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### Previous Highlights

- Amerindian Missions with Medical team
  - Lethem
  - Wakenaam church has five more!
  - Moruca families are dedicated to God
- The grape juice shortage
- Should my child go on a mission trip?
- Brian Hall, Director of Communications

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### Current Highlights

- Fall interstate travels
  - 5,000 miles
  - 6 states
  - Dodged two hurricanes
- October Lethem Crusade
  - 7 baptisms
  - 36 responses & requests for prayer
  - Previous graduate restored
  - Local preachers ministering
- Amerindian Mission transition & sentiments toward its fellow leaders
- Brian Hall's first mission trip!

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

Dear Readers:

September began with a bang! We were already away from home in late August for Polishing the Pulpit and two middle Tennessee reports the following Lord's Day. Over the next five Sundays, we drove nearly 5,000 miles, saw south Alabama (missing Hurricane Gordon), central Florida, Atlanta area, some South Carolina visits, and, side stepping Hurricane Florence along the North Carolina coast, we went to the DC area before returning home. Philena and I are thankful for the wonderful commendations of the many churches we visited. You continue to be steadfast, for which we thank Almighty God!

The **October campaign** in Lethem was well-executed because of a great team and on-going efforts there. The summer's medical and evangelism teams that saw 650 patients and nearly 500 Bible studies and visits provided a great foundation for seven baptisms and 36 public responses—three or four for prayers for themselves or another person, and the rest for repentance and restoration.

One couple that came forward was **Amerdeen and Caterina Joseph**; Amerdeen was in the first Guyana Christian University graduating class. He preached in Aishalton Village before giving in to discouragement. Many encouraged him over the years. Every night, they attended with their four young handsomely dress sons.



The Lethem church continues to overcome struggles and to mature. We assist when and how we can. Years of having GCU presence have yielded several men in the city and immediate area who have been formally trained in Bible and ministry: Sylvan Alcides, Philip Duncan, Glen Brown, Emanuel Robiero, Joseph Adventura and Amerdeen Joseph. We must not neglect to mention Thomas George, a self-studied evangelist, who has done tremendous work for the kingdom of God.



*David Paher and Brian Hall pose at Lexington's Bluegrass Airport. This is Brian's first Guyana trip. Photo by Scott Morgan, who drove us to the airport.*

**Amerindian Missions Transition:** Serving as Jerry's "Timothy" was a privilege and honor, and the routine eased with practice, time, prayerful patience and Jerry's wisdom. With his absence, bearing the full load and weight of the entire Amerindian Missions program has been trying; but it is something that Jerry and I planned for. And the work remains strong.

**Guyana's Living "Cloud of Witnesses":** Several US evangelists have worked areas during Jerry's time in Amerindian Missions. For example, Wayne Pruitt and Paul Brown have evangelized Paramakatoi and Mabaruma Village and outlying settlements; Charles Box successfully focus on Annai Village and vicinity; and Louis Rushmore, who holds valuable seminars annually throughout the country. More recently, Roger Comstock, David Myers, John Langham, Mark Jamieson Gene Johnson and Stephen Kelly continue to provide their time, talents and treasures to assist the evangelistic, instructive and medical village needs—fruit of Jerry's love, dedication and willingness to help Amerindians grow in Christ. Among the leaders, I am the youngest in age and the newest arrival. In a very real and biblical sense, the aforementioned individuals are my cloud of witnesses this side of Heaven and across the Caribbean Sea.

*David & Philena*



*Brian Hall conducts one of the final studies with Reneesa Alcides, who was baptized the next day.*

**New team member enjoys first missionary journey:** I thoroughly enjoyed my first mission trip to Lethem, Guyana and the 10-day campaign at the Culvert City congregation. I made new lifelong friends among the Amerindian people and loved the local food. I enjoyed spending much time in devotionals and fellowship with the visiting preachers in the area. The Bible studies, worship and singing were so uplifting. Praise the Lord for the multiple baptisms and restorations. I also worshipped with the Enmore and Triumph congregations in Georgetown and visited the Hope Children's Home. I cannot wait to go back to Guyana soon.

*Brian Hall*



*Elroy McGarrell and Brian Hall prepare to head for the Bon Fim church in Brazil. Brian remarked about their humble building and their great faith.*

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