



Dear Praying Friends,

We are praising the Lord for all that He has done in the year that we have lived and served here in South America. We moved to Guyana on April 18th, 2022. The year has flown by. We have been honored to serve through the soul-winning, children's Bible clubs, Sunday school, Bus ministry, choir, and Bible college ministries of Victory Baptist Church under the leadership of missionary pastor Noel Shrivnauth. We were also able to assist the Robert Woodard family and New Life Baptist Church for a period. We have learned so much about ministering in this culture and have been stretched.

We are thankful for your prayers and support as we know that they were a vital part of our success. The dozens saved, many baptized, and those disciplined are fruit that has been added to your account! We are grateful for the opportunity to impact one family in particular, Brian and Kavita Raghoo along with their two children, Jason, and Brianna. God arranged for us to meet the Raghooos shortly after arriving in Guyana. We invited them to church where they were soon saved and baptized. We have been privileged to host this dear family in our home nearly every week for discipleship lessons and fellowship. Please pray with us that this family will continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth.

The last month has gone by in a busy blur, but it has been great! We were able to visit Brazil for the BIMi South America field conference. This was a refreshing time of encouraging preaching and fellowship. Upon our return, we prepared for the Easter celebration. We filled in for Pastor Robert Woodard at New Life Baptist and had a wonderful time teaching this new church about the significance of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. One fun opportunity was a church wide Easter activity at the national park which we were able to attend on Good Friday (a national holiday in Guyana). A large group from two churches flew kites, played cricket and soccer, and competed in various games and a scavenger hunt. During the day we were able to pass out hundreds of tracts and invite many to the Easter service.

As our first year on the foreign field draws to a close, we are preparing for a furlough. We are packing our belongings once again as we prepare to head back to the States for the birth of our second child. The doctors say everything looks good and Emily is feeling great. We leave on April 19th. We are hoping and praying for a safe, smooth delivery in May.

We will then be working on getting all the paperwork for our transition to Suriname. We have applied for visas for the rest of the family and are waiting for a response. Once the new baby arrives and we receive his US paperwork we will send his visa application off as well. The visa application process for Suriname typically takes three months. We are praying that it will be processed and approved even quicker so that we can move to Suriname as soon as possible. We are prepared hoping to make the move to Suriname in August, but we might be delayed until November while waiting on the baby's visa. Mark should be able to visit Suriname during that time to make housing and other arrangements.

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While in the States we will continue our Dutch language study. We have enjoyed our twice-weekly lessons with our Surinamese teacher which have been done online. We are excited about the opportunity to get much more practice in person once we arrive in Suriname. Please pray with us that we can quickly grasp the Dutch language so that we can effectively witness and minister. Please also pray as then also plan to learn the other main language of Suriname, Sranan Tongo. Between both languages, we will be able to communicate effectively with the great majority of Surinamers. We are excited to be so close to reaching our mission field even while we are saddened to leave Guyana where there is such a great need and we have grown to love the people.



New Life Baptist Church midweek service.



Praise the Lord 3 boys accepted Christ!

Prayer Requests

- Travelling to and within the USA
- Delivery of Baby
- Suriname Visas and Paperwork
- Dutch Language Study

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