



The MARINERS

CHURCH PLANTERS IN SURINAME

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Praying friends,

We are happy to write to you from Suriname. We had a busy couple of weeks in Guyana, South America. There, we assisted with the BIMl Connect/Amazon for Christ medical mission trip. Our team of 26 was comprised of volunteers from Brazil, Canada, and the United States. Our team hosted six mobile medical clinics. We helped 478 patients, each of whom was presented the gospel message. Of those, **51** made professions of faith after speaking personally with a soul winner. Each clinic was hosted in conjunction with a local church. Each patient's contact information was given to the local pastor and follow-up will take place.

We were excited to see some friends from our time serving in Guyana. We also gained valuable insight into hosting a team as we prepare to host a Connect trip next year in Suriname.

After returning to Suriname, Mark left for a second trip. This time to the interior of Guyana, where he will participate in a special evangelistic trip to several indigenous villages. He and the team will preach in schools, go soul-winning in the community, host eyeglass clinics, and hold open-air evangelistic services. This trip is focused on evangelizing Amerindian villages with little or no gospel witness.

One of the major components of the medical trip was providing free eyeglasses. We also plan to hold eyeglass clinics when on the trip to the interior. This is made possible using the "Usee" vision screening system developed by Global Vision 2020. Due to a lack of access to eye doctors, glasses are far too expensive for the average Guyanese. We can provide reading glasses at a cost of less than \$1 per pair and prescription glasses for a cost of \$5 per pair in a matter of minutes. Holding an eyeglass clinic is an opportunity to tangibly demonstrate the love of Christ, build rapport in the community, and draw a crowd to whom we can preach the gospel. These medical clinics are hosted to provide open doors for the gospel message and to further the work of church planting. If your church is interested in sponsoring an eye clinic you can designate your gift ""eye glasses"". If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me. Here is a link where you can read about the eye testing kit. <https://gv2020.org/>
Thank you for your partnership in the gospel!

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