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Medical and Nurturing Missions in Guyana, South America

New Guyana Office Manager Is Named

From Steve DeLoach

Guyana Changes Fuel New Growth

A new medical mission team, a personnel change, a new opportunity with Habitat for Humanity.

And it's not even January 1 yet.

We usually start our planning for next year when the summer missions are over. Most often, though, our plans get interrupted, and it looks like this year is no different.

We planned for the usual six missions teams, the summer camp, etc. But God has surprised us again.

First, He gave us a totally new January missions team. Habitat for Humanity also wants to know if we will partner with them in Guyana.

God reveals His plans in His time and in His timing. He does not ask if we are ready. He expects us to be ready for whatever He presents us.

Because of the changes this year, I have had greater travel expense than usual and have not been able to make normal fund-raising trips.

Travel expenses brought about by these changes, not to mention increased cost of travel, have been far more than budgeted.

Therefore, we are asking our supporters to help us with this budget shortfall. Continuing support even in small amounts would be great, but anything will help.

Our supporters have always come through when we are in need. They responded last year to the increased programs and we believe they will again this year. There is no way to plan for the extra travel over the past six months.

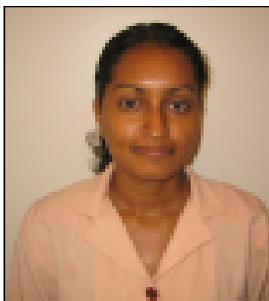
We ask that you go to our website (www.guyana-missions.org) and make a donation through PayPal or mail a check to the Jenks Church address listed on the front page.

Our family wishes you a very happy Christmas season and a prosperous New Year. God bless you all.

—Steve

Salita Pooran has been named office manager for Operation Guyana, replacing Orin Ross.

Pooran graduated this summer from the University of Guyana with a BA degree in business management and has been working at several jobs within the Guyana business community.



"She will be working in our ministry helping us better organize the business side of what we do and organize our accounting," Steve DeLoach, executive director of Operation Guyana, explained.

"She will also help work with many of the offices, businesses and government entities that we work with, particularly when I am not in Guyana."

Pooran has been a member of the Pleasance congregation for about 10 to 12 years. For the past seven years, she has been a teacher for one of the children's classes and is very active in the youth program there. Her family is also very active in the local congregation.

"We welcome her to our family," DeLoach continued, "and hope each of our supporters gets a chance to meet her soon. She brings a wealth of training and experience to our ministry and we are delighted to have her."

The new office manager was one of several announcements DeLoach made recently.

"We have also been in touch with the Habitat for Humanity executive director who asked Operation Guyana to partner with them in the country. We, of course, would be delighted to partner with them. We will have a planning session in January to finalize the partnership."

DeLoach explained that the program requires each recipient of a new home to donate 250 hours on a neighbor's home. They must have a job and the ability to make a mortgage payment.

"We may be able to get the program started by summer," the OG director noted.

The new office manager and the Habitat for Humanity program are not the only upcoming changes.

"We have a team of about 33 or 34 who are coming for a special medical mission in January," DeLoach said. "We have never had a January missions team before, and God just dropped this one in our laps."

"It does not take away from any of the current teams. The new group will be from Kentucky, Texas and Alabama. Because of the changes, I have had to do a lot of extra travel and have not been able to conduct normal fund-raising activities."

He also announced that he had been interviewed on a local morning talk show in Jacksonville, Fla. An MP3 of the interview will be available at www.guyana-missions.org, the Operation Guyana website.

"God just continues to present us with new opportunities and challenges," DeLoach pointed out.

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