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## Medical and Nurturing Missions in Guyana, South America

### Operation Guyana Report

## Where'd Summer Go?

It seems only yesterday we were contemplating what the Lord had laid before us for Guyana, and now here we are almost through the summer. At the time, it seemed like a tall task. We had to keep reminding ourselves that all things are possible with God.

Now here we are getting ready to pack for "home" (Arkansas) and do the planning for next summer. It causes us to reflect on the summer and the advances made since our last trip "home."

□ We kicked off the Operation Guyana Bible Institute May 3 with three students. Since then, we have taught more than 100 students and classes are full through the end of the year. We had been nurturing students for 10 years but this formalized the procedure and gave us a tremendous vehicle for training men and women for leadership roles in the church in Guyana.

□ Our summer missions teams were some of the largest we have had. Check out the website ([www.guyana-missions.org](http://www.guyana-missions.org)) to see the numbers of what the teams accomplished. But the accomplishments were much greater than numbers. Behind each one of those numbers was a person, a soul that God loves and wants to call His own.

□ The summer camp was the first time we have had a one-on-one with the campers. We spent a week at a rainforest retreat, having fellowship and training and growing the group in the Lord. Amber Findley came down to work with us for a month helping with that effort.

□ And let us not forget the Lectureship in February. We had the participation of 25 congregations and almost 200 people during the week. What a tremendous week of worship and fellowship with those who love the Lord!

Where do we go from here? We don't know yet. It's very difficult for our human minds to imagine topping the last six months, but God tells us that we have only just begun. Then He will begin telling us of accomplishments that will make our heads spin.

How did the trip to Guyana affect the missions teams? Check out the website and the comments that participants made about how their lives were changed during the week. Some were making their first trip, others more, but all will testify how the week brings a greater sense of closeness with God.

And what about the people in Guyana? How does it affect them? It gives them a greater opportunity for teaching from dedicated Christians, who are well-founded in the faith. These teams have a firmer foundation and deeper roots in the Lord than the newer Christians, and they help prop the new ones up.

Now it is time for us to sit back and "relax" (if that's what you want to call taking care of office and other details) before going back "home" for the winter and getting ready for another year.

We do serve an amazing God!

--Steve

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