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Current Highlights

- The privilege of being Jerry's Timothy
- Two names explained:
 - Living Water 414 (global outreach)
 - Amerindian Missions (local to Guyana)
- Operation continues despite shortfall
- New full-time worker: Brian Hall
 - First experience described

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is operation again!

More updates to come!



Brian Hall joins David Paher to assist in the workload since Jerry Davidson's retirement.

Dear Readers:

Stepping out and enlisting as Jerry Davidson's "Timothy" in January 2014 was essential for the future of the Guyana work. I am thankful for the opportunity to have joined with Jerry and Frances in this mission and saddened at his June 2 retirement. We have planned for this transition over the last two years especially.

During Amerindian Missions' 19-year history, we have seen the birth of many congregations throughout Guyana. Now we assist their growth in the Lord. We might even see these some churches develop elders, though it may take some time. (Read more [here...](#))

One + One = One

I am occasionally asked how Living Water 414 should be distinguished from Amerindian Missions. In the short-term, Jerry looked for a Timothy immediately to learn the work while he had good health. This requirement trumped his need for several full-time workers to aid him. At the beginning in January 2014, we were two workers with different roles, each having our own sponsoring church and sources of funding. That die was cast at Jerry's direction.

However, in the long-term, Jerry had known—having labored in several mission fields since the 60s—that a missionary teaches, trains and equips others until he is no longer needed. Then he moves on. Jerry plainly said, "David, the job of a missionary is to work himself out of a job." Living Water 414, therefore, is the future vision beyond the mission to a localized people. Amerindians will likely need for a great while some financial assistance to evangelize their own people on a large scale. But if we succeed in anything, then the day will come when we do not have to hold their hand.

Living Water 414 and Amerindian Missions have always complimented each other with different focal areas and have never competed for anything. For the 7-10 churches that have sent funds to both the Richmond and Summerdale churches of Christ for several years, they have understood that Living Water 414 is Richmond's global outreach, no matter the area. Since we are solely in Guyana currently, what we do since Jerry's retirement is Amerindian Missions. At this point of understanding this complimenting difference, one seasoned campaign veteran asked, "So, Living Water 414 is broader than Amerindian Missions and can even be bigger in scope?" This has been the vision from the beginning.

Jerry O. Davidson Moves On

Since stepping into Jerry's shoes, everyone has been so supportive and patient during this transition. Some have begun sending their dollars to Richmond. Despite a \$2,717.00 monthly shortfall to Amerindian Missions, we have had to add four part-time preachers for the stability of local churches, bringing the total number of servants to 27—at an average stipend of \$230 per family. Jerry would often remark concerning this, "I wouldn't work for that amount, and you wouldn't either." The obvious and natural response is to get people off American support, and that is the goal; but these village Christians are in a unique culture of hunters and gatherers. No local person is available for regular ministry when they have to search for their next meal. (Read more [here...](#))

Brian Hall Joins the Team

With the increased administrative load, I have added an employee, Brian Hall, to be my Communications Director. He will connect people, ideas, plans, goals, itineraries and activities. He will coordinate more strategic newsletter campaigns by email and snail mail. Many have already seen a greater presence on [Facebook](#) (link for all social media is below) with pictures, posts and events. Please be sure to friend us, like the content and follow the activity. More changes are to come with Brian's invaluable insight. We are working on a fresh look for this newsletter, for example.

Brian has been a Deacon at the Richmond church for over 20 years and currently handles many important areas under the heading of Involvement. With his experience in ministry,

business management, finance, publicity, art design, social science, professional printing and marketing, he is a valuable asset for the Living Water 414. Donna, his wife from Gainesboro, Tenn., is a kindergarten teacher and fully supports his work in the US and Guyana. You can read about Brian and Donna [here](#); and read more updates [here](#)...

First Guyana Experience Described

Brian made his first trip to Lethem, Guyana in October—a frequent stop for our beloved Tom Holland. Regarding that trip, he reflected, "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." If you would like to support Brian for his administrative and evangelistic work, then send funds electronically or write your check to Living Water 414 and mark it "for Brian Hall." (Read more [here](#)...)

Pray for our endurance in this work of the Lord.

David & Philena

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

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