



“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

August 2013

Dear Partners, Friends and Families:

I hope that you and your family are enjoying this summer even though the season is coming to an end. This is Minnesota and we are all accustomed to the different weather patterns.



The team's arrival at the airport.

Recent Trip

The Board and I would like to give you an update of our recent trip to Guyana. On June 24, 2013, John Olson, President of GO; Pastor David Shockey of Hebron Lutheran church (Hebron KY); Pastor Blair Fields of Hopeful Lutheran Church (Florence KY); and I made a one-week trip to Guyana. Needless to say, the trip was a whirlwind, but very fruitful--praise God.

This short trip was primarily for the team to introduce the possibility of having a missionary from Ethiopia to serve both GO and Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The Board and I are excited to have this partnership through Pastor Dave Shockey and Pastor Blair Fields. Pastor Dave is still in the process of working with the leadership of the Ethiopian church.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

We are also asking for prayers for Emmanuel Church. This church waited patiently for five years for a pastor. The call was finally answered by Pastor Karran in March, 2013. But sadly, after six weeks of bearing much fruit, Pastor Karran died of a heart attack. The team and I felt very sad as we listened to their great loss. During our visit, we presented Emmanuel church with a 3,000-watt amplifier to accommodate open-air evangelistic meetings.



#71 Primary School

It was a delight for the team and I to visit with the Head Master (HM) of the #71 Primary School. If you were there to listen to the wonderful reports of the literacy program, your hearts would have been touched as our hearts were. The HM related that it was a very successful year for the students that attend GO's literacy classes, but especially for the second graders. Your kind help equips us to reach these poor and needy children at an opportune time of their lives. What a blessing! It is only education that give these students hope and a future.

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The HM also discussed the feeding program (primarily lunch) for approximately 50 students who go hungry. A year ago, GO was asked to start a feeding program. At that time, however, the timing was not right. We were heavily involved with the renovation of the building, reading/math, and an added computer/math program for the students.

GO completely depends on your prayers and kindness for the funds for this feeding program. We are very aware of the need of many children here in the U.S. and around the world. Although the meal is simple, primarily rice and soup made from split peas, the cost to prepare and serve a lunch twice a week for 50 students is approximately \$100.00 per week. To help sustain this program, we are in the process of forming a partnership with some parents and the Primary School PTA.



A very enjoyable visit with the Head Master of the #71 Primary School.

Education Programs Expand

GO's Functional Literacy Program continues to be a strong foundation. The newly added Math Program has grown to include Computer Math as a part of the lessons. All of these programs are well received by the community.



The new Computer Math Program is a very popular to those in the village.



The Functional Literacy Program fulfills a necessary part in the student's education .

GO's Future with Solar Energy

We are also seeking help to get a solar energy system in place. Many years ago, we thought of this type of energy, but it was not yet in place in Guyana. There are now many buildings in Georgetown (the capitol) that already have solar energy. GO is seeking a solar system because of the frequent blackouts, along with high-cost electricity. Because of this problem, our computers are not adequately protected. Many of you may have insights regarding solar energy. We kindly ask for your help.

>>> Right: Both Pastors Dave and Blair enjoyed the Computer Math Program with "a little assistance" from the staff.



A New Opportunity Arises

GO is also very encouraged that some parents of the #71 village are now asking for an adult reading class. They are very grateful for the progress of their children and also want to learn along with their children.

GO is customizing an adult reading program through our children's curriculum, which is approved as supplemental curriculum by the Education Department for the Primary School. We will start with phonics and sounds as with the children, while using pictures that pertain to the culture for the adults.

This is history in the making. It was not emotionally, culturally or religiously easy for these adults to come to GO's learning center. Please help us with the "birth" of this adult reading program. In the next two weeks, a few brave women will come to GO's reading class, and hopefully the men will follow. Education will have a phenomenal impact in this community. What an effective way to start the elimination of poverty through education!

The process of change is difficult, especially in the older years. Culturally, many adults would find it difficult to attend GO's classes. Through prayer, we were directed to put the completed program on CDs--especially for adults who would be ashamed to come to the classes. Many people in the village have DVD players so that they can watch Indian movies, which is their only source of entertainment.



A mother works on writing along side her child.



Our first Parent / Child class.

Story of Jesus Evangelism Continues

Evangelism through the Story of Jesus (SOJ) books continues with the Sunday Schools and the youth. The team visited House of Restoration Church, which is one of many churches that teach the program. We are grateful to The David C. Cook Ministries for this opportunity.

The SOJ booklets tell the story of Jesus' life through beautiful color illustrations. The children and youth are enthusiastic to learn about Jesus with these wonderful tools.



Thank You...

Thank you for your continuous help! The renovation of the tent provides adequate space and shelter from the rainstorms for the reading/math, crafts, library and community services. GO is grateful to the three women as they labor faithfully for our Lord.



The Work of Guyanese Outreach Continues

As we venture together for Kingdom expansion, GO seeks your help. Many missions are facing financial difficulties and GO is not exempt. Through prayer, GO is led to implement a feeding program, adult reading program, solar panel system, and possible team mission trip in October 2013. In light of this, we are praying that your hearts would be touched to help our poor and less fortunate brothers and sisters. Psalm 68:10 says, "Thou, O God, hast prepared of Thy goodness for the poor." Our Lord also asks us to "be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Phil. 4:6).

We give thanks to Father God for all He has done and continue to trust Him for more that He wants to do through GO. We ask that you prayerfully seek the Lord for direction toward aiding GO's mission in Guyana. Guyanese Outreach is a tax-exempt and approved 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization. Please help us yield to our Lord's command, "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...*" (Matthew 28:19).

Blessings and peace to you and your families,

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

Philippians 1:3

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