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Medical and Nurturing Missions in Guyana, South America

Guyana Missions Report

Seeds Planted, And God Is Giving The Increase

Summer Missions More Than Numbers

I told you earlier in the year that the summer would be an exciting time in the work in Guyana.

Well, I didn't exaggerate.

You read about the lists of things that were going to happen during the summer: the missions teams, the camp, the building of another church building, the opening of the Bible school.

Check out the numbers on the websites and you will see how productive God has been. We told you He was opening doors of opportunity for the work there, and you can compare the numbers of missions teams, numbers of baptisms, numbers of patients seen at the clinics, numbers of Bible Studies.

But go beyond those numbers. Behind each of those numbers is a real person. More than just a statistic, each one represents another soul, and God loves them all.

Also, check out the comments of those who have spent the week here working amongst the people. You can then see what a rewarding experience it has been. God has touched the lives of each person who made the journey.

And there are stories to tell, some of them so touching about how God came into peoples' lives. Such as the flood that diverted Samuel Fitz-Albert Kellman from his planned route and into the path of God. Coincidence? I don't think so.

Or, how about the people using a very precious resource (water) to fill the baptistry?

Check out these and other stories on the website. They will warm your heart and show you the magnificent way God works through us and in us.

—Steve

Many seeds have been planted during the summer missions and God just continues to give the increase.

"This year has been a series of greater and greater opportunities," Steve DeLoach, director of Operation Guyana, said about the summer missions season.

The year kicked off with the opening of the Operation Guyana Bible Institute, a school designed to train preachers and other leaders in the church. It started with three students and plans to expand even further.

Next came three medical missions teams who saw almost 3,000 patients and conducted numerous Bible studies, including Vacation Bible Schools for kids.

"The attendance at these adult and kids sessions has been outstanding," DeLoach commented. "What a great way to kick off the summer."

"We ask God to not only bless these teams, but those back home who send them. You not only have to have frontline soldiers, but you also have to have those that support them. And then God provides the harvest there ripe for the picking."

It has been a busy year for DeLoach and the staff of Operation Guyana. There was the move to the Pegasus Hotel, the annual lectureship, putting the school together and the summer camp, not to mention the activities associated with the missions teams.

Amber Findley of Jacksonville, Fla., came down for a month to help with summer camp. The staff and 17 others attended the spiritual retreat at Shanklands.

"This is the first time we have had a one-to-one ratio of campers to staff," DeLoach noted. "That is a fantastic way to get to know God better."

The lectureship in February drew nearly 200 from 25 congregations. Some churches ran vans to bring participants.

"Man plants the seeds and waters them, but only God makes them grow," the OG director explained. "We can look at the numbers, but God looks at each person as a spirit to be nurtured into further spiritual growth."

You can check out the latest news and activities at the Operation Guyana website:

www.guyana-missions.org

The website also can show you how you can help the work in Guyana. Ted Hackney, a certified financial planner, has an article on how to give to Operation Guyana and receive income at the same time.

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