

# THE RHOADES

## MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

March-April 2015

"I used to think that prayer should have the first place and teaching the second. I now feel it would be truer to give prayer the first, second and third places and teaching the fourth."

- James O. Fraser



Dear Pastor, Friends and Supporting Churches,

It has been a whirlwind the last two months. The Lord has blessed us to be in 8 mission conferences and 5 other churches. Thank you for praying for our safety! We have driven safely to meetings in Illinois, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia. The Lord provided for Vashtee and I to fly to meetings in Illinois and Maine. Four of the churches that we presented and preached in voted to partner with us to Guyana. We are praising the Lord that we have received new support from five churches.

We are looking forward to being with Brother Dean Runyon in Port Kaituma, Guyana. He recently completed his sixteenth surgery and has given an update on April 14<sup>th</sup> and April 28, 2015.

*"I had a couple of really bad days. The vomiting lasted two days. The section, at the surgery site, (that broke open) is now closed. ALL pain meds are minimal... Any other medications are being taken by mouth now... The I.V. will come out tomorrow morning. I've been in the hospital over a week. Not sure when I will escape. Once the staples come out, I will have to take it slow. After my 30-day checkup, we will make plans to go back to Guyana.*

*Tonight, I ate "real food"... For the first time! Baked chicken, steamed broccoli, and steamed*

*sweet potatoes. I downloaded about 1/3 of what was on my plate. Patty went shopping for V.B.S. "stuff"... She just got back and brought me some hazelnut coffee. SO I will be working the night shift. Patty and I ARE BOTH SO THANKFUL for all that the Lord has brought us through. We have had amazing opportunities to witness.*

*Patty and I will be going back to the hospital in Gainesville tomorrow. I will be getting my staples out... Boy, am I going to miss those little guys... NOT. Thanks for your prayers and support. I am continuing to heal slow but sure. I have not been anywhere since I came home from the hospital. So, this will be a nice outing. I have concerns about the graft and the future with the scar tissue problem. I have a lot of pain deep in my abdomen, and digestion is really not working well... However the swelling at the Stoma site was repaired and is really MUCH better with NO pain in that area. Again, thank you for praying!"*

Please keep Brother Dean and Sister Patty Runyon in your prayers as we endeavor to get to Guyana this December of 2015.

Looking unto Jesus,  
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