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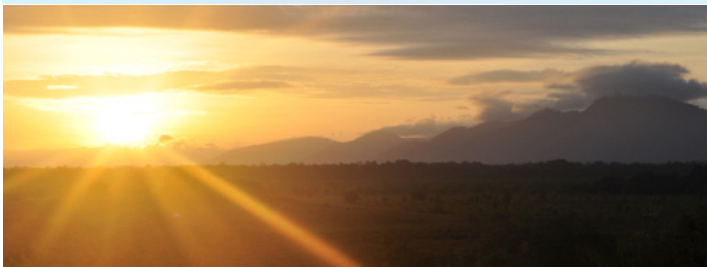
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“Hardships reveal character and the grit of which a person is built.”



Dear Readers:

I thank God that I was able to squeeze a trip into the beginning of 2020, before the coronavirus shut down the world. Since then, we have been depending much more heavily on internet, email and Facebook, prayfully awaiting the time when the Guyana airports and society reopen, so that I can rejoin our brothers and sisters to labor among them again.



Benevolence Outreach

One of the ways we have carried on the mission during this time of shutdown is by providing ongoing financial assistance to congregations, preaching families, and sometimes to individual Christian. Eight preachers continue to receive monthly support through us without difficulty. On a few occasions, we have doubled up months so that preacher's families may purchase the necessary supplies for their own stay-at-home orders.

Church closures elevated the need for preachers to visit at the yard fence and via phone, so we have provided phone credit (minutes) to enable church members to stay connected. Over \$1,500 was given to five preachers with motorcycles needing maintenance repairs.

We have also sent extra funds to assist with food, shelter and medical needs as we have been able. Recently, within one week, three of our preaching families lost a sibling: one from COVID, another in a mining accident, and a third in his sleep. A fourth preacher suffered back-to-back strokes and was flown to Georgetown. These preaching families are the backbone of the work.

We thank God that some churches have been able to continue with worship services. However, those in more urban areas have been closed by local Coronavirus Task Force ordinances. We have assisted some in providing wash stations so they may reopen to the public.

Evangelistic & Edification Outreach

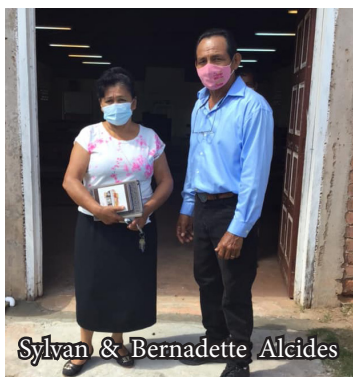
We have continued to stay personally involved since this mission is not merely sending money. For example, a weekly conference with preachers (and sometimes more often), encourages and helps keep the focus on work and service during the shutdown, especially in rural areas.

Moreover, I send letters and lessons to help preachers who do not have internet access. In this way, I feel a bit like Paul—communicating what I can until I see these precious ones face-to-face. For those few who do have internet, it is an added blessing, therefore. We also continue to produce *The Amerindian Messenger*; a newsletter designed to encourage and teach.

Bible classes have remained successful during this pandemic. Acts, 1 Corinthians and Growing Hope are three such special studies utilized by the Blueberry Hill congregation in Linden, Guyana, the Richmond congregation (available via the RCC YouTube channel) and individual Christians, respectively. As an aside, this outreach with the Linden church is my first association with the brothers and sisters there.



Above: David Paher preaches for the Culvert City Church of Christ's first Sunday worship via the internet after local months-long lockdown restrictions were lifted. Below: Local ministry couple exit the assembly.



Sylvan & Bernadette Alcides



Emmanuel & Ginny Rebeiro

Political “Pandemic”—sort of

Guyanese President David Granger lost a referendum in Dec. 2018, and an elections for a new president was held on March 2, 2020. Before the votes were tallied, the incumbent stopped counting and claimed victory, thereby initiating nationwide confusion, racial tension, and political and civil unrest. When the US State Department limited travel to Granger's government, he conceded to the opposition party. As Guyana emerges from their election fiasco, we notice that racial tension and violence highlight the need for safety for its citizens and visitors.



Family & friends prepare food for Shankumar Ramgobin's wake. He is the brother of Dharmendra Ramgobin, one of our preaching brothers in Cotton Tree Church of Christ, Guyana.

Planned Upcoming Trips

A frequent question relates to my next trip. Obviously, my prayer is to return physically to Guyana as soon as possible but only after three things: airports reopen, pandemic restrictions end, and public safety restored. Travel dates have been a moving goal post for every month this year, but we anticipate normalcy to return soon, making these four 2021 dates likely: Jan. 10 – Feb 6, Apr. 4 – May 1, July 11 – Aug. 7, and Oct. 17 – Nov. 13. Teaching via the internet is fantastic, but we long for a more personal ministry.

Living Water 414 Work Clarified

Amerindian Missions has been a years-long Guyana mission stalwart with a seasoned minister, Jerry Davidson, at the helm. Of the four men that served as campaign directors, I have been blessed to be one. The transition merge that Brother Davidson and I had underway both before and during his retirement has since been dismantled and separated at the direction of my overseeing elders. While I continue assisting the many Amerindian congregations in Guyana's interior (as previously coordinated with Brother Davidson), the work I do is explicitly and separately Living Water 414. Funds we are receiving now are flowing into our current work of strengthening congregations in Guyana, which we are continuing. Meanwhile, we also pray for and await God's move to open doors worldwide, wherever we can be of service.

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