

THE RHOADES

MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

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Dear Pastors, Friends and Supporting Churches,

The month of April has been a tremendous month for Faith Baptist Church! The church hosted its first evangelistic crusade with Evangelist Max Alderman (www.bethelbaptist.ca/maxalderman) preaching with the power of God! Thirty-one people were saved, and we are very busy doing follow-up and discipleship with them. It was encouraging that almost every seat was taken by the time Brother Alderman started preaching! We thank the Lord for having Pastor Ibrahim bring Foundation Baptist Church in Diamond, Pastor Shrivnauth of Victory Baptist Church in Providence, Pastor Melville of Anchor Baptist Church of Soesdyke, Pastor Boltz of Harbor Light Baptist Church in Parika Guyana all coming throughout the week to support and assist in the crusade! It was a joy to watch folks get saved each night! I want to thank everyone that supported and sacrificed for this crusade to happen. God indeed answers prayer!

While we were looking for a permanent place for Faith Baptist Church to conduct services and church activities, we have been meeting for church in the garage of where we live. A devoted mother in our church approached my wife and me about moving the services to their home in Sophia. The yard area and downstairs of her house would be able to hold 120 people comfortably. After much prayer and fasting, we agreed to move the location of Faith Baptist Church to Sophia. Seventy-five percent of our church families live in Sophia. The crusade held in Sophia was a tremendous primer before we moved the church to Sophia. Thankful for how the Lord was answering our prayers, we took a step of faith. We poured a concrete pad, installed metal roofing, and light underneath the home and metal roof and will be installing a toilet and sink for the bathroom. The Lord sent 39 people yesterday morning with one

visitor in spite of missing 11 people that usually come to service. I believe the Lord will grow Faith Baptist Church in the upcoming months! I have been told that prayer letters should stay on a page, but I have included many pictures to show from the crusade and preparations in Sophia to have service.

We are taking steps to prepare for our first Vacation Bible School in July. We may reach as many as 200 children for this VBS. We are praying for the salvation of many children and parents. It will be an evangelistic tool in the community. This summer, we will be taking the 8-12-year-olds to camp in July and our 13-19-year-olds to teen camp in August. Junior Camp will be Monday through Thursday, and teen camp will be Monday through Friday. If you would like to sponsor a child or teenager for camp, the cost is \$22.50 for junior camp and \$30 for teen camp. The churches that came to support our crusade will also be bringing their youth groups to camp. There will be multiple preaching services each day and high-octane competitions throughout the week as the teens will be divided into teams. I enjoyed watching over 100 teenagers last year competing to memorize the most Bible verses. Please pray for the Lord to work in the children and teenagers' hearts!

Lord willing we will be starting Faith Baptist Institute this coming September! Other pastors and I will be teaching one night a week from 6-9 pm or 7-10 pm. I have the curriculum, tests, and quizzes ready to be printed out and used. I have been talking to many pastors about this, and they have been very supportive of this venture. They have told me that there will probably be folks from their churches that will come to class and learn more about the Word of God. I am thankful for the pastors and preachers that have invested in me! I believe this will be a great ministry to help in the training of church planters and Christian workers to be used in the local churches across Guyana. A national pastor approached me and had asked if he could come because he wanted a Bible education! Glory to God! I am confident this will be a tremendous tool to assist in taking the Gospel across Guyana!

In conclusion, we will be hosting a second evangelistic crusade the first week of December at Faith Baptist Church. Evangelist Billy Abbot (www.evangelistbillabbott.org) and family of REACH Ministries have agreed to come and preach Sunday morning through Friday night for our second crusade. On Saturday, from noon to 4 pm, we will have a multi-church mega youth rally! We are praying for many people to be saved in Sophia from this evangelistic effort! Please pray for the Lord to provide the finances for Brother Abbot's family to come and invest in sharing the Gospel in Guyana.

Looking unto Jesus,

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