



"Then the King will say, for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you have clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Matthew 25:35-36

August, 2018,

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have been reflecting on the state of our country; loss of loved ones; illnesses, including myself, all of which calls us to prayer. "Call to me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know. Jer. 33:3.

We have seen the goodness of our Heavenly Father as in the case of the rescue of the 12 boys and their soccer coach from a cave in Mae Sai, Thailand. God used the brave and dedicated divers, along with prayers throughout the world, to bring all 13 out safely from their two-week long ordeal. As the boys returned safely, I could not fathom the grateful hearts of their parents to have their children safely back in their arms.



We are happy to report that the exterior of GO's "Youth Learning Center" was painted through a very gracious gift of labor and supplies by the Terry Persaud family and their friends. They are from Guyana, just a couple of villages away from our school and live in the US. Helping to paint the new building is just one way the Persauds are giving back to our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Guyana. We are so happy and grateful for their help.

We are also happy to report that our Math and Literacy programs continue to grow. We started our pilot after school Math program this year with 14 students, each with their own Tablets. Our success is amazing. Before taking our classes, students grades were around 40 points, which is lower than a grade D. At the end of the semester, most student grades were As and Bs. Objectively compared to public school grades, before and after, student grades improved at least one full public school grade. Also, 20 second grade students attended our after school Literacy program.

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Our summer classes are full. 47 students are enrolled in math and reading. The Headmaster (principal) asked us to expand our classes. We are developing the curricula to add third grade next year. Our strategy is to offer math and reading classes for grades one through six. This gives a solid math foundation to these very poor children whose parents cannot afford private tutoring classes. This is also the first opportunity for these students to use a computer.

Our strategy is to also expand to our second and third public school. We need an additional 50 tablets for the second school when we start the classes in September 2018 and another 50 for the third school for classes that start in January 2019. We need to hire additional teachers, curricula developers, and program managers. Please consider helping us. It is very exciting to have parents accompany their children to our Math/Tablet and Literacy classes. We are opening hearts and minds.



We are also happy to report that Pastor Rakesh is teaching a Bible Study Class once a week to the primary students in the same public school that we offer our reading and math classes. He is teaching good community values, introducing students to the concept of God, and instilling good family and community values to these tender minds.



GO is tax-exempt and approved 501 (c)(3) charitable organization. Please help us to expand this program to all primary grades and to the surrounding school. These children are our future. We are planting seeds in our next generation. The board and I thank you for your prayers and continued financial support.

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