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Previous Highlights

- Pen Pal Ministry started
- Adopt-A-Church Outreach coming soon
- 10-day campaign in Moruca Village
- GCU graduation
- 2-night visit at Monkey Mountain Village
- 5-day crusade on Wakenaam Island

Current Highlights

- Guyana Christian University graduation
- Week-long campaigns:
 - Moruca Village
 - Good Hope/Parika
 - Wakenaam Island
- Other village visits:
 - St. Cuthbert's Mission Village
 - Monkey Mountain Village
- 5 Marriage Officers to be appointed

*Those who drink the water
that I give will never be
thirsty again (John 4:14).*

Dear Readers:

This newsletter edition arrives to you with my presence in Guyana. Having left the US on Friday, June 17, I am scheduled to return Saturday, July 16. Pray for success.

Objective by numbers: 5 Marriage Officers to be appointed; 4 weeks in Guyana, 3 one-week campaigns, 2 follow-up visits, and one graduation ceremony at GCU. God is doing great things through us!

Brothers John Langham from Daphne, Alabama and Gene Johnson from Decatur, Alabama will accompany me to Lethem, Guyana to participate in the graduation ceremony at the Guyana Christian University. Six students will graduate to pursue ministry either part or full time: Brothers Lawrence Martin, Sigmund Moses, Kurt Pereira, Michael Pereira, Emmanuel Robiero and Harold Simon. A seventh student, Sister Shireen Brown, will begin her studies to become a medical doctor, likely in the States.

Five Amerindian preachers will visit Georgetown, the capital city, to apply to become Marriage Officers. This effort is a continuation of the work we began in March. Having our own Marriage Officers will facilitate couples marrying legally, scripturally and will assist more individuals in pleasing God and becoming Christians. Therefore, this step is incredibly important!

The eight of us will immediately travel to Moruca for five days to encourage and equip a struggling church with no preacher.



*Prospective graduates stand holding their new Thompson Chain Reference Bibles, which were donated by the Red Hill Church of Christ located in Manchester, Tenn. **Front row:** Emmanuel Robiero, Sigmund Moses, Shireen Brown, Harold Simon and Lawrence Martin; **Back row:**, Michael Pereira and Kurt Pereira. They graduate on Sunday, June 19, 2016.*

Transitioning between major campaigns presents excellent openings for quick visits to other areas to follow up, to encourage and to troubleshoot problems. John Langham and Gene Johnson will return to the States, and I plan to visit St. Cuthbert's Mission Village and/or Monkey Mountain Village to accomplish those tasks. Pray for these small but very important visits.

The Spring Hill church in Tennessee, where Craig Evans preaches, will send a medical missions team, who will arrive in Guyana on Saturday, July 2 and immediately set up to begin their work in the communities of Parika and Good Hope. I will work alongside them conducting Bible studies out in the communities and in conjunction with the medical work. Last year, I was blessed to study and baptize five of the thirteen souls added to the Lord during that week.

On Thursday, July 7, Chris Pence and his father David Pence will join me in Guyana for a campaign on Wakenaam Island. Chris is one of our members at the Richmond church, my sponsoring and overseeing congregation. Along with a small team of Guyanese Christians, they will help make our efforts that week very productive and successful. We will conduct studies and classes during the day, and

two sermons nightly as accustomed. Pray for our effectiveness during that week!

Mission trips are great opportunities for individuals to push their comfort zone and develop their talent for the Lord. Having never taught a class or preached a sermon, Chris is looking to do both for the first time. I know he will do great!

His dad will shadow us with a camera to create videos that will do two things. First, for those who may participate in a future campaign, these videos will help you to prepare for your trip. Second, a video diary will help you see what a missionary team does. I pray that they will want you to enlist in this great work. Because of this opportunity, I am really excited about David's work with the camera.

It was my prayer for eight to ten Christians to join me in Wakenaam Island so that a VBS portion of our campaign could be added to our work. I thank God for the two who will accompany me. This number is sufficient for minimal evangelistic efforts. We will do what we can with the people we have. I am hopeful that additional helpers will avail themselves of this wonderful opportunity to strengthen congregations and individuals who desperately need it.

We are planning additional trips in the fall and next spring. Stay informed and join us when you can. God bless you!

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