



NEWSLETTER

2010 is off and running!

Lot's of challenges, changes, and opportunity.



Well, 2010 is here, and with the new year comes many challenges, changes, and opportunities! But as is always the case with God's people, we will rise to the occasion! In fact, over the years of our ministry at Operation Guyana, we have had

MANY challenges, changes, and opportunities! And God ALWAYS blesses our efforts!

Inside this newsletter, we will outline a lot of those issues!

Join us! And let God bless your life, as He has ours!

Keys To Success

OPEN YOUR HEART

Let God know that your heart is open to His Mission, and that you will go where he leads.

BECOME A SERVANT

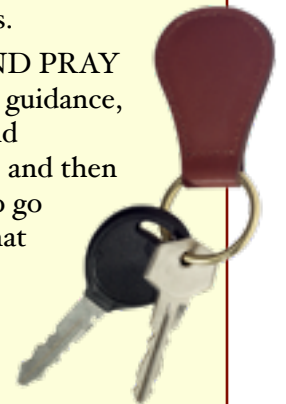
Take on the heart of a Servant, and be willing to Serve wherever God puts you, regardless of your expectation.

PREPARE YOURSELF

Do all you can to prepare for the trip. Plan for Everything, and then expect your plans to change. God often has different plans.

PRAY AND PRAY

Ask for God's guidance, protection, and providence. . . and then expect God to go far beyond what you pray for!



Operation Guyana has been working in the South American country of Guyana since 1992. Originally, we were introduced to this work by Partners in Progress in 1989, and for the past 20 years, have worked with Partners in Progress in one way or another. During that time, we have hosted over 150 Medical Teams, and have treated over



240,000 patients in our Clinics! And each person coming through the clinic has had an opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus! As a result, well over 5,000 precious souls have put on Christ in Baptism!

That's our past. . . but we still have work to do in the Future! Won't you join us and help in this effort? We Need YOU!



OPERATION GUYANA BIBLE INSTITUTE



Above: OGBI class at Anne's Grove
Below: Nathan Jorgenson of Fayetteville AR teaching in Melanie.

Several years back, when the Guyana International Bible School closed it's doors, Operation Guyana decided that we had to fill that void. The WestArk Church of Christ in Fort Smith Arkansas agreed, and the Operation Guyana Bible Institute was born.

Since that time, we have conducted hundreds of classes, seminars, and lectures to meet the needs of the growing Church in Guyana. Dozens of instructors have come to work with us, and literally thousands of students have attended our classes.

OGBI started as a different sort of school, meaning that we really had no walls, but rather. . . took the school to the students. As a result, we hold classes at dozens of church sites throughout

Guyana, with our brethren attending for special 3 day to 5 day classes.

In fact, just this last month, we held 6 classes in Guyana and had over 150 people attend!

This year, our funding for this effort was cut in half. We are not sure how long we can continue the effort, simply because we don't have the funds to sustain it. It takes about \$1,300 US to fund this effort. Up until now, it was funded from one source. Perhaps you can help us with this recent shortfall? Information on how to help is in the box below.

Send help for OGBI to ;
Jacksonville Beach Church of Christ
P.O. Box 51153
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32240
Memo Checks to OGBI

WHAT GOES ON AT OUR MEDICAL MISSION?

Nurses work in this area to assist in where the patient needs to go next. Then on to the Doctor.

Bible Studies with some of the Ladies of the Church

Personal "One on One" Bible Study



After Seeing the Doctor, they go on to the Pharmacy and then out the door.

You are never alone, there is always help close by from you Team Leader.

While this is going on here, downstairs and outside, there are dozens waiting to get in.



RACHEL LATHROP MAKING PLANS TO COME BACK AS INTERN

Many of you will remember Rachel from years past. She is currently making plans to return to Guyana this summer and work with us again. Please keep her in your prayers as she prepares to come down, and attempts to raise the funds needed.



EQUIPMENT NEEDS AND EXPENSES FOR OUR TEAMS

When a team comes to Guyana to work on any project, the need for equipment is vital for the success of that effort.

On the typical Medical Team, we have to assemble a TRUCK LOAD of equipment that helps the team to function while they are there. This equipment includes; Generators, 100's of yards of Electrical Cords, Lights, Fans, Water Bottles, Tables, Coolers, Ice Chests, Soft Drinks, Medical Supplies and Equipment, hammers, rope, nails, sheets, and much more.

Replacing this equipment is VERY EXPENSIVE. In fact, a couple of years ago, the generator you see pictured at the right was purchased in Guyana. The cost was a little over \$1,800 US for a generator that we could have bought in the USA for around \$500 US. Virtually everything we buy in Guyana costs us anywhere from two to five times what it would cost in the USA. The problem is, when we have to replace those items, it is not

practical for the teams to bring them down. (After all, it is hard to put a Generator in your suitcase.)

When you come down, remember to take care of our equipment. It is precious to our work, and often times hard to come by.



MAKING THE MOST OF OUR TIME IN GUYANA!



Oftentimes, when a team comes to Guyana, they bring with them a wide array of talent and ability. But because we are only thinking of the way we have always done things, we don't often take advantage of all that talent.

Look around at your team, or at your home congregation and see if there are things or activities that we can do that will enhance our efforts in Guyana. We have had teams come down and do a variety of efforts while there.

Some of the activities that have been done in the past include; Men's and Ladies Classes, Health Care Classes, Extra evening classes at alternate locations, Vacation Bible Schools, Building Projects, Repair Projects, Distribution of Clothing and Children's Toys, Baby Sitting at

the Clinic Site (complete with coloring and face painting), and much more.

Some teams have also used people back home to make Teddy Bears, or clothing for Homeless and Displaced people, and then brought suitcases of supplies for that effort.

Think outside the box and consider things that YOUR team can do. Then, help us out by letting us know as far in advance as possible, so we can get things taken care of there.



REMEMBER WHAT OUR PURPOSE IS!

Remember, when we come to Guyana, it is for the cause of Christ. Our whole mission revolves around taking the message of Jesus and the Cross to those who need it. Please pray that we never lose sight of that goal, and that we ALWAYS put Christ First!



WHAT WE DO STATESIDE



One of the flights Steve has taken in the last year.

Many have wanted to know just what we do while we are in the USA. We actually have a lot that we do here.

FUNDRAISING

Obviously, we can't do the work we do without funds. And as the economy slows down, we have to spend more and more of our time "making ends meet". A lot of our stateside time is spent making up Budget shortfalls, or dealing with new expenses as they arise.

REPORTING AND RECRUITING

We also spend a lot of time visiting congregations and teams that come to work with us in Guyana. Much of this is done by invitation only, which means we come if you ask us to.

We also report to those who are working with us, and let them know what is happening with the work in Guyana.

LOOKING FOR NEW TEAMS

We also need new teams to come down and work with us. If you know of someone looking for a short term mission site, give us a call, and we will go to see them. We need more teams!

WHAT WE DO IN GUYANA

Many times, people want to know just what it is that we do at Operation Guyana. . . hopefully this will help.

Medical Missions

Since 1992, we have hosted over 150 Medical Missions, treating over 240,000 patients. Our teams come from all over, and we can use you on one soon.

Vacation Bible Schools

Many of our teams host Vacation Bible Schools, not just at the location of the Medical Mission, but also in many of the Public Schools. We have hosted 100's of Vacation Bible Schools since 1992.

OBTI

The Operation Guyana Bible Institute is designed to nurture the church, and ground them in the faith. This is a "Discipleship School" that takes the school to them, by hosting classes in their home congregations. We have conducted hundreds of these classes, and have had hundreds of our Brethren attend. We have also hosted 10 Lectureships in Guyana, bringing speakers from all over the USA to help.

Aid and Assistance

Through the efforts of those who support us, we have been able to provide Flood Relief, as well as conducted Food and Clothing Projects for those who are homeless. We have dispensed "tons" of Bibles, Tracts, Sunday School Supplies, Song Books, Communion Supplies, and much more. We have even built Church buildings, and provided Benches!

Calendar

May 15th, 2010

Steve DeLoach arrives in Guyana, followed shortly by support team.

June 5th - June 13th, 2010

WestArk Team, Ft. Smith AR

June 12th - June 19th, 2010

Murray Kentucky Team

June 19th - June 27th, 2010

Ray Hunt Team, Ohio, Tennessee, and more.

July 3rd - July 10th, 2010

Jax Beach / OKC / Tulsa Team

We're gonna have a GREAT YEAR!

Team Spotlight



DR. MICHAEL COLE

Dr. Cole has been coming since 1990! He serves as the O.G.

Medical Director, WebMaster, and Team leader from Ft. Smith!

JOEL DALRYMPLE



Joel has been coming to Guyana for 15 years, and often makes two trips a year! He serves as Pulpit Minister in

Jacksonville Beach FL.

SALITA POORAN



Salita is our Office Manager in Guyana. She

has been with us for almost 5 years! She is a wonderful asset to our work.