



“Then the King will say, ‘for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you have clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’” Matthew 25:35-36

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Dear Partners, Friends and Families:

I hope you are having a pleasant summer despite the heat waves that have been sweeping across the land. Here in the Upper Midwest, we have recently experienced some intermittent rain showers, allowing us to stay cooler and save our lawns and plants.

As I, and the Board of Guyanese Outreach (GO), continue to seek the Lord, we want to give you an update. When we were first called to this ministry in 1994, Guyana was ranked poorer than Haiti. The first step in our mission was to feed the hungry, take care of the sick and help the poor. Since 1995 GO has sent many sea-containers of humanitarian aid while teaching vocational skills—sewing crafts, computer classes and functional literacy classes and working with churches. Throughout the years, Guyana’s economy has improved.

During the last few years, we took the next step from “giving fish” to “teaching how to fish” instead. GO continues to teach our vocational programs while our literacy program is in 4 satellite churches.

Our Current Situation

At our building, the tent in front, is also used for classes as well as evangelism. GO has distributed bibles and Sunday schools materials to satellite churches. The tent is also used by the community for aid distribution by the Rotary Club, while the senior citizens come to collect their pension books.

GO also shows good family movies to the community. These movies present a time to learn, but it is so very rewarding to observe parents and children together. There has been much fruit bearing in having our own building. We are still in need of your donations of good family movies. Thank you for your faithful support.

We are again calling on you for your prayers and support. GO’s tent is taking a beating from the heavy rains, especially during the tropical rainy season. We need to get it repaired as the rain obviously accelerates the deterioration of our building. We also need to protect the children from getting wet. While the building looks good on the outside, the tarps are torn and shredding.



The ripped tarp under the tent.



The shredded tarp from the inside.

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The Plan

Through prayer, we have developed a renovation plan and it includes the projects shown in the box:

John Olson, President of GO, and I will be traveling to Guyana on September 26. While the renovation must be done, we are very blessed that an exploratory team from Hebron Lutheran Church (Hebron, Kentucky), will also join us. We are praying that this team will assist both GO and Emmanuel Lutheran Church—one of our satellite locations which houses GO's literacy classes and women's craft classes and women's craft.

- Put up a lattice wall around the 60-foot tent to prevent heavy rain from getting under the tent.
- Repair the holes on the concrete floor.
- Paint the building and wall of the tent.
- Paint the zinc on the roof of the tent to avoid further rust.
- Purchase new tarps.

Emmanuel Church needs a projector (one that projects to a large screen) to help with Sunday school and youth programs. One person may not be able to bear the cost; this could also become a joint effort. The approximate cost for a projector is \$500.

We are also presently working with an organization on evangelism to the youth (15-years-old and younger). It is our prayer that many pastors throughout Guyana would be committed to this program. The Jesus Story Books are wonderfully presented through pictures and the Word. We are currently in the process of working with a pastor in Guyana who is editing the books with the appropriate pictures and Bible verses to make it culturally-relevant.

The Cost

Without your prayers and financial help, GO is unable to complete the renovation project—but, together we can complete it. The cost of the project and travel expenses is approximately \$9,365.

These are very hard times for each one of us. Many NGO's (Non-Governmental Organization) have also been affected, but my heart goes back to God's Word, "*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God*" (Philippians 4:6).

Plan Expenses

- Lattice wall, floor repair, and new tarps - \$4,225
- Painting - \$3,140
- Youth evangelism program expenses - \$800
- Travel cost for two persons - \$1,500

The Board and I are asking you—our partners, friends and family—to prayerfully seek the Lord about your giving. Prayers move mountains. We want to start and finish the project so that our facility is maintained for His Kingdom work in Guyana.



Please help us yield to our Lord's command, "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations*" (Matthew 28:19).

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you."

Phil. 1:3

Ruth