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# Special Report

*Wakenaam Island Christians need your help.*

- Saints
- + Land
- + Deed
- + Studies
- + Excitement
- + Prayers
- + Opportunity
- + Potential
- Building**

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- = Limited Growth**

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

Dear Readers:

I need your help. The Lord needs your help. Essequibo saints on Wakenaam need your help. **Will you answer their call?**

For years the Meerzorg church of Christ had maintained her faith and zeal for God's love. Only when most of the members migrated away for work and the preacher died did the small remnant lose their way. But the Lord heard their prayers and pleas for help, and you helped me to take the gospel to them.

We imparted to them the message of repentance, forgiveness and hope. We shared with them your love, concern and compassion for their salvation, growth and well-being. Their hearts have been touched by our example. I have seen their tears.

**Denis and Estheel Henry** are founding members. He knows the Word and mouths the Scriptural references as he hears them in the lessons. She is all but confined to the home. Both are thankful for our work.

**Priscilla Gobin** is also a longtime member. All seven of her children obeyed the gospel but none are faithful today. She perseveres, and we continue to teach. Priscilla prepares our food when we come.

**Indra Gobin** suffers with many health problems but continues to be counted among the number. She is among the sweetest, kindest and most friendly individuals that you could know.



*Front row: Rovita Fredricks (minister's wife), Denis Henry, Indra Gobin; Middle row: Joseph & Karen Benjamin, Priscilla Gobin and Clinton Fredricks (minister); Back row: David A. Paher*

**Joseph Benjamin** worked in the gold mines prior to his conversion until recently. Now he supports his family by pruning coconut trees in his area. The job requires him to scale to the tree top. (I know a Guyanese preacher who lost his arm when he fell from the top of a coconut tree at the age of nine as it is neither easy nor safe.)

He recently took over the job of book keeping and handling the church's money. Moreover, the church meets in his home currently. Humility and quietness keep him focused on his faith and family. Hallelujah!

**Karen Benjamin** also is humble and quiet. She is a great cook, a gracious hostess, a good mother to two boys and a girl, and a dedicated wife to Joseph Benjamin.

**Clinton and Rovita Fredricks** are recent converts from the Good Hope congregation from across the river. Clinton worked in the gold mines before obeying the gospel and gave up that spiritually conflicting life to plant a garden upon his conversion. At the same time, Rovita quickly exchanged her bankrupt traditions in Hindu mysticism for obedience to the life-changing gospel.

They moved to Wakenaam in January to work with the Meerzorg church in their daily and weekly growth. I teach and work with them each visit to Wakenaam Island to ground and encourage them in the most holy faith and to show them how to do the same among those with whom they labor.

### **What future will the Meerzorg church face?**

Only God knows that answer, but we look for neither miracles nor Heaven's manna. God's people fund God's work when possible. This is a matter of faith to us.

The church of Christ in Meerzorg on Wakenaam Island needs a building for worship and fellowship. The saints already own the land and hold the deed. The old, condemned building has been deconstructed, and local authorities have approved our sound plan. The property is shovel-ready, with the exception of money. One-quarter (25%) of the funds has been given. We need \$15,000 more.

I want to be clear. The brethren have sweat equity in this project already and will continue until the building is finished. Moreover, with the pledged labor of nearby Guyanese churches, this endeavor will be completed in short time. They only need money for materials and supplies. Can you help these wonderful saints to build?

When asking for help with the cost, I explained to them at the beginning, "I don't mind helping to raise the money for your building, but I will not build your building." I clarified that sentiment by saying that, when finished, they would own and be responsible for the facility – using it wisely and caring for it responsibly. They agreed.

Already, Satan had tried to hinder them through the son of the previous land owner, but the church asserted its rightful claim, and the obstruction was removed.

Will you send \$50, \$100, \$500 or more today to meet this important need? Mark any checks for "Wakenaam building."

*David & Philena*

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