



## E-UPDATE



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

From Steve DeLoach

## 7 Medical Missions Teams Expand Outreach

This is normally the time of year we are busy preparing for the upcoming summer mission teams.

Which we are.

What is different this year is that we have already had one team make the trek to Guyana.

Just getting to that point was a challenge. We had to change hotels because the Pegasus, a part of the Sheraton Hotel chain in the US, made some unacceptable changes at the last minute, despite our contract. We moved the offices and clinic spaces literally days before the first team was due.

After a quick search, we located the team in the Grand Coastal Inn, which is Guyanese owned. We relocated the clinic to the Pleasance church building and we have the office equipment stored at Jerry and Pat Veatch's house. Our school has been meeting Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Pleasance congregation for the time being, and right now, we do not have any office space because time was short.

The new team, composed of members from several states, went down in January, two weeks before the lectureship, and worked from the Pleasance church. This group is totally new and will not take away from the six we normally have. Some members have been down with other teams during the summer. The week went very well, winding up with 25 or so baptisms.

The following week was an "off" week before the lectureship, but we conducted a series of classes at the Nismes church building.

Attendance at the lectureship was very good, considering the flooding issue and that it was canceled last year. It was moved at the last minute to the North Road congregation, and there were about 25 attendees from there. Total attendance was about 75 to 100 during the four days, representing several congregations.

Since then, we have been getting ready for the next phase. Our six summer medical teams start arriving next month and we are predicting a fantastic summer.

Our Habitat for Humanity deal has been finalized and will begin this summer. Under this program, volunteers who work this summer will have their work credited to church members. A percentage of the houses being built by the organization will go to members who are taken into the program.

In addition to the normal, "routine" summer, we never know what opportunities God will present us. We earnestly solicit your prayers for the work and the teams as they travel. We have already seen many changes in the work in Guyana and we are reasonably certain that God will present us with more challenges. He always does.

Our daughters will not be coming down this year either. Erin has been coming down later than we do, but this year she has started a new job and will be unable to make it. Brooke and Meagan are both involved in jobs and have not been able to make it down for the last several years.

We would like to thank everyone for their support in the past. The expanding work would not be possible without you. Your support will be even more vital in the future because of the loss of our office space/school/clinic. We will need to relocate all of the facilities and coupled with the growing cost of travel, our budget is being stretched. We solicit your continued support for the work.

God has blessed the work in Guyana and we have been blessed to be part of it. Continue to pray for us and the work and to God be the glory.



#### Attn.: AOL, Yahoo Users

Recent changes to the AOL email system and proposed changes to the Yahoo system include a provision to charge senders of email for guaranteed delivery. They cite cutting down on spam as a reason for the charge.

Our returns from AOL's spam filters have been growing tremendously over the last six months because we are on their spam list. At this time we do not have a workaround for it and we do not propose to spend Operation Guyana money for guaranteeing that our email would be delivered.

We are looking into other changes which will get around this restriction. In the meantime, we suggest checking the website, [www.guyana-missions.org](http://www.guyana-missions.org), for notice of new newsletters periodically if you do not receive notification.

We are sorry for the inconvenience and we will implement changes as soon as possible.

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