



Global Harvest Mission



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Previous Highlights

- Parika – Seminar on Church Growth
 - Davo Bicessar baptized
- Good Hope – crusade on Christian Growth – 30-35 attended
- Wakenaam church is ready to grow
- Monkey Mountain campaign
 - Over 50 studies, 4 baptisms, 16 restorations, 3 weddings

Current Highlights

- Five villages visited: Lethem, St. Ignatius, Moco Moco & Nappi in Guyana, and Bon Fim, Brazil
- Presented 4 lessons; made many visits
- Taught two courses at GCU
 - Minor Prophets
 - 1 & 2 Chronicles
- 2015 team highlights: 5 trips, 17 weeks, ten villages visited, 500 studies, 45 baptisms, 38 restorations, four weddings, six courses, two seminars, and one dead church revived.

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

Dear Readers:

A fifth trip to Guyana was a great way to finish the year. The plan was simple: to teach Minor Prophets and 1 & 2 Chronicles at Guyana Christian University in Lethem. The classes went well, and I was impressed with one student's heartwarming message before we began. He said, "We have looked forward to your coming with great anticipation. Now that you are here, we are ready to learn." Such a response has not been shared the previous three times that I taught them. I do appreciate the opportunity to participate in such a great endeavor. Furthermore, I am excited to see this group of students in action as they accept their next challenge upon graduation.

My course instructors would often cite 2 Timothy 2:2 as being a worthy reason why they were teaching fulltime at the East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions. Now that I am instructing others in the classroom, I can relate personally with their sentiment. In keeping with the verse, God wants all of us to pass on what we know and have learned to others so that they in turn may instill it to others yet.

December's trip was unique because my daughter, Neleah, accompanied me. Other than a trip to Niagara Falls, Ontario a few years ago, this was her first foreign experience. Eighteen days without air conditioning, hot showers or internet impacted her for life. I am confident that she will never see the gospels or Acts the same way again.

Having her with me made an impact on my work in several ways that are special:

First, American children and Amerindian villages rarely get to meet, if ever. That social first will be known for some time to come.

Second, due to personality, Neleah had no trouble making friends. Adults and children loved her presence there and were glad she came.

Third, we visited two villages, Moco Moco and Nappi. Neleah's presence showed that brethren from the U.S. care about them.

Fourth, for many Amerindians, it was the first time seeing a U.S. missionary as a parent and not just as a teacher, soul-winner or facilitator. Her presence added a dimension that my previous nine trips could never show.



This church in Bon Fim, Brazil has no building, only pews; yet they assemble, rain or shine.



GCU students and friends with Neleah Paher.

Church buildings needed. We witnessed another village congregation that had no building. In Bon Fim, Brazil, brethren move their benches around a few small trees to

keep in the shade. Would you like to help these congregations to have shelter from the elements? Do you know someone? The other congregation is further south in Kroudar. They at least have a tarp. We hope to campaign in Kroudar in

2015 Review: In more than 40 campaign days (not counting travel or set up time), over 500 studies were conducted with 45 baptisms, 38 restorations and four weddings. Naturally, these stats are too much for one person alone. That said, most of these stats are a collaborative effort and reflect that in the fruit. In addition to my contribution to these efforts, I was able to teach six courses, two seminars and help rekindle a dead church—more on that later.

I have been hinting at big news for some time. We had an especially lengthy transition to Kentucky a year ago, and we had a busy year. The delay has continued long enough. Next month's newsletter will reveal the announcement. I will provide details in the next newsletter, but here is a sample of what is to come:



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