

# THE RHOADES

## MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

July 2017

“The key antidote for materialism is generosity.”

Dear Pastors, Friends and Supporting Churches,

Glory to God!!! Did I mention that it is a joy serving Jesus? Thank you for allowing Mrs. Vashtee, Mercy Joy, Josh Jr. and I to serve the Lord in Guyana, South America!

This past month Faith Baptist Church voted to partner financially with its first missionary. Pastor John Nascimento is a church planter from Brazil. Missionary Noel Shrivnauth of Victory Baptist Church in Providence, Guyana recommended him to us. Pastor Nascimento and family are moving to Berbice, Guyana to plant their next church! We look forward to visiting them in the coming months. Last week, we deposited the church's mission support of \$50 U.S. dollars into Pastor Nascimento's bank account. This complete support was of the church's sacrificial giving! We thank the Lord for how He is working in the church family's heart at Faith Baptist Church!

It was a blessing to lead a former Hindu, Mr. Puran, to the Lord this past month! He came to several services and on a Sunday morning came forward to be shown from the Bible how to be saved. It was a huge step to be able to baptize him in obedience to the Lord! His girlfriend was giving him trouble for announcing that he was going to be baptized. This past Sunday night, Mr. Puran brought his girlfriend and two children to church. Mr. Puran brought his neighbor, Mr. Richard, to our mid-week service. Please pray for the Lord to continue to work in these families' lives!

We just completed our first Vacation Bible School. Our theme was "Fishers of Men." Many folks in our church stepped up to help us Monday through Friday. We had individuals that took time off from work, woke up at 5 AM to make sandwiches for over 100 children and assisted every day. It was incredible. Our first day started with 53 in attendance, and we finished the week with 130 on Friday. The Lord blessed the preaching with over 20 children getting saved throughout the week! A neighbor complained about the singing and preaching, and I was taken to the police department in the middle of VBS on Wednesday. The Lord gave us favor with the police department, and I was released about 30 minutes later. Due to being taken to the police department, I may have an opportunity to meet every Sunday afternoon with children from the community and the police department to share the Word of God with them. Please pray for this opportunity to be approved.



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The Lord has opened the windows of heaven, and we are pleased to announce that Brother Ralph Cepec and his family are coming to work with us. Their pastor is Pastor Brian Patrick of Calvary's Grace Baptist Church (<http://calvarysgracebaptist.org/>). Their mission agency is Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples ([www.bmfp.org](http://www.bmfp.org)). They are praying and working to raise the last 40% of their support. The Lord has used Brother Cepec to plant two churches in Trinidad that are running strong in reaching Trinidad for Christ. The Lord has brought this family through tremendous valleys, and they will encourage and strengthen your church family. Please pray about scheduling and supporting this precious family!

We have a huge answer to prayer! The Lord has used churches and individuals to partner sacrificially with our Gospel Tent Project. We have received the money for purchasing the three tents that I shared with you in our previous prayer letter! We look forward to receiving the 40x30, 30x30 and the 20x30 in Guyana! We will work toward using the tents in a Gospel crusade before the end of 2018! To each church and person that was used of God to make this become a reality, thank you! The churches that start and souls saved as a result will be to your account in heaven! Thank you!!

Please pray about coming in 2018 for a missions trip and about helping with the multiple crusades that will be taking place by the grace of God!

Looking unto Jesus,

The Rhoades Family, Ephesians 3:20-21

