



# The MARINERS

CHURCH PLANTERS IN SURINAME

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## A Free Gift!

We want to thank all those that gave a special Christmas gift to our family. Your generosity is appreciated! We wish you a "Happy New Year" from Suriname. As we enjoyed the Christmas season we took opportunities to share the true reason for the season with those we meet. One special opportunity was a Christmas festival at a local school. Along with our friend Pastor Allen Arga we were able to set up a table with tracts and other free Christian literature. We were able to share the gospel tracts as people enjoyed the food, fun, and games. When we gave a tract to one young boy and told him he could take anything he liked off the table he exclaimed excitedly, "I cannot believe all this is free!"



When the boy had gone Pastor Allen commented "He could not believe these tracts were free but many cannot believe that salvation is free". Many people in Suriname are trusting their works to earn salvation. We are thankful to be able to share the good news of God's free gift of salvation at Christmas time.

## Sharing the Gift



As we strive to share the good news we endeavor to equip other believers to do the same. To that end we arranged an evangelism training seminar at Clevia Baptisten Gemeente. We invited all those who desired to be better equipped to share the gospel. Mark taught on our motivation to evangelize while another missionary friend taught the nuts and bolts of how to use the Bible to share the gospel. About 10 people attended this evangelism course. They left excited to share the gospel with friends and neighbors.

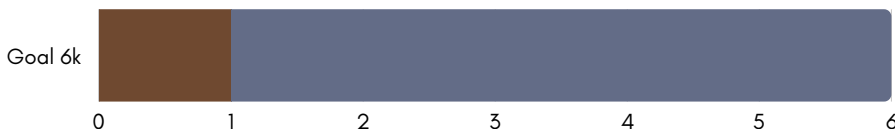
## Multiplying the Gift

You can help us to share the gift of salvation in a tangible way. We will be ordering **10,000** copies of the Gospel of John in Dutch. These gospels have a Suriname themed cover and paired with an accompanying Bible app include gospel films and other materials to help new believers. In addition to canvassing the neighborhood of our church plant, we will make these materials available to other like minded churches. The cost for these materials is **\$6,000** dollars. Our sending church has already pledged \$1,000 dollars towards this goal. Would your church prayerfully consider contributing towards providing these materials? Any donations can be sent to our missionary account at the address below and designated "Gospels".



**Your partnership in the work is appreciated!**

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