

# THE RHOADES

## MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

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“The highest earthly enjoyments are but a shadow of the joy I find in reading GOD’S Word.” -Lady Jane Grey

Dear Pastors, Friends and Supporting Churches,

Happy New Year! We want to say thank you to those that gave extra financially as a Christmas present, the Christmas cards and packages! It helped us have a special Christmas as a family!

The year of 2016 was an exciting year, and it has helped grow our faith as well. Our family has moved out of the building where the church is meeting. The church will now have four areas upstairs for classrooms and a guest room for visiting mission teams. Our family has moved into a home 10 minutes away from the church. Christmas morning, we had a Christmas breakfast scheduled before the service. The Lord blessed the service with 45 people coming! The previous week 76 people attended the church Christmas banquet.

After church this past Sunday, we passed out tracts at a mall. I saw a man talking on his phone, so I quietly gave him a tract and walked on. A minute later the same man ran over to my family with a huge grin. He told us his name is Mark, and then he showed me his phone. Mark had been reading Bible verses on his phone. I was able to invite him to church and share the Gospel with Mark. He said he was saved and would be coming to visit our church next

Sunday morning! I prayed with Mark before leaving with my family. Please pray for Mark to come!



Thinking we were now leaving the mall, a family of four walked towards me and asked: “Are you a preacher?” I said yes and introduced our family. They introduced themselves as Mr. and Mrs. Morales. They moved from Cuba and had been here a week. We invited them to church and asked about their salvation. They said they were both saved and wanted to come to church Sunday evening. They came Sunday night and then got out again Monday morning to help the church family clean the property. Mr. & Mrs. Morales brought a letter of recommendation from their church in Cuba stating they wanted to join Faith Baptist Church. Sharing the Gospel and passing out tracts still works!

We will be shipping a 40-foot container that will contain 3 million Gospel tracts and thousands of John and Romans. I have been told that an individual is giving financially to have Bibles on the container also. Our church and two other churches will be receiving 1 million tracts each. Many of the Scriptures and tracts from our first container are almost gone! We are receiving the Scriptures and tracts from Bible Literature and Missionary Foundation in Shelbyville, Tennessee. Brother Keith Davidson from Seedline International is assisting in the paperwork for the shipping. We have been told that it is going to cost \$6,650 to ship the container to our church address. Please pray about giving financially towards this and then watch the Lord move the Gospel across Guyana! One of the churches that will be receiving 1 million tracts passed out 250,000 tracts in just a few months in 2016. Our church already has soul winning and visitation every Saturday. This year, our church family will be spending one Saturday per month from 10 am to 5 pm, passing out Gospel tracts in Stabroek Market. Our theme verse this year is Romans 1:16-17. Our theme is “Not Ashamed.” Please pray that we can ship the container and glorify the Lord in 2017.

Looking unto Jesus,

The Rhoades Family, Romans 1:16-17

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