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Medical and Nurturing Missions in Guyana, South America

At Georgetown Public Hospital

Doctors 'Open Doors' As Surgical Volunteers

Two physicians from Winfield, Ala., spent the week of May 12 doing volunteer work at the Georgetown Public Hospital.

Dr. Ted Cox, an obstetrician/gynecologist, and Dr. Tharaikattu "Abe" Abraham, a general surgeon, performed various surgeries at the hospital, as well as consultation work with virtually every doctor on staff.

"This was the first time we have done something of such a grand scale within the Public Health system here in Guyana," Steve DeLoach, Operation Guyana executive director, explained.

"Our goal was to open more doors within the Ministry of Health, and we certainly did that. Several of the patients they operated on were literally snatched from the jaws of death. There was no doubt God brought them here at exactly the right time."

Dr. Cox has been to Guyana four other times, the last trip in 1996. Dr. Abraham is from India and worked in Canada for a while before ending up in the U.S. Both traveled down with DeLoach, who is getting ready for the summer medical missions teams.

"Our first team from Mayfield and Murray, Ky., and Millington, Tenn., arrived Saturday, May 28. We have two straight weeks of missions teams," DeLoach noted.

"The field is very ripe for the harvest this year. After the work we have done, especially providing flood relief during the first three months of this year, the opportunities have never been greater.

"We are always in awe of the opportunities that God puts before us."

DeLoach said he recently visited a church "over on the other side of the river."

"It was the Nismes congregation, and the growth that has taken place over there has been amazing!" he exclaimed. "And this has been taking place all over the area where the flood hit. God has blessed our efforts in wonderful ways."

He noted that cleanup has been completed in the flood area but there is still repair work being done. Several churches have had to do some painting and other such items, and they are wrapping that up now, he pointed out.

DeLoach also reported that the school is going very well. There are about five or six regular students attending Tuesday and Thursday classes.

"We are very pleased with the direction the school is taking," DeLoach said.

"We have regular classes and special classes as well. The special classes often have dozens of attendees." The OG director and Jerry Veatch are carrying the regular class load, with Veatch handling most of that.

DeLoach has been joined by his wife, Colleen, and son, Isaiah, and daughter Erin will be down around the end of June. The family will stay until the end of August.

"With what we have before us," he said, "we ask people to continue to pray that our efforts will meet with great success and that God's name will be glorified through us. Pray that God will use us and that He will send us those who are searching for Him."

More information on the work in Guyana can be found on the website, www.guyana-missions.org.



Dr. Ted Cox does surgery at the Georgetown Public Hospital.



Part of the exterior of the hospital (upper right). At right, one of the wards. If you stay here, this is the type of room you have. At left, Dr. Cox with several members of the hospital medical staff.

