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### Medical and Nurturing Missions in Guyana, South America

From Steve DeLoach

## Be Ready For God's Opportunities

The scene was all too familiar.

As I watched the images from New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, I remembered the way this year started: with a major flood in Georgetown.

Before I left for Guyana in January, someone asked me what opportunities I thought God would present this year, especially considering the ones from last year. When I answer that question, I always say that I don't know but whatever it is, we have to be ready for it.

Well, this year was a king-sized opportunity. When I left for Georgetown on Jan. 12, I had planned to be there 30 days to set up the lectureship and make plans for the summer campaigns, etc. Little did I know.

From Dec. 26 to Jan. 31, Georgetown had an unimaginable amount of rainfall: more than 60 inches. For comparison, the average rainfall for January is 7.5 inches. Homes and businesses were flooded (see January-March issues of the newsletter), and some stayed underwater as long as five weeks.

During all of this only 42 people lost their lives. There was nowhere near the loss of homes and businesses that you saw in New Orleans because most houses are built of concrete and can be cleaned with some effort.

While no one likes to see an event like this, it presented some opportunities with the ministry of health. We brought in cleaning supplies and medicines and helped distribute those. We also handed out a lot of food and water. And only 42 deaths were attributed to the flooding!

But that presented other opportunities. Because of

our contacts within the health ministry, we were able to get two American doctors into the Georgetown Public Hospital in May. (See that issue of newsletter). And the ministry asked for them back again. They came back in July for another week.

Out of that, we made a tremendous number of contacts, and it also helped us spread God's Word among the people. All you have to do is look at the stats on our reports page and you will realize how many lives were touched.

What will God place before us next year? Who knows? All we can do is be prepared for whatever comes along. And God has presented us with a plentiful the last two years.

Thank you very much for your support of the work in Guyana, and we thank God that He has blessed us so abundantly in that work. If you would like to help, here are several ways:

- 1) Contribute financially.
- 2) Pray for us. Pray that God's work continues and that we continue to open doors for Him.
- 3) Come down and see the work for yourself. Read some of the testimonials from people who have made the journey. They all talk about coming back changed by the experience.

We will soon be forming plans for next year and would like to see our missions teams even larger. Even if you can't come yourself, you can help someone else to come. Both of you will be blessed.

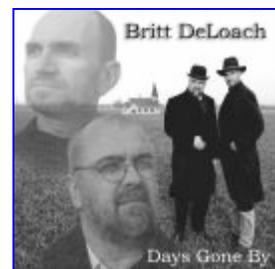
—Steve

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