class with an average of 30 folks every night! They had a contest between the boys and the girls with a penny drive. At the end of the week, they had collected \$1,100.00! It really took our breath away and was overwhelming when our family was given the money. It was an



answer to prayer, because I had to fly to Wisconsin and Texas later in August to present in churches, and it provided for the plane tickets. The children that attended and the church family of Grace Baptist Church have a missions heart for missionaries and souls worldwide!

The Lord raised our monthly support to 50%, and Southside Baptist Church with Pastor Newcomb partnered with us in the month of August! I remember when we started deputation at 6%, and 50% seemed so far away. We serve a faithful and powerful Lord that has been very gracious to our family on deputation. We presented in churches in North Carolina, Virginia, Alabama, Florida, Wisconsin, and Texas. It has been an honor to meet the various pastors across the country, as some of them have been in ministry for almost 50 years. When I flew to Texas, I asked Pastor Meksch of Harvest Baptist Church in Abilene, Texas, “How do you make it to 50 years of ministry?” He replied, “One day at a time.” Please continue to pray for us as we seek to get to Guyana in a timely manner and start planting churches one day at a time.

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

PRAISES

1. We received 50% support for the month of August.
2. Our daughter Mercy Joy turned 3 years old.
3. Curriculum was provided for the 4 years of schooling for our children.
4. The Lord has provided safety.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. To raise the \$4,900 to pay to ship our container to Guyana, South America
2. To be receiving 100% of our support by December 2014
3. For wisdom with making decisions
4. For the office staff of WWNTBM as they are a huge part of our family

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