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### Previous Highlights

- Looking back at 2018
  - Reporting as Timothy & Paul
  - Four months in my own bed
  - We love what we do & do what we love. And Philena is amazing!!!
- Preachers' Seminar
  - The need for topics for/by preachers
  - The importance of grounding and maturing both men and women.
- Pictures of preachers and wives.
- 2019 operational costs and shortfall
- Thoughts from Brian Hall's second trip!

### Current Highlights

- Highlights for 2019
  - Brian Hall's need for support.
  - Preacher support
  - Church "Adoption"
  - Renewed Amerindian Missions
  - One final container shipment
  - GCU's new class of 12 students
- God opens doors across borders
  - Guyana, Brazil + 2 more (?)
  - Eastern Europe Bible study
  - Living Water 414 is not only Guyana but intercontinental
- Brian Hall's first tent-campaign encounter

*Those who drink the water  
that I give will never be thirsty again.*

*(John 4:14)*



David Paher baptized  
Dion Bernard



John Campion baptized  
Enoch Duncan

*Dear Readers:*

With the new year comes exciting news about our work.

First, **Brian Hall is the absolute best communicator-connector.** His natural personality and ability make him unique. But he needs your support to continue as he participates in ongoing trips. Will you help?



Second, of the 24 Guyanese people receiving small stipends allowing them to actively do ministry, only seven of them have US congregations or individuals who directly sponsor them. **You may just be the one who can help support the other 17 preachers & workers** with four additional preachers waiting in the wing. (A special newsletter will be devoted to highlighting each preacher and their need for US support.)

Third, US and Guyanese **congregations are currently being paired** for fellowship and involvement. The word "adoption" has unintended meanings to the foreign brethren, but the same relational purpose is the goal. Contact me if you want to be added to the list.

Fourth, the **Amerindian Missions work is renewed and regenerated.** Three campaigns this year will encompass seven villages. Roger Comstock directed an evangelistic mission in Awarewanau Village with additional efforts in Marurunau and Shea Villages this spring. Two week-long efforts will strengthen Moraikabai and St. Cuthbert's Mission Villages. And a two-week campaign is being planned for Parishara and Aishalton Villages simultaneously in the fall. Pray for these efforts and the laborers. Contact me if you would like to participate in a trip.

Fifth, we have delayed news about the container shipments despite the many inquiries during 2018. Summerdale is exiting this Amerindian Missions work in order to revitalize their Spanish work utilizing the warehouse from which supplies were sent. To empty the warehouse, **Summerdale has agreed to send one final shipment** at a date to be published.

Sixth, making it the largest class of students ever, **Guyana Christian University received 12 students** from various villages starting in March. These students will add more workers that speak local tribal languages.



David preaching to a packed building in Guyana

**Living Water 414** is the global missionary work of the Richmond Church of Christ. Extensive work has been done in Guyana and will continue for the commitments we have there. Our efforts in Brazil and the US will also continue with possible openings in Suriname and Venezuela, which we cannot ignore.

In October, we met a European who identified as an agnostic. After a full day of apologetics and genetics discussions and studies, he proved to be open to additional literature. Returning to his home, he continued to read, inquire and learn about an Intelligent Designer. He admits being “not yet convinced” but remains inquisitive still. We pray for his faith!

His neighboring country to the east greatly needs the gospel as there is no church there yet. In truth, I have prayed for over 20 years for God to open doors there. I am firmly convinced that meeting this European in Guyana’s interior was neither luck, chance, coincidence nor happen-stance. God pens the rest of the story.

*David and Philena*

#### **A MUST-READ FUNNY:**

Awarewanau (a-WAR-wuh-now) Village is admittedly difficult to pronounce for first-timers. Hazel Rands initially thought, “*And where are we now?*” My mother reacted, “*We’re at war with who now?*” Apple’s voice, Siri, incorrectly repeated, “*...the woman you’re with now...*” I scorn Siri’s ignorance but laugh hysterically at her attempts.

#### **Brian Hall enjoys first tent campaign encounter!**

All the supplies needed for over two dozen campaign workers (food, stoves, water, generators, tents, etc.) were loaded onto several vehicles for the bumpy four hour ride from Lethem to Awarewanau village.

The quaint village has no electricity. Most of the homes are homemade mud bricks with palm leaf roofs, dirt floors and few furnishings. Our bathroom facilities were outhouses. We bathed by pulling up a bucket from the deep well and using the wooden-slat bath house. For interesting and photos of the successful mission trip, like Living Water 414’s Facebook page.

*Elvis Bernard baptized McEnron Moses and Charles Simon baptized Gelisa Rodriguez*



**Awarewanau village in the deep south of Guyana**  
*It means “windy hill” in the Wapishana tribal language*



During the 10 day campaign, we canvassed in and around the small village of 600 people. Our nightly average was 178 souls (76 adults & 102 kids). Each night, one US preacher and one Guyanese preacher spoke during the two hour service.

There was a daily morning devotional. Dozens of Bible studies were conducted and many leads gathered. Sometimes, we used local preachers who spoke Wapishana to better communicate with older people.

Bibles, eye glasses, flip-flops, etc., were given away. We handed out tooth brushes to the school children, and played or watched soccer with the locals.

Energetic Jennifer Gondos Wernli did a fantastic job teaching the ladies each day and the children each night. Roger Comstock was the campaign director. We enjoyed having three people on the team in their 80’s.

Part of our team traveled to nearby Maruranau village in the afternoons conducting Bible studies in the village benab. Visits were also made to Shea village.

A medical mission team with Dr. Andy Dukes joined us for two days of our campaign. They provided needed medical care, vitamins, etc.

I was personally a part of at least 48 Bible studies, three baptisms and one wedding on my 23 day mission trip to Guyana. I love the wonderful, kind-hearted, and humble Amerindian people. It was a very enjoyable and successful mission trip.

*Brian Hall*



**Enthusiastic village children are eager to learn**

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