



Global Harvest Mission



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As of January 2016, Global Harvest Mission is phased out and replaced by [Living Water 414, LLC](#). Both the missionary and missions work remain under the oversight of the eldership at the Richmond Church of Christ located at 1500 Lancaster Road in Richmond, Kentucky.



David, Philena, Neleah & Felicity Paher

Preparations Complete

- Sponsoring congregation secured
- Website published
- Resignation from preaching announced
- Funds partially raised

Current Highlights

- An overview to our Guyana work
- David leaves Feb. 24 on his first trip.
- Securing additional congregations & individuals to financially partner with us
- Many letters sent & many calls made
- Available any Sunday or Wednesday for informal meetings and/or formal presentations
- Guyana memories

Pray for your fellow-laborers in the Lord's harvest (Luke 10:2).

Dear Readers:

Our transition from local ministry to foreign missions began on September 8, when David announced his intention to resign as the pulpit minister at the Swartz Creek church of Christ. This change follows his heart's desire. Philena and family are very supportive of this decision. We are excited!

The church of Christ located in Richmond, Kentucky was secured as the sponsoring and overseeing congregation. They will collect all funds; no money is sent to us directly. Payment and address information are found at the end of every newsletter.

Website: The new website is launched with lots of information about the target group, the indigenous Amerindian people of Guyana, South America. Also available are letters, videos, previous trips, and more. Stay informed by visiting it often. The address is GlobalHarvestMission.com.

(Please do not add an "s" to Mission, as that will take you to the website of a totally different group. We are not partnered with any denominations.)

Missionary Overview/Preview: There are two parts to David's work. First, David assists the evangelistic efforts that Jerry Davidson and Amerindian Missions does among the Amerindian people. Second, David will provide critical follow-up work on the major campaigns. These efforts are vital to the growth and health of the Amerindian churches. Pray for God to give us great success. We firmly believe God will provide all funds necessary for the work done for these trips.

Spring 2014 Campaign: David's first trip is set for three weeks during Feb. 24 – Mar. 17. Over ten Christian men and women from the States will participate in seminars for Christians in the Rupununi

(southern region of Guyana). This effort is designed to strengthen the Christians around Lethem and Yupukari. (I will be speaking on the dangers of alcohol, which is a major problem among the native people.) This first week will conclude with the graduation of students from the Guyana Christian University, where Tom Holland serves as President. Pray for the new graduates.

On March 3, additional Christians from the States will join us and travel to Sand Creek to do evangelistic work. Daily studies will be conducted and nightly lessons will be preached. Pray for our work in this village. Exciting times lie ahead for Guyana's Amerindians.

Guyana memory: My first trip was in October 2010. Not knowing all the little unexpected expenses that would arise on a campaign in a third-world country, I rationed my funds. When we arrived in the target village, I looked around and was amazed, marveling at the simplicity of life.



Studying with Amerindians in their kitchen



David baptized 10 Amerindians in June 2012

There were no Wal-Marts, McDonalds or Comfort Inns. Getting to such an isolated place required great effort and expense, though, once there, money was rather unneeded, except for the occasional hot Coca-Cola. The location exclusivity, the simplicity in life, and the attentive focus to God and his Word made preaching and teaching among the Amerindians a wonderful opportunity to reach the lost for Jesus. And, bringing the gospel to our southern village *neighbors* was extremely satisfying.

Finances: As of late-December, 65% of the base support has been secured, and we are collecting funds for David's first trip in February. Much progress has been made since Sept. 8, but we still have a shortfall. If you are able to assist, please consider doing so. God is providing but in His time.

Individuals have provided most of our funding, but congregations also make a huge difference for us, especially where David can make a presentation. Would you recommend our work to your eldership or another church that you have a connection to? Just point them to the website, you may call me at (810) 471-2962 or e-mail me at Guyana@GlobalHarvestMission.com to schedule a time to present our work.

We appreciate everyone who has pledged moneys for this important work. Please begin sending funds if you have not started already. If you have yet to make a commitment, please consider doing so soon. Thanks to all for desiring to stay informed about our work. Use the enclosed ticket to assist in the monthly checks. Some have inquired about a PayPal account to automatically debit funds. We are working on this idea.

David L. Philena

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