



## E-UPDATE



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

From Steve DeLoach

## New Guyana Ministry Center Opens

At long last, we now have a new ministry center where we can house offices, school, files and all the things that make up Operation Guyana.

Some months ago, we made an appeal to fund the ministry center, which was a house where Jerry and Pat Veatch had been living. We made a deal to lease that space and you came through to help us make it possible.

Finally, we have a place to conduct classes, house visitors (who are charged a fee but less than hotel rates), store our drugs for the clinic and provide a central basis of operations for OG.

The ministry center was full in January and February and will be full this summer. This is the first time we will not have to lock up files and supplies in storage when it is time to leave at the end of the summer.

The center is only about half a mile from the hotel which makes it very convenient for everybody. In the past year or so we have been scattered in many different locations.

### Doctor at Georgetown Hospital

Buddy Barwick, a doctor from Louisiana who has been to Guyana many times, came down last week and worked with the staff at the Georgetown Public Hospital.

His work was at the invitation of the Ministry of Health. They and the hospital staff were very helpful and very willing to work with us. Needless to say, the week went very well even though it was cut short by two days because of Buddy's illness. His work helped us enormously and earned the gratitude of the ministry and the hospital administrator.

This is our second year to supply doctors to work at this hospital. Last year in May, we had three doctors who spent a week doing surgery.

### Lectureship

Our lectureship this year was enormously successful. As you may remember, it had to be canceled two years ago because of the flooding. It resumed last year and this one may have been our best ever.

We had Bill Day from Oklahoma City, Joel Daltymple from Jacksonville, Fla., Jerry Veatch from Wichita, Kansas, Gerald Bennett from Houston, Jerry Cantrell from Alabama, Kyle Cantrell from Florida and I were all on the program.

Attendance was very good, and it does not appear the year off dampened enthusiasm any.

### Summer Plans

We have six medical teams joining us for the summer. We plan a building project, a Live the Mission

Encampment, several nurturing and teaching projects and interns and assistant joining us for the summer. We will introduce some of them in the next issue.



*The New Operation Guyana Ministry Center*

### Several Key Losses

We have lost several key people recently.

Bob Bollers left to work in the Northwest District. We will sorely miss him but we know he will be an asset to the work there and bid him Godspeed.

Parmenon Kisson emigrated to the United States on April 4. He has worked with us side by side since this work started and we will miss him as well. Both of these men are impossible to replace. Just please pray that God will help us adjust.

Another change is our oversight church.

In 1998, Jenks Church of Christ in Jenks, Okla., assumed oversight of our work which has now been assumed by West-Ark Church of Christ in Fort Smith, Ark.

As West-Ark takes over oversight, Jenks and North Street are still very much involved in our work, our ministry and our lives. West-Ark has worked with us from our first days in Guyana and have sent a team to Guyana every year since 1990!

When we first started, North Street in Fayetteville got the work off the ground. Jenks came along later and helped take the work to a "new level". We believe that is what will happen with this new relationship with West-Ark.

I am looking forward to this new relationship and I know they are excited as well. Every year, we make plans and God laughs, then shows us what new challenges His plan brings. I can't wait to see what He has in store for this year.