

"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."

Matt. 25:40

November, 2001

Dear Friends and Partners of GO:

The tragedy of September 11 has changed each one of our lives. I like many others, ask the question "Why Lord?" My thoughts were Lord we do not understand Your ways. Isaiah 55:9 says, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And my thoughts than your thoughts." Here on earth we will never understand why this tragedy, but we know that "He is a Sovereign God." A God of Love and Grace who sent His Son to die for us.

We are saddened and weep with the families that mourn, especially for the tears of the children left without a parent. We pray God's comfort and provision for them. This tragedy has called us to humble ourselves and call to Him. "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

Amidst the hardship our country faces, it is that time again when we think of Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas and the end of 2001. As our Board takes stock, GO is grateful to God and to you for standing with us in the Kingdom work in Guyana. We have seen much fruits. It is quite remarkable how God has blessed the Mission, and we give Him all Glory. Our humble beginnings started in 1994 when the sewing classes began under houses. In July 1998, we were blessed with the Votech. Since July 1998 to year ending 2001, class enrollment totaled 3,200 computer students and 456 sewing students. Because of your help, some of our Guyanese brothers and sisters can help themselves. The computer training has afforded better jobs while the women are able to sew for themselves and sell their crafts.

We are still collecting computers, but only Pentiums. We have a great need for monitors and networking hardware. The 486's computers do not have the capacity for the new classes we are teaching, so we are no longer accepting them. GO would like to thank Wells Fargo, Jason Jurish, Sid Meyers, Norm Busse's Group, and Church of the Open Door for their donation of computers and monitors. GO thanks Creative Cartoon for the donation of boxes while Jim Schutz and Bob Melian have labored for many hours packing the computers.

The sewing classes need fabric. Preferably, pieces at least 2-4 yards in length. We also need materials and ideas for crafts and yarns for knitting. Threads are also needed: cotton/poly for sewing and serging. Also, all colors of Skeins threads for embroidery.

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New Votech GMO building for computers and library.

A prayer was answered. The Government released a building to GO which will help to accommodate the long waiting list for computer training. However, it will need quite a bit of cash to renovation the building.

Our library has also grown. We hope to move the Library after the building is renovated. There is a membership of 306 persons, mostly of students ranging from ages 6-14. Each day approximately 100 students come to the Library between the hours from 2-5 pm. It warms one's heart as these students seek books to

educate themselves. Please donate your books for primary and secondary students. These books can be Novels, Mystery, Adventures, and Literature. GO thanks Wendy Ambrose for the 30 boxes of books and supplies through her organization, Future Leaders of America. (FLA).

Our educational program is successful with your help. After much prayer, our Board has decided to take the ALPHA program to Guyana next year. We ask you for a commitment to pray for teams to come forward. Along with Evangelism, we also need teams to develop curriculum for adult Bible study classes and Children Sunday School.

GO acknowledges the tremendous amount of help received from Brooklyn Park Lutheran Church. We could not have bagged all of the clothing without the help of the Impact and Youth groups. Terry Velasko and Ron Westman transported crates back and forth from Onan Corporation. Without the help of Dave Jacobsen and Tom Gerrety at Onan, our shipment would not be possible for we could not build crates. Our Board and the Prayer team have also labored for long hours to get all donations ready for customs in Guyana. And last but not least, our gratitude to Candy Miller at AAA Cooper and Annette Youmans of Colonel Marines for their support in teaming with us to get the crates to Guyana.

Without your prayers and financial support, this mission cannot survive. We not only have a building to renovate, but we also need financial help to maintain a staff of 6 teachers and a Manager. Please consider a year-end gift to GO. We are tax-exempt.

As we gather for Thanksgiving, let us "Enter His gates with thanksgiving, And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name. For the Lord is good; His loving- kindness is everlasting, And His faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 100:4-5. And as we also contemplate the season of Advent and Christmas, The Board and I pray that you may have a renewed experience celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus for in Him we live and move and have our being.

Blessings upon you,

Ruth B. Singh Founder of GO