

THE RHOADES

MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

February 2015

I thought it reasonable that I should seek the work where the work was the most abundant and the workers fewest. - Scottish missionary James Gilmour on why he went to Mongolia



Missionaries Dean and Patty Runyon

Dear Pastors, Friends and Supporting Churches,

We are excited to announce that we are receiving 70% of our support. We are deeply thankful to the Lord for bringing in the support within 2 years of traveling full time on deputation. We are praying that by December of 2015, we will be ministering in Guyana, South America. In February, we received new support from 6 churches! To be within 30% of flying to Guyana for our first term is exhilarating!

We traveled 4,471 miles to seven meetings and one mission conference in the states of North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Georgia, and Alabama. We were invited to come participate at Vision Baptist Church with Pastor Jeff Hill for part of their Mission Month. It is a new church that has been planted. They are meeting in a YMCA, and they set up and take down for each service. It was exciting to see how the church has grown, and it was a blessing to be with them that Sunday morning. Later in the month, we traveled to be in the Missions Conference at Still Waters Baptist Church with Pastor Tony Facenda in North Carolina. Our family was honored to stay in the home of Miss Elaine. The hospitality and kindness shown by everyone was humbling and deeply appreciated. We traveled to Madison, Alabama, to present at Madison Baptist Church with Pastor Mike Allison. It was a blessing to meet Pastor Allison and the church family and then to hear Dr. Marty O. Wynn (Pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia) preach a powerful message that evening. We were invited to attend a Couples Retreat with Fellowship Baptist Church and Pastor

Schneider in Glen Allen, Virginia. Pastor Tom Hunter of Plantation Baptist Church in Florida was the guest speaker. The marriage seminar was a breath of fresh air, and Vashtee and I were so glad to be able to attend!

In March, we will be traveling to North Carolina, Illinois, Maine and Virginia. We will be in 3 mission conference and other meetings also. We have some openings available in 2015 if you would like for us to come and present in your church. If you would like our family to come and participate in your Vacation Bible School this summer, we would love it.

In closing, I want to share a prayer request with you. We are going to start working on Vashtee's paperwork to become an American citizen. She currently has a green card to be in the USA legally. One of the stipulations of having a green card is that one cannot stay outside the USA longer than 6 months at a time. With our departure to Guyana getting closer, we want to start proceeding with this process. We would like her to have dual citizenship if possible with Trinidad and the USA. Thank you for praying for our family and for your faithfulness in giving financially.

Looking unto Jesus,
The Rhoades Family, Acts

PRAISES

1. Receiving 70% support
2. 6 new churches sending in support for February
3. Family in good health
4. Great meetings in February

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Wisdom in daily decisions
2. To receive the 30% support and finish deputation
3. Efficiently complete Vashtee's citizenship process
4. For Brother Dean Runyon's health to improve



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