



"Then the King will say, 'for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you have clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'"

Matthew 25:35-36

November, 2022

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Families in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It has been a while since our last newsletter, and it is time to give you an update on Guyanese Outreach (GO).

We are working on the visa paperwork for our new missionary, Victor Revas, his wife Belén, and their daughter Sophia from Guatemala, with an arrival date in Guyana around January-February, 2023. Rev. Dr. James Tino, Director Global Lutheran Outreach (GLO), Santiago, Chile and Victor were in Guyana in June 2022 for a one-week assessment. They visited with Rev. Conrad Plummer, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana (ELCG) and several parishes, including St. Philip's Lutheran Church, and Emmanuel Lutheran Church, where Pastor Tino preached.



Emmanuel Lutheran Church—Emmanuel Parish



Rev. Dr. James Tino (GLO), Rev. Patrick Jones, Pastor—Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and Victor Revas, Missionary



Rev. Tino—Special Guest Speaker at Emmanuel Lutheran Church



Rev. Tino (far left), Victor Revas (back, center) and the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

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GO's educational and community services continue to be greatly valued and well-received because of your kind partnership.

Summer classes were well attended. On average, about 59 students attended each day. The focus was literacy, math, and crafts. *(top right & middle right)*

The children created their own paper models of the sun in the crafts classes and learned that sunlight gives us all Vitamin D as well as helping all of the fruits and vegetables to grow and ripen to produce food for eating. *(below)*



Last September with revised COVID-19 guidelines in place, students returned to our After-School Programs in Computer Math and Functional Literacy. We offered classes for grades one and two with an average attendance of 52 students for the two grades combined.

The grade one and two math classes help prepare the students to pass their tests in the government-run schools. The tablets help them not only to solve problems but also to start learning how to use the computer. The Functional Literacy classes help improve the student's reading and writing skills.



GO Instructor, Usha, teaching our Functional Literacy class.



Students using the Guyanese Outreach tablets to study math.



GO Manager, Sarina, teaching Numeracy by studying fractions.



Parents from the community frequently assist with the lessons in the classroom.

As we approach Thanksgiving, many families, including myself, face sickness. Some families have lost loved ones. We are called to pray for one another and comfort those who mourn. At this time, many families also face hardships in different ways. Whatever our situation, our Heavenly Father asks us to pray. "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Jer.33:3.

As we gather together, let us come with Thanksgiving and Praise even when there are differences, for we face some hard times as a nation. We are called to pray for comfort and healing. His promises are true. Ephesians 4:20 says, "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us."



Each day the children enjoy a nutritious snack when they arrive at Guyanese Outreach

We all have different situations in life, especially as we grow older. Me, I had spinal surgery in February 2020. Although the surgery corrected one problem, due to my age, it has hampered traveling, and I have problems walking. But the Lord has provided me with this time, amidst my pain, to truly seek Him. I am realizing that I was too busy and did not spend enough time worshipping as I should have. However, Father God is faithful and provides hope and comfort, "Do not fear for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; surely, I will help you. Surely, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand," Isaiah 41:10. I am kindly asking for your prayers and God's guidance for GO.

The Board of GO joins me in thanking you for your faithfulness and belief in what we do to help the very poor children so they have a fighting chance to improve their lives with better jobs through our primary school classes. We provide hope for the community to have a better future. We fully recognize the hardships we all face. We ask that you kindly seek the Lord and to the extent that you are able to give to the mission. GO is grateful to Discover Church for sending most of the letters out.

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As we come closer to the end of the year, families will again gather to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. The Board and I wish you a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with Peace.

Ruth

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