

THE RHOADES

MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

September 2015

“The church must send or the church will end.”

— Mendell Taylor

Dear Pastor, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

The Lord has brought us to a great milestone of deputation. We are now receiving 90% of our support! Glory to God! We are very excited to have reached this 90% in 2 ½ years. We should be in Guyana, South America by the end of December 2015. This coming week, I will be going to pick up the 55-gallon drums in which we will be packing most of our household goods. A group of ladies from our church will be coming to help my wife and me organize and pack the house up. I am sure it will be an experience to remember.

We drove to meetings in Virginia, Michigan, and North Carolina. It was a joy to spend the day with Pastor Eric Curtis at Victory Baptist Church in Sutherlin, Virginia. We were excited when Pastor Curtis called the church to a business meeting and asked them to vote to partner with our family! They voted YES, and it was an answer to prayer for Vashtee and me. Pastor Curtis had been a missionary to the Ukraine, and the church is missions hearted! We drove to Muskegon, Michigan, to be at Faith Baptist Church. Pastor Swieringa and family were out of town, but it was great to catch up with our dear friends Pastor Destry and his wife, Sandy Kamphefner. He is their assistant pastor and doing a tremendous job. It is encouraging to find men and women serving the Lord faithfully! We finished our month with being part of the mission's conference at Island

Road Baptist



Church with Pastor Charles Tyler in Smyrna, North Carolina. It was an honor to meet Pastor Tyler, Dr. Mel and Joanne Walters with International Board of Jewish Missions. Also, Dr. Larry and Mrs. Bea Henderson of Churches in Missions was there, along with Brother Dalton Heath, missionary veteran pioneer, and representative of World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions. Pastor Brian and Cesia Alphin, church planters to Washington, North Carolina, were also in attendance. Pastor Brian and I were asked to take the offering on the last night. Pastor Tyler then called us back to the front of the church and asked that the church vote to take us on for support. They did! It was a tremendous conference!

We have had some incredible answers to prayer that we would like to use to encourage you. Good News Baptist Church with Pastor Pence sent me a message. They wanted to use their penny offering from Vacation Bible School to help pay for part of our container of Scripture that will be going to Guyana this December. I was asked to Skype video them to have the total announced. Pastor Pence announced that they collected over \$3,600 for our container! I could not stop shouting! I was so excited, overwhelmed and blown away by the goodness of God and the sacrificial generosity of their church. We will have

Praise Report

1. Receiving 90% Support
2. Good News Baptist Church's providing for container
3. Pastor Weems and First Baptist Church of Atoka providing for Vashtee's citizenship application
4. Vashtee's application has been mailed

Prayer Requests

1. Wisdom in daily decisions
2. To be at 100% by December 2015
3. Vashtee's application to be approved to be a U.S. citizen
4. For Brother Dean Runyon's health to strengthen

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the money needed to ship the container to Guyana to the Glory of God! Pastor Weems and the precious families of First Baptist Church in Atoka, Tennessee, sent in the needed funds to pay for Mrs. Vashtee's citizenship paperwork. We mailed her application this past Saturday morning. It was an answer to prayer to be able to complete the first step. We are now praying her path to be a U.S. citizen can be complete by the end of December 2015. The Lord has blessed us with a great schedule this fall! We look forward to being at 100% and on the field, preaching the Gospel.

Looking unto Jesus,

The Rhoades Family Acts 26:18

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Myself with Dr. Mel and Mrs. Joanne Walters of International Board of Jewish Missions