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### Medical and Nurturing Missions in Guyana, South America

#### Many Personal Workers Still Needed

## New January Missions Team Formed

A new Guyana missions team has been formed and will make the trek to the South American country the week of January 21-28.

“What a God-thing this has been!” exclaimed Steve DeLoach, executive director of Operation Guyana. “We stand in amazement at what He does each year!”

Although some of the medical personnel have been to Guyana before, this trip does not take away from any of the summer missions. There are still six summer missions teams planned.

“This is an entirely new congregation from Anniston, Ala.,” DeLoach said. Several of the doctors were in Guyana last May and July performing surgery at the local Georgetown Public Hospital (See back issues of newsletter) with the blessings of the Ministry of Health.

Three of the doctors will do surgery in the mornings at the hospital and then work the clinics in the afternoon.

“The Ministry of Health will be aware of these doctors working in the hospital,” DeLoach added. “They were invited back last year after the week they spent there in May.”

However, experienced personal workers are needed because this is the first trip for the ones who have signed up so far.

“We could really use some experienced people to back these doctors up,” DeLoach said. So far, about 15 to 18 personal workers have signed up to join the 10 to 12 medical personnel.

“There is no ideal size of a team, but these doctors can see a number of patients per day, as a general rule,” he further explained. “We really could use more personnel with experience to feed the numbers they are able to see.”

The trip will be right before the annual lectureship, the first full week in February.

“We had to cancel the lectureship last year because of the flooding,” the director explained. “We plan to return to that this year because attendance and participation has been growing.”

Last year, flooding hit Guyana with more than 60 inches of rain from Dec. 26 to Jan. 31. Many people lost everything they had but only 42 people were killed. (See February through April issues of newsletter. You can also read about the supplies that were passed out to flood victims.)

“God put another challenge before us,” DeLoach remarked. “Each year when I go to Guyana, I just wait for the next opportunity God is going to present us with. He certainly has put many opportunities in front of us the last few years.

“Almost two years ago, we started the leadership training school, which is going great. The flooding came and, while devastating, gave us tremendous opportunities to show God and His mighty works. That paved the way for the tremendous summer.

“I can’t wait until I see what He has in mind for us this year. We plan for what we think is coming up each time, but God sometimes presents us with bigger plans.”

Those who want to read more about the summer campaign and even the challenges presented by the flooding can go to [www.guyana-missions.org](http://www.guyana-missions.org) and access past reports and issues of the newsletter.

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**This is the first trip for all of the personal workers**

**Three doctors from the US visited Guyana last year and did surgery at the Georgetown Public Hospital. They were invited back and returned in July. This year, two of them will head a medical missions team in January and again perform surgery at the public hospital.**



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