

# THE RHOADES

## MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

January 2016

“ Every Christian is either a missionary or  
an impostor. ”

Dear Pastor, Friends and Supporting Churches,

By the time that you read this prayer letter, we should be arriving in Port Kaituma, Guyana. We are excited to be finished with deputation! This past month, we were honored to present in several churches. I flew up to Indianapolis, Indiana, to present at Hope Baptist Church with Dr. Hillenburg. It was encouraging to see the many ways that they are actively reaching their city! We were able to participate in mission conferences at Maranatha Baptist Church with Pastor Bell Jr. in Oakwood, Georgia, (who voted to partner with us to Guyana) and Calvary Baptist Church in Colonial Heights with Pastor Ray Haskett. We finished our last meeting of deputation at Grace Baptist Church with Pastor Wesley Agee in Gaston, North Carolina. The entire month of January was full of churches sharing the goodness of God with our family!

Brother Dean Runyon is back in the states for his 17<sup>th</sup> surgery. Brother Runyon is the missionary that we will be co-laboring with in Port Kaituma. His surgery is tentatively scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup>. He has some major decisions to make in the upcoming weeks. I have been talking with him about every other day. We have received news that our container will be arriving in Guyana on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. I want to say thank you for those that have given sacrificially to make it possible for the pallets of Scriptures and Gospel tracts to be taken to Guyana! The final count of Scriptures and tracts being delivered to Guyana are:  
6,632 Bibles, 18,000 New Testaments, 66,400 John/Romans, and 999,000 tracts.  
Glory to God! Looking



forward to sharing these with the pastors and missionaries across Guyana! In the beginning of January, Vashtee and I went to Charlotte, North Carolina, for her to complete the process to become a U.S. citizen! It was an answer to prayer, and we are thankful for the financial help of the First Baptist Church of Atoka, Tennessee, and Grace Baptist Church in Spring Mills, Pennsylvania. Thank you very much!

We will be arriving in Port Kaituma, Guyana and hosting a Family Conference that Wednesday through Sunday. As in the States, the family is under attack in Guyana. Alcohol, immorality, and domestic abuse are causing havoc in the families of Guyana. The answer is found in the Bible, and His name is Jesus Christ. Looking forward to souls being saved, families being restored, and God being glorified!

The Lord has risen up a family that believes the Lord might be leading them to partner with us in serving in Port Kaituma, Guyana. Their names are Brother Ralph and Sister Sandra Cepec, and their sons, Shawn and Robert. They are faithful members of Calvary's Grace Baptist Church with Pastor Brian Patrick and are being assisted by Baptist Missions to Forgotten People in Jacksonville, Florida. They will be completing their survey trip with us in Port Kaituma, Guyana. Brother Ralph will be preaching at the family conference with me as well. Brother Dean informed me that our generator has been installed in the home in which we will be living. It is our goal to start the Bible college this coming September. Please pray the Lord keeps the Xerox machine running well, as it will be a huge asset in printing the lessons and tests.

### Our new mailing address is:

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Looking unto Jesus,

The Rhoades Family, Acts 26:18

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