



Global Harvest Mission



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Previous Highlights

- Fall 2014 campaign results:
 - Nearly 300 studies conducted
 - 16 baptisms
 - 20 restorations
 - 4 weddings
- Follow up visit in Nappi Village
- Taught Acts with Personal Evangelism emphasis in the GCU

Current Highlights

- Totals for current year
 - Over 700 studies conducted
 - 56 baptisms
 - 90 restorations
 - 15 villages visited
 - 1 college-level class taught by David
- Preview of 2015
- Remembering those who have passed
- Newsletter mishap

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

Dear Readers:

Philena and I have had a great first year! We successfully transitioned from ministry to foreign missions. Three trips and ten weeks in Guyana have introduced me to many Amerindian people and villages and have taught me much about native needs. **The combined teams' efforts this year conducted over 700 Bible studies among 15 villages and have yielded 56 baptisms and 90 restorations.** I joined the few men who have taught in Guyana Christian University. My subject was Acts.

To say that we have been challenged this year is an understatement. In January, I cut my salary by one-third, and Obamacare forced our children onto Michigan Medicaid. Because of decreased funding during the last four months, I further reduced my salary. I picked up part-time preaching in Michigan (and plan to do so in Kentucky once we settle there until our situation improves). We moved our contents to storage in Kentucky, and our empty Michigan home has a contract again – the first buyer had reneged, which delayed progress on a house in Kentucky. **Since mid-August, we have lived out of suitcases with family and friends,** except for the two weeks we packed up our home. We are thankful for shelter and food. We pray that next year improves our plight, but if not, we remain resolved to keep at it.

2015 Preview: The three trips I made in 2014 will be repeated in 2015, God willing, and they will be expanded by a few weeks to do more work in Guyana. I plan to make additional follow-up and teaching trips later this year as funding picks up. Will your congregation fund one trip which costs \$250 per month? It will make the difference!



Derrick Winter was a recent GCU graduate and preached for the Kroudar village church.



Amit Persaud, Jr. was five years old.

Memorial: This newsletter edition is dedicated to two special Amerindians, both of whom passed away this year. Amit (Junior) was an energetic and evangelistic boy. I first met him this past spring along with his Christian parents, Amit and Eileen Persaud, who are special servants in the kingdom. Uncontrolled internal bleeding baffled doctors and his parents watched him slip into eternity.

Derrick Winters lived in Aishalton and preached for the Kroudar church in the deep regions of the Rupunnuni Region. I also met Derrick in February when he graduated from Guyana Christian University. I traveled with Derrick from Sand Creek to Kroudar to preach the gospel. I met his wife and saw how humble Brother Derrick was. They cared for a special needs grandson. Derrick was tragically killed while traveling the Guyana roads.

Mail-out mishap: Many of you may have recently received a mail-out but sent to you with a different last name. I imagine how perplexing and disappointing that was for you. The envelope contained a newsletter with a special appeal and a letter from my sponsoring eldership. We attempted to utilize a local UPS store for the mailing. They made an error which confused first and last names. Some envelopes were even returned with missing zip codes. The UPS store issued a refund, and we will not use them again. What initially cost a few hundred dollars in postage and handling ended up costing several thousands of dollars in potential support, because only one church responded (out of 400 addresses). But we trust in God.

Rest assured that I do have your correct contact information. However, if I am missing something, please call my cell phone ASAP: (810) 471-2962. We aim to perfect the process.

Philena and I are very excited about 2015. Next month will begin our second year as missionaries. If this year brought great results, next year will yield fantastic fruit. We were to announce some important changes to our mission work this past fall, but those announcements will have to wait until the spring or summer during our settling into Kentucky living.

I look forward to the trips and the work that God has us to do in Guyana. Thank you for your prayers and for your financial assistance.

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