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Previous Highlights

- Summer trip preview
- Philena's health update – good recovery
- Several stateside reports given
- "The Amerindian Messenger" Newsletter
- Doing the work of an evangelist
- PayPal is up and ready

Current Highlights

- Summer 2014 campaign results:
 - Nearly 200 studies conducted
 - 25 baptisms
 - 35 restorations
- Four villages visited
- Follow up visit to Moruca
- Mora councilman baptized
- Preaching experience at public school
- Next trip is Oct. 6 through Nov. 3

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

Dear Readers:

I am thankful to report on great evangelistic success in Guyana's interior. During June 23 to July 14, fourteen Americans traveled to four Amerindian villages: Moraikobai Village, St. Cuthbert's Mission, Santa Mission and Moruca Village. **The result was nearly 200 Bible studies conducted with 25 baptisms, 35 restorations and two weddings.** God truly is blessing this work, and I am thankful for your support to be a vital part of it.

Follow-up visit: I was excited about returning to Moruca—our third stop—because this was a follow-up visit for me. Philena and I traveled there exactly two years ago and, studying with many folks, I baptized ten souls. With only one full day there on this visit, I was only able to see five of those souls. Four were no longer attending services because of very influential family members rooted in Pentecostalism; but one had remained faithful. I long to see about the others on subsequent visits. It is clear that more follow-up work is needed (in every village), which is exactly what I will be doing as funds increase.

Among Guyana's approximately 150 Amerindian villages, Moruca is the largest village, comprised of about twelve smaller areas. One of those, the Mora community, was the location of the newly constructed church building. A councilman for that area was attending services and was inquisitive about becoming a New Testament Christian. I studied with him for a couple of hours and baptized him into Christ. He is thankful about his new life in God.

My next trip is Oct. 6 through Nov. 3.



David studies with local Mora councilman



David preaching at the Secondary School in St. Cuthbert's Mission Village

Guyana Memory: The morning of our last full day in St. Cuthbert's Mission Village (our second stop) revealed an invitation to come speak to the students at the local Secondary School (grades 7-11). Previously, I was to accompany someone else who was to speak to them; but when they had other obligations, I was tapped for the job. The students gathered from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. I had no idea what to say to them (especially for two hours), so I began where the Bible opens: "In the beginning..."

I presented apologetics principles from Gen. 1 & 2. When I got to Gen. 3, I camped out to share the dangers of sin and temptation. Being mindful that this was a government-funded, public school, I reasoned that if I could talk about sin, then perhaps I could also preach about Jesus—

God's answer to the sin-problem, His body—the church of Christ, and baptism—the door into the church. I finished, having preached for 90 minutes. After the class dismissed, the English teacher who invited me inquired, "Why didn't you ask if anyone wanted to be baptized." I replied, "Because I'm not used to preaching Jesus in public school with evangelistic means without repercussions."

A lesson learned: With every trip to an Amerindian village, I will do my best to secure another invitation into the Secondary School to preach Jesus. Moreover, when I get done I will ask if anyone wants to be baptized into Christ. In fourteen years of ministry, this experience was a first for me. I look forward to subsequent work in these villages and among these very receptive people.

I have not received the funds for the six to eight trips that I had planned for 2014; but I have participated in the major efforts which were anticipated to be the most essential aspect to getting involved in this work—that of participating, learning and doing. The other follow-up trips will absolutely be added as more funds become available.

Visit www.GlobalHarvestMission.com for the latest information about the trips and work in Guyana's interior.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve God through missions to Guyana's interior regions. I can assure you that every single person and congregation has made the difference. Thank you for your prayers and for your financial assistance.

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