



“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:

As Thanksgiving approaches, we as a nation will pause to give thanks to Father God for His goodness, a pause that also should be daily — our daily prayers to the Lord for his mercy and grace.

We are truly in difficult times, whether in sickness, loss of loved ones, loss of jobs and homes, it is painful. It can be difficult to give thanks in pain, but as Philippians 4:6-7 says, *“Be anxious for nothing, but in all things by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

In my painful journey and learning how to have a deeper relationship with Him, I continue to understand how important it is to trust that He answers prayers, but not in my timing and expectation. I am also learning that “His Grace is sufficient.”

Evangelism, Literacy and Our New Math Program

Guyanese Outreach (GO) continues to grow its evangelism and literacy programs. We also added math, which is needed just as much as reading. We are very grateful to Cheryl Norman for her sacrifice of countless hours of labor to complete the math curriculum.



The children use bottle caps for counting.



They also enjoy music to help with counting skills.

It is often difficult to hold classes in the summer because parents take their holidays and summer vacations very seriously. But because parents also understand how important it is to get a proper education, they sent their kids to our math class this summer. The children collected bottle caps and match sticks to learn to add and subtract; 36 students enrolled and graduated. What a joy to know that we are changing the lives of our next generation.

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Community Library and Vocational Programs

Students from the primary and secondary schools as well as people from the community, come daily to the Community Library to borrow books absolutely free of charge.

Craft Skills such as Hand Embroidery, Knitting, Cushion-making and Floral Arrangement have all been taught in addition to Sewing and Garment Construction. Single parents, housewives, teachers, and students have benefited from our classes and many have been able to use these skills to earn an income.



The Guyanese Outreach Community Library has grown its collection of books to over 10,000.



Our Sewing and Craft Skills Programs have been very popular and beneficial to the community.

The Computer Courses continue to train the elderly, the middle aged, young people, secondary school students, as well as teachers of both Primary and Secondary schools from the surrounding communities and villages. Throughout the area, one can find employees who were formerly GO's students that successfully completed our Computer Courses and are at better paying jobs. Our program has been able to touch the lives of our students and the community in a positive way.



Of course, one of our greatest rewards is seeing all the smiles on the children's faces on Graduation Day.



Building Concerns

Like any organization, maintenance of a building and equipment is a must. Heavy rain storms, thunder and lightning continue to be a problem for the children. It also affects movie night and community activities. We have tried replacing tarps, but to no avail.

The solution is to put a lattice wall around the Tent. Our computer equipment and copier also need to be repaired. These expenses will cost around \$ 5,000 and any help you can provide is appreciated. The Tent is also used by the community. A few weeks ago, the Rotarians used it to distribute school supplies and bags to children in need.



Heavy rain and severe storms have caused the need for GO to make frequent and costly repairs to the Tent.



The Tent serves the community in many ways. We must continue to keep the Tent available to local organizations that seek a meeting place.

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ Annual Gathering

We had an awesome experience on October 2-5, when John Olson, GO's President, and I, attended the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) Annual Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa. We are grateful to Pastor Carl Billings for his directing us to the conference. GO is also grateful to John for sacrificing many hours of preparation for the display table at the conference.

The conference was very encouraging and inspirational. GO's display table had many visitors. We met pastors and church members from Canada, Kentucky, Minnesota and Chicago that all expressed interest in the work of Guyanese Outreach. We hope to form a partnership with other missions.



Ruth and GO President, John Olson attended the LCMC Annual Gathering in Des Moines, IA to connect with new potential partners.



They had an opportunity to meet with Pastors and church leaders from many areas and explain the work of Guyanese Outreach.

The Future of Guyanese Outreach

The Board and I ask for your continued prayers and support as we seek the future direction of GO.

We are seeking long term partnership with other mission teams to build on the evangelism, reading/math programs, crafts and computer classes that are already firmly planted in Guyana.

We realize that these are challenging times as we face a recession. Please seek the Lord for direction toward assisting our mission in Guyana. Guyanese Outreach is a tax-exempt and approved 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization. Please help us yield to our Lord's command, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19.

The Board and I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and Blessed Christmas Holiday.



The Guyanese Outreach Youth Learning Centre

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.”

Phil. 1:3

Ruth