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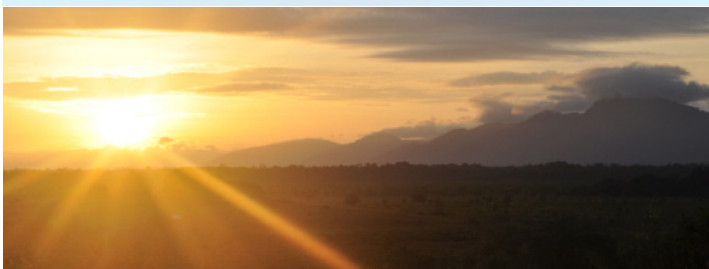
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Previous Highlights

- Completed six years in foreign missions!
- 2020 specific goals
 - Focus on growing congregations from within
 - 4 Ts of Evangelism: Teach, Train, build Trust & Turn over
- 2019 expenses & 2020 budget discussed.
- Final thoughts after 27 Guyana trips.

Current Highlights

- 8 stops, 15 days
 - multiple preachers & members visited
 - 2 indepth Bible studies
 - 3 public lessons
 - 2 preaching school opportunities
 - Nationwide TV & Radio opportunities
 - Church building about to begin
- 2 deaths that causes reflection
 - Theresa Fredricks
 - Claudia Jones



Dear Readers:

Our seventh year in missions began with momentum, with several visits and studies accomplished during eight stops in 15 days.



First, I surveyed the Waterloo home of Dharmendra Ramgobin while staying with his family. Repairs are needed to accomodate his full family of six. His wife and her two children currently reside in the neighboring country of Suriname. He hopes to begin the work by March end.

Second, Dharmendra and I viewed the newly constructed home of Philip and Violet Clarke in New Amsterdam. Many had given to help this wonderful Christian lady who had meant so much to Christian mission teams over the years. Sister Violet was happy to showcase her house, but she was most excited about the Bible study we had with her non-Christian husband.



David Paher studies with Philip Clarke.

Third, Sunday worship on Wakenaam with a small but group of Christians is always heartwarming. My lesson on Spiritual Warfare emphasized the need for steadfast faithfulness amid the fatigues of life. A young couple was charged through Bible study to recommit their faith in God by attending services, by encouraging each other and by teaching their four small children.

I was saddened to learn of the passing of Theresa Fredricks, whose son, Clinton, preaches for the Wakenaam church. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to visit with her and the family during my December trip. She was a faithful Christian and died at 72, in Good Hope, leaving behind six living children.

Fourth, my brief visit in Good Hope brought me again to my very good friend, Andrew Rampadarath. I met three students at the newly formed Good Hope Bible School and their Headmaster, Preimchand “Jaddo.” We’re thrilled to see this good work blossom and discussed opportunities for increased growth in the surrounding area.

Fifth, the Mora Church of Christ was extremely thankful for my visit—the first in 18 months—and for my lesson, “If God Is For Us...” I discovered that Claudia Jones, a dear sweet Christian lady who had been instrumental in the church’s well-being, had died after returning to Catholicism.

I sorrowed over this discomfoting news, feeling that, had I visited earlier, there may have been a different outcome. This underscores the importance of my visits and the reason to return often. I make as many trips as I have funds for, but more trips would obviously require more funds. That’s why I so appreciate your continued support for this work. Pictures cannot convey the excitement and happiness these Christians have when we arrive, and they see that others care deeply about them and their souls. They are so eager to hear God’s word.



Sixth, reaching Annai Village by bus along a two-hour dusty road created fatigue and thirst. But discussing the success of Charles Box’s decades of work was very rewarding. Five of the area preachers discussed opportunities for future work. Andrew Rampadarath, the Good Hope preacher, made his first trip to the Annai Village in the Rupununi Region. I was thankful for his partnership.



Seventh, three things happened on Sunday in Lethem. First, I preached on the Traits of Jesus’ Living Water, a topic requested by the church family, and Andrew Ramparath preached on the Lessons of the Rich Man of Luke 16. Second, two brothers responded to the invitation, one at each service. Third, the church held their regular quarterly congregational meeting. This church continues to bear fruit despite experiencing a few lean years.

Eighth, just before flying home, promising opportunities were presented to use TV and radio and to open two schools of preaching in the Georgetown area. More to come!

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