



*Mark & Emily* **MARINER**

CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN

*Suriname*  
SOUTH AMERICA



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## Dear Praying Friends,

We are thrilled to be sending our first prayer letter from Suriname! We have just completed our first full month of living in Suriname.

### Getting Settled

We were able to get moved into our new home. We are especially grateful that God blessed us with some unexpected extras like a swing set and mango tree in the yard! We were able to purchase a vehicle which we trust will be a great tool for our family and the ministry in the future. We want to thank Landmark Baptist Church for helping us to ship our boxes. They sent a van to pick up our boxes in Tennessee and take them all the way to Miami, FL to be shipped here to Suriname. We also want to thank Salisbury Baptist Temple and Lakewood Baptist church for helping to cover the cost of the shipping. We are praying that the shipping and customs process will go smoothly.



### Meeting Friends

We have been blessed to visit several local churches and begin building relationships at each. We have been challenged to stretch our Dutch skills by attending a Dutch speaking church on Sundays. We have also enjoyed visiting fellowshiping at an English-speaking church. God has already opened doors by introducing us to more missionaries and pastors in the area. We look forward to further building these relationships. Despite our limited communication ability, we have befriended several employees at our neighborhood “winkel” (market). They look forward to seeing and holding the children and are always disappointed if we pick up milk or eggs without them. We trust to use this relationship as a witnessing opportunity as our language improves.

## Prayer Requests

- Language
- Visa Paperwork
- Relationships and Evangelism

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