

THE RHOADES

MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

April 2016

*"The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions.
The nearer we get to Him, the more
intensely missionary we become."
— Henry Martyn*

Dear Pastors and Supporting Churches,

Praise the Lord for answered prayers! We are back in Guyana; the Lord arranged a 5-year permit for me to be in Guyana. My wife and children got approved for one year each! Our daughter Mercy Joy is doing much better and has recovered from the infected areas on her body. She still gets mosquito and ant bites here in Georgetown, but none of them have gotten infected. We had great fellowship in Trinidad with Pastor Kawal Rampersad, Pastor Roy Pustam, and Pastor Blackman. I am grateful for their friendship and the opportunity to preach in their churches throughout the time we were in Trinidad. We are back in Guyana serving the Lord at Foundation Baptist Church with Pastor Zakir Abraham (foundationbaptistchurch@yahoo.com) while we prayerfully look for a building that could be used for the Lord's work, starting in the month of August.

Please pray with us about these specific practical needs:

- 100 chairs for the church. The chairs will cost us \$4,000.
- P.A. system \$1,500.
- Baptismal tank \$500.
- Tables for Sunday school.



We will have to purchase these items here in Guyana due to the cost of shipping and clearing customs. We serve a great God who is quite capable of providing all of this. Please pray with us that it will be accomplished by August. On Saturday visitation, we went to Georgetown's biggest marketplace. I could not get the tracts out of my hands quick enough! The people were asking me for tracts and reading as they walked away. In a little over an hour, more than 3,000 tracts were passed out that afternoon. Every time I get the opportunity to preach, I am amazed at the hunger people have for the Bible. I am almost in tears when people walk up to the altar and ask to be shown how to be saved! Last Sunday, two teenagers asked the Lord to be their Savior. I had the opportunity to baptize one of them.

Please pray for the upcoming evangelistic outreaches this month.

May 8th: I will be preaching at Foundation Baptist Church for Mother's Day.

May 18-22nd: Missionary Ray Boltz has asked for me to preach their Missions Conference.

May 26th: It is Guyana's 50th anniversary of their Independence. During the celebration in Georgetown, we are praying that we can pass out 25,000 tracts in 3-4 hours.

May 29th: I will be preaching the Sunday morning service at Foundation Baptist Church.

Praise Report:

Our visas were approved.
Vashti's dryer was repaired. (We are in the rainy season.)
Someone gave a tabletop folding machine and a printing press, which can print 5,000 Gospel tracts an hour.
This week Mercy Joy told us, "Our home is feeling like the States." The children are adjusting well to Guyana.

Looking unto Jesus,
The Rhoades Family
Jeremiah 33:3

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