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Medical and Nurturing Missions in Guyana, South America

2004 Activities Include School, Missions Teams

Summer is coming upon us and this year will be filled with activities in Guyana.

I will be leaving soon to kick off the new Operation Guyana Bible Institute on May 3. We will start with about four or five students. Sunset School has been encouraging, and our application is still pending with them.

In the beginning, we will use the ministry offices and several church buildings for classrooms.

We are also very pleased that in June an intern, Amber Findley, arrives to work for a month. She will help get Live the Mission Encampment set up.

This year, we will have a 1-1 camper-staff ratio. That is a dream come true. Campers will spend the first week out in the rain forest and the second week working with a medical mission group. Theme for this year is, appropriately enough, "A Voice Crying in the Wilderness."

We have received some inquiries about printing the electronic newsletter. Some of the congregations are printing it out and putting it in their literature racks. We think this is a great idea! If your congregation would like to receive the newsletter in pdf format, write estes@guyana-missions.org with the request. Or just download it from the archives on the website.

Our next issue will present the first part of a series by Ted Hackney, a Christian attorney from Jonesboro, Ark., on planned giving. Following his advice will help us both now and in the future. The series will be presented over the next four or five issues and will be available also for viewing on the website.

God bless.

Steve

Dear Brethren,

I really do need your help.

In less than three weeks, I am heading off to Guyana, and things have really shaped up there in the past few months. God has opened doors, and positioned things so that the opportunities to serve Him are greater than ever before.

We are starting a new school on May 3, we have 7 teams coming down, a church building project, and we have our Live the Mission Encampment shaping up to be our best ever. We even have a video crew coming down to do video of our work, from one end to the other.

Furthermore, we have lots of other new things happening all around us! Our email newsletter has been GREATLY received, and is doing a fantastic job of informing those who are interested in our work.

AND. . . we now have a Christian Attorney, Ted Hackney, who is working with us to help us with "Planned Giving". This is a wonderful opportunity for people to fund our work. . . right now, and in the future too.

We truly are on the verge of GREAT things in Guyana now. In fact, in all the years I have worked there, I can't recall being this excited!

BUT. . . .

In the past several months, we have had major unbudgeted expenses, and unless I raise about \$7,000 in the next three weeks, then going to Guyana to get this all set up will be difficult, if not impossible.

Over the past three weeks, I have had major vehicle repairs on my motor home that exceed \$3,500. On top of that, the rise in gasoline prices has hit us hard. AND. . . I still have tickets to purchase for me and my family.

Please. . . can you help me? It is URGENT that we raise the funding within the next three weeks.

It is so easy. Just go to our website at www.guyana-missions.org/donation and follow the instructions. You can use your credit card, or your checking account. It is free and totally safe. And the great thing is that we have instant access to those funds.

This page will also tell you what to do if you prefer to donate by mail.

Could you talk to your home congregation and see if they can help us? The time is urgent, and the need is very real.

I have been praying about this and my prayer is that God will address this need and do it soon. Perhaps he can use you to help with this.

And one more point. . . although you may not be able to help in some way, perhaps you know someone who can. Some congregations will help on a one time basis, and some individuals will too. Why not copy this email, or send it out to others you may know.

If only 75 people would donate \$100.00, then our goal is reached.

Please consider how you can help, and if you can. . . do something right now, while it is fresh on your mind.

Thanks so much.

Yours,

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