



*"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 GO Supporters,

It is that time of year when we gather with families and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving and thank our Lord for all that he provides. Amidst our celebrations, many families are coping with illness and in great need. Some lost loved ones and we pray for their comfort. We also must continue to remember families that are suffering through the aftermath of hurricanes and other disasters. Many have not fully recovered, and their needs are many, but "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassion never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness". Lamentations 3:22-25.

GO continues to teach our functional literacy and math classes for grades one through three. We recently resumed our computer repairs and cell phone repairs for high school students to help develop job skills. Our missionaries are hard at work along with our local staff. The children arrive at GO much earlier after the public schools classes for snacks and lessons. One of our teachers, Devi, engages the children in activities by reading to them, asking questions about books, practice spelling and play games that focus on learning. We are trying to open minds, spur curiosity, and engage the process of critical thinking, which of course is a precursor to make good decisions. Victor and Ana Rivas continue to teach music (piano, guitar and singing) at various churches and also at our facility. At the churches, they lead Bible studies during the week. Victor also preached on Reformation Sunday.



Students learning through tablets



In October, we were blessed that Sonya Worner and Sheila Getz were in Guyana for two weeks. Amidst the heat, they labored long hours, along with Victor and Ana, to make repairs and maintain our building -- the front lawn was restored and the fire-escape stairway got a fresh coat of paint. Our two buildings are in constant need of maintenance. We thank them, our missionaries, and local staff for all they do to build sustainability.



If your heart is touched to help GO serve our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Guyana, please consider a few options. You can help sustain our annual operating budget of about US 30 thousand. We are a US 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit. No one on the US Board or its volunteers are paid a salary or any remuneration. We currently have no paid U.S. staff but as my health is declining, that may change. I need help with administration and management. All of your donations support local operations. Our budget covers the salary of two full-time staff/teachers. We also pay competitive stipends to certified public school teachers to supplement our teaching staff for the after-school literacy classes. We additionally provide nominal stipends for travel of volunteer parents to help in the classrooms. Our curricula (grades one to three) are approved by the Ministry of Education. Comparison of before and after public school grades is an objective basis that shows our students improve their math and reading grades by about one full grade. Our goal is a two grades improvement.

Another way you can help is to support the expansion of our highly successful functional literacy program to two affiliate churches (yet to be identified), one in greater Skeldon and one around 64 Village. Our building is in No. 71 Village. Perhaps your organization (or alum from schools in these areas can come together) to support this effort. We are brainstorming the introduction of a science class for the fourth grade. Since national tests focus on memorization and recall, we are thinking of adding a class for four and fifth graders to improve memorization skills. National exams in the sixth grade are critical milestones in deciding the future direction of these very poor students. Their parents cannot afford private classes, a norm in Guyana. Many are simply left behind.

We continue to look for and help local churches. Some do not have an ordained pastor. The need is great but the hands are few. These churches need help to develop the required nuts-and-bolts skills for preaching, administering a church, worship and prayer, bible study, and attending to the sick, to name just a few. The congregations that we help are very poor. Sustaining financial needs of a pastor and a church is very challenging. We also would like to have a line-item in our budget dedicated to helping our affiliate churches. Our missionary couple is overwhelmed.

Perhaps you can help with our solar project. The cost of electricity is an overhead expense we would like to reduce. Our generator needs to be replaced. The three A/Cs are expensive to run. Classrooms are hot, even with fans. Regular maintenance of the buildings is not in our annual budget. Our second building need to be renovated.

The Board of GO joins me in thanking you for your faithfulness and belief in what we do to help the less fortunate children. We help the poorest of the poor with functional math and reading literacy. We help those not bound for college with computer-related skills to get jobs. We help affiliated-churches. We fully recognize the hardships we all face as these are very difficult times. "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. We ask that you seek the Lord and to help us as you can.

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We cherish your continued prayers for the future of GO. 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 Singh, Founder of GO



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