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### Current Highlights

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    - Follow-up work
  - Wakenaam/Moruca
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    - Follow-up work
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*Those who drink the  
water that I give will  
never be thirsty again  
(John 4:14).*

Dear Readers:

The July Campaign is shaping up nicely. With 26 team members from seven States and 28 Guyanese, we have a sizeable crew to make a difference in Lethem. In addition, I believe and expect this effort to be one of the most successful campaigns ever because it will contain some much-needed teaching as well as follow-up work.

Moreover, one of our preachers will be on the team; he is being considered for the role of preacher. His name is Vibert Emanuel, and he is the same man I went to Maubaruma last September to visit with the hopes of re-enlisting in the Lord's service. He has a compassionate and tender heart that loves the Lord and cares for others. He will do well. Pray for him!

The Lethem church remains our top priority because of its geographical and strategical importance to 23 churches of Christ in Guyana's interior regions. So, this Amerindian Missions Effort will consist of regular daily Bible studies with a focus on restoring the many erring Christians; nightly crusades; a medical component with several doctors, nurses, pharmacists and students; additional Bible studies with patients; special teaching-training classes; VBS; repairs to the compound and in the community. The dates are July 22-28.

This effort will provide a major spark for the Lethem church and their new preacher, should he decide to stay. I sincerely anticipate hearing many good things.



*Gene & Carolyn Johnson pose with the late Aubrey LaCruz with whom they had studied and baptized in Moruca Village in July 2012. An accountant who was a former Catholic priest and taxi driver, he passed away in January 2017 leaving two children.*

Gene & Carolyn Johnson (above) and Hazel Rands (below) have collectively made nearly 100 trips to Guyana over the past 10 years or more. They are compassionate, helpful, wise, dedicated and indispensable to this work. It is common for these octogenarians to enlist for three-week visits three times annually, but for this second 2018 trip, they will work for 25 days! Moreover, the Johnsons celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary while in Guyana. Each are the amazing crusading role model for the team to emulate.



*Hazel Rands is pictured with sixteen-year-old Deana Mohamed receiving her Bible and baptismal certificate, who was baptized August 2016. Sister Rands oversees records and supplies.*

Nine team members will travel to Wakenaam on July 15 and to Moruca Village two days later for nightly crusades, VBS and follow-up work. Both congregations were visited last summer and will benefit from these efforts.

Accompanying me along the coast and into the interior, Gene, Carolyn, Hazel (all pictured in the left column) will welcome the final two team members of our campaign. Neil Richey and Tim Feltner are preacher and elder, respectively, for the Piedmont Road Church of Christ in Marietta, Georgia – home of the Georgia School of Preaching. This final week will focus on grounding the members of the Lethem church in Culvert City, a component that will make this effort thrive!

Since our beginning in 2014, Philena and I verbally expressed our sincere desire and firm conviction to provide annual updates among each of our supporters. We have done well, especially while serving in Guyana one-third annually. Our wish has not changed, but we have approached a threshold that causes a few visits to be delayed to 18-24 months. While it remains a misgiving on our part, we thank God for your faith to send us, your fellowship in contributing to our work, your prayers that we persevere and your patience to await our return. One of our supporting churches, for example, thought I had given an update this time last year, when, in fact, it had been 24 months! They were more than kind, even offering praise for our commitment to the work. We are indebted to all of you!

Our work grew from three single-focused trips in 2014 to five multi-faceted visits annually since. The culture and climate are demanding and fatiguing, but it is a privilege to share in the eternal joys.

*David & Philena*

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