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Previous Highlights

- Thank you
- Six trips planned in the next 12 months
- Projector needed
- Guyana memory

Current Highlights

- Karaisabai Campaign Trip
 - 11 Baptisms
 - 26 Restorations
- Teaching in GCU (Job & James)
- Items donated
- Major health concern
- Guyana memory
- Next trip: April 24 – May 9, 2015

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

Dear Readers:

Almost the entire month of March was spent in Guyana's Rupununi (southern region). During the first two weeks, a sizable team of Americans from the States and local [South] American brothers and sisters traveled from Lethem to Karaisabai. The result was 11 baptisms and 26 restorations. Following that campaign, those from the States returned home.

GCU Instruction: I remained for an additional two weeks to teach the books of Job and James at the Guyana Christian University. (Those books worked exceptionally well together as combined courses because both deal with the topic of suffering—Job's patience is cited in James 5:11). The students are sharp, asking good, well-developed questions; it is a joy to participate in such a great work.

Philena was very thankful that I made the necessary arrangements to arrive home on the day prior to our 16th anniversary. My family and I are well-aware of special days where we may not be together; but our anniversary is very important. A month is a long time to spend in a third-world country, and it is a great separation from my family.

Gifting Update: Several congregations had collected toys, stuffed animals and other items to be given away during campaigns. Because of the overwhelming articles and my limited space, it has taken time to carry them to the villages; however they are being distributed. Continue to collect items, and I will continue to take them in my suitcases. A complete list of things you can donate are on my website: GlobalHarvestMission.com/materials.html. Previous reports are found there as well.



Sunday preaching about Job's suffering before beginning my classes on Monday.



Four follow-up lessons were presented at the Parishara church over the final weekend.

Major health concern: Prior to my trip, I developed a sinus infection and a cold. Not wanting to waste my non-refundable plane fares which totaled \$1650 (to/from/within Guyana), I kept my schedule. However, clashing medicines and third-world conditions worsened my ailments. My blood pressure increased (never experienced before), and I was restricted from the daily hikes to prevent a heart attack or stroke. Yet, I was not prevented from interviewing locals from a chair at the guest house where we stayed, which increased my cultural awareness and enhanced my effectiveness as a missionary. Satan was not victorious.

These problems caused me to leave Karaisabai Village prematurely to seek medical attention. I healed; God's work continued: Truly, "I can bear up through all things through Christ" (Philippians 4:13).

Guyana memory: Last October's campaign brought us to Nappi, Parishara and Hiowa Villages. Over the weekend during my courses, a few local brethren and I visited the Parishara church to follow-up from last fall's evangelistic work and to encourage and equip them. Although small in number and limited in experience as Christians, they readily received instruction about growing in the Lord, having unity in the Spirit, helping each other and spending time together (outside of the worship assemblies).

Visiting the church in Parishara Village involved pitching a tent and stringing lights. We did not have the "luxuries" that arrive on an army truck during major campaigns (e.g. stove, thirty 20-liter water bottles, and so on). We packed enough food and water for the night and next morning.

My next trip is April 24 through May 9. I will be teaching two more courses and visiting another village congregation. Continue to pray for my work.

Philena and I are indebted to all of our financial and prayer supporters. Without your help, I would not be able to go to these villages. And many souls would never hear the gospel or turn from worldly living to godliness. Thank you.

Despite our struggles last year, we have experienced an increase in funding, which we are very appreciative. Obamacare still remains one of our top benefactors for mission work, though Kentucky Medicaid does not provide out-of-state benefits.

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