



"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,'" Matt. 25:35-36

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus. Time has flown by since you have heard from me. We are again approaching the season of Thanksgiving, gathering to give Father God thanks for His goodness amidst these difficult times. We are all coping with the high cost of groceries and medical necessities as well as sickness, loss of jobs, and for a few of us, death of a family member.

Through these difficult times, the Lord is calling us to pray without ceasing. He assures us that in our greatest need, He is always Present. Most of you know that I lost my son, Paul. For me, the finality of losing my son is most painful. But in my process and through His Word, I have learned that God is perfect and makes no mistakes. So, I continue to learn contentment that it was God's timing for Paul to return home. His promise is true and He is always present. "Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress; I will not be shaken." Psalm 62: 5-6.

In October, I travelled to Guyana after 5 years. A dear nurse friend, Sonya Worner, accompanied me. Without her help, my medical condition would not have permitted me to make the trip. She also labored for GO in many ways. She is very mission-minded and has travelled with doctors to different countries.

It was a blessing upon safe arrival in Guyana. GO's Manager, Sarina Singh, was there to pick us up at the airport and continue our three-hour road trip to GO. Upon arrival, it was a joy to meet our missionaries, Victor and Ana, and their daughter, Sofia. This family lives on the upper floor of the GO building. Their primary mission is to help support our outreach into the community of services to the very poor and to support our local church partners with evangelism.



Ana is gifted with musical talents. She teaches music and bible study at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and St. Philips churches with Victor. They make home visits to the sick. Ana will teach classes at GO's facilities, at churches and at Number 71 primary school. The Ministry of Education has expressed interest in our music program. Music is part of the government's curricula but is not offered in Region 6

because it has no trained public school teachers in music. In addition to teaching kids and adults to read music, Ana is developing a choir at GO, at Number 71 primary school and at our partner churches.



Victor will help develop our computer repairs and maintenance program, which is focused on creating good paying jobs for high school students and adults. Tim Buelow joined the trip and helped Victor get computers in working condition and helped develop the curricula. During COVID and with the shut-down of school for about one year, almost all computers and keyboards were destroyed by the heat. We only have five working computers. We ask for your help to purchase reconditioned laptops and tablets.

Many of you may recall that the primary employer is the Skeldon sugar cane estate, which is now closed. The monthly financial hardship to make ends meet for the very poor is great. And it is the poor that generally work the long hours cutting cane in the fields. During COVID, GO diverted most of our financial resources to provide food baskets to unemployed single mothers and the elderly.

It was truly a joy to see the children's happy faces attending our literacy and math classes. For most children, their grades improved by a full grade, such as from a D to C. Our goal is to improve grades by two full grades. We plan to do this by focusing on identifying those with learning disabilities. Without good grades, many students will not survive high school with resulting poor job prospects such as cutting cane. Our twice weekly math and reading classes for grades 1 and 2 is around 60 to 75 students. In the next month, we will add grade three writing with an expected enrollment of about 20 to 30. The children attend public schools until 2:30 PM. When they arrive at GO, they receive a healthy snack. GO's free after school lessons help them compete. Most affluent students attend after school private classes which these poor students cannot afford. The need is so great that the Headmistress of the Number 71 primary school has requested more after school reading and math classes.



Literacy lesson



Math lesson with tablets



Snacks



Sonya helping in the classroom

After each lesson, Sonya engaged the students with physical activities, crafts and read to them, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

GO is currently at a crossroad and evaluating the pathways forward. With the reduction in donations, it is difficult to maintain our current level of operations, much less increase our services. No one in the US receives a salary or stipend. We are all volunteers in His Service. I only receive travel expenses to Guyana. All donations support our local staff and local programs. Part of the challenge is that I am no longer able to devote adequate time to GO daily activities due to my age and failing health. It is necessary for me to get help here in the US. We need a paid administrator/manager here in the US. We need to increase funding to maintain current operations and to expand services.

The Board is doing its part by seeking financial help from the government of Guyana, non-profits that support international humanitarian and educational programs to the poor, and the Twin Cities Guyanese community. I bring these needs to your attention for your prayers and guidance. I am confident that as we pray and seek the Lord, He will provide answers. "Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you." Jermiah 29: 12.



Brothers and sisters, I started this ministry with the help of my sons in 1994. I started teaching sewing under houses. In 1995 and with the help of so many, we began sending humanitarian and medical aid that was so greatly needed. We struggled through the years, starting by renovating a shell of a building. By the grace of God and your help, we now have a beautiful building to house missionaries, work with local churches and helping the very poor in the community through our educational programs. I appeal to you, to seek our Lord through prayers as He leads you to respond. In addition to financial donations, we need your expertise and talents to help develop and manage our programs in music and information technology (both hardware and software).

If you are able, kindly donate by mail to the address below or our website:

<http://www.guyaneseoutreach.org/donate.html>

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The Board of GO and I give God all Glory, Honor and Praise for serving in Guyana. As we gather to celebrate the holidays, Thanksgiving and The Birth of Christ, it is difficult for many of us. But The Lord has promised to comfort. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Father of mercies and the God of comfort; who comforts us in all our affliction. "2 Cor.3."

The Board and I are grateful to you and wishing you and your families Peace during the holidays.

