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Medical and Nurturing Missions in Guyana, South America

From Steve DeLoach

Loss Of A Brother

This past week or so has been very trying. In addition to the flood relief efforts, I had to say goodbye to an old friend.

Brother Eustace Lynch, one of my best friends and a co-worker, died March 10. He was 39 years old and one of the most Godly men I have ever known.

He traveled with me and met many of you, either through his visits to the states or your visits to Guyana.

He was a constant example to me. He helped in our flood relief effort, and he endured incredible hardship and difficulty with a grace and devotion that could only come from God.

Eustace came by our house almost everyday when we first came to Guyana. In fact, during that time, I am certain that he ate lunch at our house more than any other place.

He helped us with everything, including moving his entire family into our home several times when we came back to the states, just to watch after things.

Colleen and our kids loved him very much, and he was quick to return that love. On one occasion, right after we got Isaiah, Eustace was at our house, and there were several other people there. Someone commented that because Isaiah's feet hardly ever touched the ground, that he must be spoiled.

Eustace responded by saying,

Operation Guyana Will Have Info Booth At Tulsa Workshop

Operation Guyana will operate an information booth at the International Soul Winning Workshop in Tulsa March 24-26.

"We will be continuing our efforts to inform attendees about the work in Guyana," Steve DeLoach, executive director of Operation Guyana, explained. "We always have a lot of interest in the work there."

DeLoach will be fresh from the relief efforts in Guyana. He traveled to the South American country Jan. 12 to plan for the annual lectureship and prepare for the summer missions groups. However, that quickly changed. More than 60 inches of rain fell between Dec. 26 and Jan. 31.

"Many peoples' homes were flooded," he said. "Water stayed in some of the homes for four weeks or longer. These people who did not have a lot to begin with suddenly lost everything."

"After the flood, we were dealing with diseases caused by the water and distributing kits for cleanup." He plans to return to the U.S. this week to prepare for the workshop.

This year, he will distribute a brochure with some information about the flood relief. However, more complete information is available at www.guyana-missions.org, the Operation Guyana website.

The Tulsa workshop draws thousands to the city each year for seminars and worship services. A full schedule of events is available at www.tulsaworkshop.org. This year's theme is "Open Our Eyes To His Glory."

"We have a fantastic story to share this year," DeLoach noted. "God presented us with tremendous opportunities last year for service and we met those challenges. Just look at the new school, our Live the Missions Encampment and our summer missions."

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Eustace responded by saying, "Not spoiled; he is LOVED."

Our family felt loved by Eustace. He came to our home whenever we called. He did whatever we asked him to do, and he never once refused our call for help.

Some might have said Eustace spoiled us, but we knew better. We knew that we were LOVED!

He will be sorely missed by the Christian community in Guyana and by me personally. Please keep his family and us in your prayers.

God bless all of you.

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He pointed out that local brethren did not wait for donations from outside the country.

"Local Christians assessed needs, both short-term and long-term, and assisted in the distribution of food and other supplies," DeLoach said.

"Who knows what God has planned for us this year?" the Operation Guyana director asked. "He certainly presented us with new challenges last year, and that is a part of the story we want to share with workshop attendees."

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