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Special Report

How was Timothy's
work effected when Paul
"finished his course?"

I may have some ideas.

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

Dear Readers:

Since our start in foreign mission work, we likened our role with Jerry and Francis Davidson to the biblical model of Paul and Timothy. When the first century pair went to work, they traveled together and separately but always cooperatively. In fact, Paul mentored Timothy as his "son in the faith" (1 Tim. 1:2). What a team! That is precisely what Jerry and I have shared for five years – a mentorship.

Some closest to Philena and me thought our ministry-to-missions transition five years ago was crazy and foolish, even opining that our kids should be grown before we start this endeavor. However, we knew that a day would come when Jerry's Parkinson's disease would not allow him to continue traveling and working on Guyana's behalf. Jumping immediately into this work with both feet, therefore, seemed to be the most expedient and necessary move. No regrets or misgivings!

Before stepping out by faith in 2013, I made one last appeal to Jerry for assurance of his long-term guidance. In jest, I said, "Jerry, if I do this [help you full-time], I expect you to live forever." We both chuckled and pledged our commitment to the Lord, to each other and to the task at hand – growing churches and Christians.

On June 2, 2018, the dreaded day suddenly arrived, and Jerry and Francis retired from their 29-year Guyana work. Having planted more than 30 Amerindian churches, these seasoned ministry veterans have grown and sustained Christians, single-handedly preparing this work for the future. God bless them!



While buying water in Georgetown, Jerry Davidson and I discuss methods of providing Jesus' living water (John 4:14) to the Guyanese.

I am indebted to their leadership, am saddened by their retirement, and understanding that they can now focus on their health and families. I welcome their continued interest in the work as days go by. Their recent donation check was sacrificial but needed. We know they love this work.

The handover of the entire Amerindian Missions operations from Jerry and Francis to Philena and me with the help of the Summerdale eldership will take time and involve everyone's commitment. This work is at a precipice, but we are steadfast to ensure that these churches grow from infancy to self-sufficiency. We see fruit.

Since the needs remain along with expenses for preachers, campaigns, buildings, and benevolence, please continue sending funds to keep the work going. By the year's end, you can make all checks payable to Living Water 414 and send to the address at the end of every newsletter. All donations are tax-deductible, and each donor will receive written recognition with my newsletter.

Whether you have traveled to Guyana in the past or desire to do so in the future, I think now is a great time to consider checking on the progress of the work. Transportation and lodging have improved some, but a willing heart is most needed. Call for more info.

Pray for this work and all the people and things needed to do a good job. It's not the least you can do; it's the most you can do!

Several churches have showed great interest in adopting Amerindian congregations. This move will enhance the Guyanese work, and it will revolutionize the local church's view of foreign missions.

When I began, I shared that one man could not possibly do this work alone. Even Paul had several co-workers to assist in God's vineyard: Timothy, Titus, Epaphras, Epaphroditus and a physician – Luke. This work takes many minds, hands and hearts.

To give Amerindian Missions what it needs, Living Water 414 has welcomed the help of James and Deana Pendley of Gadsden, Ala. Having already been involved in this work on a part-time basis for the past ten years, James is currently raising funds for full-time work. His partnership with me as an apprentice during 2018 has been to learn firsthand the many tasks of foreign missions ministry: evangelism, raising funds, giving updates, administration and accounting. By year's end, he will solidify the road ahead.

The Living Water 414 vision has always been global in scope though the initial effort so far has been to focus solely on Amerindian Missions in Guyana. While doors may open elsewhere in the world, too many doors remain wide open among the Amerindian people. We praise God for this!

To make up the nearly \$2,717.00 Amerindian Missions shortfall, Philena and I are gearing up for a busy season of foreign & stateside travels that will bring us to November. Pray for us. Pray for our health. Pray for the work.

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