



*And the King will answer and say to them,
"Truly, I say to you, to the extent that you
did it to one of these brothers of mine, even
the least of them, you did it to me."
Matthew 25:40*

December 2010

Dear Partners, Friends and Families:

The air is once again filled with music in celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus. While in our hearts we celebrate and worship King Jesus, for many families, this is a very difficult period. Many of us have lost loved ones or there are health problems. Because of the economy, jobs and homes are lost. It is a time to pray without ceasing. We do not understand His ways for His ways are higher than the heavens.

My recent 3 month trip to Guyana, many thanks to you, was very fruitful. While in Guyana, I concentrated on working with the churches on evangelism, literacy program, good family movies under the Tent and some repairs and prayer counseling.

Literacy Program

Upon my arrival, the children successfully completed the literacy program.. A meal was provided along with popcorn which was a treat for the children.



Nadira proudly presents this student with her Certificate of Graduation from GO's Literacy Program. We are grateful for Nadira and Hugh's sponsorship of this Graduation Ceremony.



This mother was very grateful for GO's Literacy Program. Her daughter received first place in the government's reading program in her village at Crab-wood Creek.

Shipment from the States

A few weeks after my arrival, the shipment of projectors and other equipment arrived. Included in the shipment were bibles and children's books through the Weber's from Hope Lutheran Church. Thank you. Thanks also, to John Olson for his labor of love to get the shipment to Miami and then to Guyana.

It was very exciting to receive the shipment and to start preparation to show good family movies under the Tent, also, to connect with pastors of the churches in preparation to use the projectors that you so kindly donated for evangelism.



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Visits to the Churches

My first visit was to Emanuel Lutheran Church. Emanuel is also one of our satellite locations for our literacy program.

Secondly, I visited Pastor David. His church is House of Restoration, and is held under his house.

This church needs help. GO has been led through prayers to help this church grow. Pastor David and Harry, his elder, received the projector and other equipments for evangelism, which then go to different communities. This church also hosts the reading program.



Sunday Service at Emanuel Lutheran Church



Pastor David of House of Restoration



The projector is received for evangelism

Thirdly, I had the opportunity to bring greetings to Pastor Dave Ghanie at Agape Church. Agape Church is in partnership with GO. Parents of different faiths come to the churches with the Literacy program to inquire of the progress of their children. Lives are being touched through the evangelistic movies and testimonies.

The strength of Pastor Ghanie's church is intercessory prayer, discipleship and evangelism. In our area, Pastor Dave has a group of 4-5 people that are visiting families in the 3 surrounding villages. Agape Church uses GO's Tent once each month for prayer and evangelism. We are in need of movies on Evangelism and Bible stories.



Ruth brought greetings to Agape Church



Sunday Service at Agape Church

Brooklyn Park Church donated chairs to GO many years ago. We were able to loan some chairs and benches to both churches. The chairs needed sanding and painting. Pastor Ghanie graciously sent 3 of his members to help.



Family Movies

GO's Tent was also ready to start showing family movies.

It is an awesome experience to have parents and children come to watch good family movies under the Tent. While I was there, after the movie, one young man said, "I have learned some survival skills in case I am lost in the jungle." Later GO hopes to show movies on different topics. We are still in need of good family movies.



Serving the Community

Over 300 Senior Citizens gather under the Tent to collect their pension each month. As for now GO is known as the Christian organization that loves to accommodate them "in their old age." So often we bring our Lord Jesus through His love. The Rotarians also use the Tent to donate humanitarian aid.



Senior citizens receiving their pension checks



The Library serves the community

There was time also to mourn with those that mourn. A woman's husband died suddenly, and we waited for the hearse to stop by where she lived before the funeral service.



Ruth gathered with the mourning neighbors



The hearse arrives with the casket

There was also time to rejoice. I attended the wedding of one of our part-time computer technicians. The delicious vegetarian food was served from freshly picked large leaves from the pond. No forks or spoons served.



The Tent

The Tent needed repairs and renovation. As you can see from the picture, a carpenter was in the process of completing additional roofing, but installing at a “slant” to allow the water from the frequent rainfalls with heavy wind to drain in the street. It was sad to see the effect of the storms on the children as the blackboard was destroyed and all the tarps have to be re-placed.



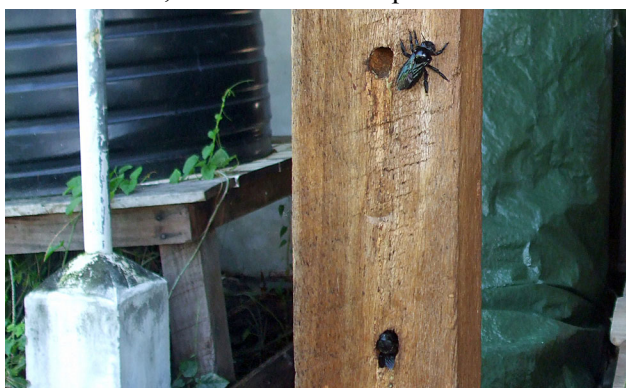
Holding the tarps together during the storm



The blackboard had to be rebuilt by a carpenter

The Bees...

It was to my surprise that large black bees made their homes in 2 of the foundational posts under the Tent. Naturally, they had to be replaced. We did a lot of spraying until the Queen bee died. The solution was a creative one. We purchased plain aluminum sheets to wrap all of the posts under the Tent to avoid continued attacks. Had we not done this, the cost would be prohibitive to have the posts sprayed frequently by the ministry of agriculture.



The bees damaged the foundational posts



A creative solution - posts wrapped in aluminum

... and the Bats!

Bats had made a home in the ceiling and created quite a large mess. The carpenter had to go up into the ceiling to do some major cleaning. He also sealed all of the possible cracks that allowed the bats to get in. This is a problem in the country.



Children are Learning

Under the Tent, after the reading class, children wanted to know the significance of the Christmas tree. Ruth enjoyed the opportunity to answer the children's questions. Because of you, learning is taking place through sound and phonics. It is a hope and a future for these children.



Road Improvements

We are grateful to the government and the village officers. They took care of the muddy road for us. We praise God for this favor.



A crew fills holes to prepare for the concrete



The finished road

A Grateful Community

And finally, this poor community is very grateful for the education of their children, movies under the Tent, the Literacy Program, computer classes, the library and the use of the Tent for their senior citizens. We pray that through Agape Church and their visiting team, including the other 3 churches, that many souls would come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. Because of your generosity, kingdom expansion continues. In as much as renovation is costly, we ask for your continued prayers and support.

Your Help is Needed

Be sure to visit our website at www.GuyaneseOutreach.org and find us on Facebook by simply searching for Guyanese Outreach. Show your support by clicking the "Like" button at the top of the Facebook page.

We would like to collect your EMAIL ADDRESSES so that we can send communications electronically. This will certainly help us to reduce the cost of mailing. Your information will not be shared with any other organizations. Please submit your email address on our website or send an email directly to Ruth at guyanese.outreach@q.com to receive future Newsletters.



The Future of Guyanese Outreach

GO is asking if it is at all possible, for families to prayerfully consider donating \$10.00 per month. Many \$10.00 put together will help us to continue our mission. These are challenging times as we face this recession. GO is tax-exempt and is an approved 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit.

GO is grateful to both Discover Church and Hope Lutheran Church for their continued support. Without this support, this ministry would not be sustainable.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership as we *“to go therefore and make disciples of all nations.”*

The Board and I wish you and your families a very blessed Christmas. May He multiply your blessings in the coming New Year.



The Guyanese Outreach Youth Learning Centre

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.”

Phil. 1:3

Luth