



Amerindian Missions and Global Harvest Mission presents:

# The Amerindian Messenger

*Gospel and ministry helps for Amerindian Christians in Guyana*

## Special points of interest:

- It is always God who gives the increase.
- Individual follow-up is critical to church growth.
- The world watches what we do in the church.
- Whether in the States or in Guyana, Brother David Paher is devoted full-time to assisting Jerry Davidson's work among the Amerindian Christians and churches of Christ.

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## Sand Creek Village Crusade

On Wednesday, March 5, ten Americans joined Guyanese preachers, teachers and workers in the village of Sand Creek for nine days of evangelistic campaign work. Twenty sermons and lessons were taught publically. One hundred and ninety-three Bible studies were conducted throughout the village. Fifteen baptisms and 35 restorations were some of the fruit. (Some of these responses took place in Yupukari, Lethem and Kraudar.)

Our sincere appreciation is extended to all who assisted this campaign, whether in person or prayerfully from home. Every person was helpful. We recall the words

of Paul, "I planted, Apollos watered, and God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6). Trying to count all the fruit is like trying to count the mango seeds on the tree or the mangos coming from one seed; it simply cannot be done, for only God knows.

Brother Innocent Marcello will help the church to follow up with the new converts and the restored Christians. The success, however, will depend on each church member to do his/her part. As in all village

churches, the health and [spiritual and numeric] growth will be determined by the faith, attitude and resolve of the members that comprise that congregation.

One goal for the church in Sand Creek, as with all churches, is to continue the same things done in the crusade: to visit, study and evangelize the village community. Follow up efforts are just important to kingdom success as the crusade itself.

Let's work 'til Jesus comes!



Sand Creek members ready to be partnered with crusade workers.

## "The Amerindian Messenger"

Would you welcome more teaching and encouraging from others in Christ's kingdom? Who wouldn't?

Introducing the new AMERINDIAN MESSENGER, specifically designed with Amerindian Christians in mind. Periodically arriving by mail, these

newsletters will inform you as to relative news in Guyana's Amerindian villages, and they will remind you as to the calling of God in Christ.

Do you have an article that you would like considered for this newsletter? Do you have a question or idea for us to

write about? Let Brothers Jerry Davidson or David A. Paher know via the addresses on the back page.

We are available to help you to continue growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).



## Seminars in Yupukari and Lethem

On Wednesday, February 26 in Yupukari and Friday, February 28 in Lethem, five men and three women delivered lessons relative to perseverant faith and overcoming specific fleshly desires. We are thankful for all who were in attendance. We are especially delighted that some from area villages of Annai brought a wagon full of members. This example showed the camaraderie of sister congregations. Great job!

We are thankful to Brother Bryant Evans, preacher for the Eastern Shore Church of

Christ, for securing the topics and speakers.

What topics are of particular interest to you? What challenges your faith and growth as a Christian or as a congregation? Let us know.

There are plenty of seminars and lectureships in the States, and the brothers and sisters in God's kingdom benefit greatly from them. The successful seminars recently in Yupukari and Lethem showed that perhaps they need to be more prominent in Guyana's interior as well.



Mark Jamieson addressing "Sexual Morality"



"Roll the gospel chariot along..."

*"The true issues in life are not the struggles but the methods of resolution."*

## God's People Observed

Genesis 13:7 reveals two great truths. First, Abram and Lot were extremely wealthy. Both had flocks, herds and servants, all of whom required tremendous water needs. Strife ensued. Second, Gentiles were in the land. Students understand the first part, but what significance did Moses intend with the second?

There are always problems,

strife, trials and disagreements in life. The true issues in life are not the struggles but the methods of resolution. Just as real as the strife between Abram's and Lot's herdsmen was, so is the fact that God's people live among worldly people, many of whom closely observe the lifestyle and behavior of those who claim to be moral.

We must live in the world, but we cannot live like the world (1 Corinthians 5:12).

Jesus taught Christians that behavior should exceed that of the Gentiles (Matthew 6:1ff). Do our actions and words separate us from the world? Or, do our worldly neighbors frown since we live just like them?

## Guyana Christian University Graduation

On Sunday, March 2, six men graduated from the Guyana Christian University with their families present. This group of students is the third class to have completed the training for ministry and preaching.

**Archer Moses** located to the church in Katoka Village for preaching. **Graham Williams** moved to Kopinang Village. **Derrick Winter** returned to his home in Aishalton to con-

tinue preaching for the Kraudar church. **Luke Lucas** has assumed the preaching duties at Aishalton. **Clarence Alfred** located to Paramakatoi Village to preach. **Clifton Laurindo** located in Yupukari Village to preach.

We are thankful for the sacrifice of these men as previous graduates, and we anticipate effective ministries in days and years to come.



Left to Right: Clarence Alfred, Archer Moses, Luke Lucas, Clifton Laurindo, Graham Williams, Derrick Winter, and Thomas George (the Academic Dean)

## Paul-Timothy Relationship

Brother Jerry Davidson has secured a full-time helper to aid in his work as a missionary to Guyana's Amerindian Christians. Although under a different name, Global Harvest Mission, and a separate sponsoring church in Richmond, Kentucky, a partnership exists under the banner of the cross and for the purpose of growing Christians and churches in Guyana's Amerindian villages in the interior.

Brother David A. Paher has been a preacher for fifteen years. Located in full-time preaching ministry in Virginia,

Alabama and Michigan for 13 years, Brother Paher resigned his preaching job to devote full-time attention to Guyana's interior churches. He loves to preach, teach and encourage, and we believe he will be a tremendous asset to the work.

He has been involved in three campaigns to date: Karasabai, Moruca and Sand Creek. He plans to participate in each major campaign with Brother Jerry, and he desires to make additional trip for extra teaching and training. Additional plans are being worked out.

The relationship between Brothers Davidson and Paher is like Paul and Timothy, two separate individuals working toward the same common goal.



Brother Paher addressing "Who Are We?" on the first crusade night in Sand Creek.



## Crusade Ideas Good for Ministry

The most effective crusades have both good planning beforehand and effective follow-up afterwards. These tools remain worthy to weekly ministry, too.

Each village church should know exactly who is on roll as a member of the body of Christ. Account for those who have moved, died or become unfaithful. Urge faithful mem-

bers to reach out to others.

All Christians evangelize the lost and edify the saved. Mature members strengthen the weak and restore the wayward. Visit those who are near. Write to those who are far away, attempting to find them new places of assembling.

If someone has stopped attending, find out the reason. If a

couple is living together without marriage at home, let them know that God does not like imitation marriage (Hebrews 13:4). Visitation remains one of the most important keys that unlocks church growth.

Don't wait for a crusade to practice these good ideas. Start today, and watch the church become stronger. God will provide.

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## A Message from Jerry O. Davidson

I am happy to announce the partnership between brother **David Paher** and me in the effort to evangelize the villages of the Amerindians throughout Guyana. I am convinced that David is prepared to do the best work of his entire ministry. He loves preaching to the extent of being willing to suffer hardships necessary to carry the Gospel to the lost.

We will be expanding our ef-

forts to work in those villages where the Lord's church has not yet been established. We will also be making follow-up visits to those congregations where the church has been established to help them grow spiritually. With this in mind, we will be needing workers for the three mission trips each year. Therefore if you are interested in going on one of these trips, let David or me know. We will provide you



with all the information necessary.

# Events

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*A church in every  
village and a Bible in  
every hut.*

The next crusade will be June 23-July 7 and will be hosted in Moraikobai Village where Derek Johns serves as the preacher and village captain.

A follow-up visit to Moruca Village will be July 7-14, where Vibert Emanuel serves the church. A building, currently under construction, is expected to be completed by then.

Guyana Christian University classes are expected to begin on September 1. Students are currently being interviewed for the fourth class.

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## Digging Deeper



Paul's charge in 2 Timothy 4:2 is direct and explicit: "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."

Men of God should be passionate about their charge (literally, "laying it on the line"). From 2 Timothy 3:15, the message should be shared understandably ("from a child"), for it is honorable ("sacred writings"), and powerful ("which are able").

Add to that, men of God should have compassion for others. God "breathed out" his word to be profitable ("heaped up") for others' benefits. Paul

declared everything that was profitable (Acts 20:20).

The method of preaching and teaching is illustrated in five imperative commands: preach, be ready, reprove, rebuke and exhort. We are to herald the message standing over the Bible exhorting with patience.

The effect of sound doctrine ("healthy teaching") is to prepare the hearer. A time will come when they will not hold up teaching that is healthy in front of others. According to their own lusts ("breathing hard"), they will turn away ("revolve out") their ears from the "sacred writings" (3:15), "the word" (4:2), and "the



truth" (4:4) unto myths.

Four additional imperatives allow the man of God to be balanced in mind and judgment: be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist and fulfill your ministry.

Preaching can change lives in front of Jesus who will judge all. Tomorrow's preachers will be shaped by today's preaching. Heaven watches what we do.