



## E-UPDATE



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

*From Steve DeLoach*

## New Promo Video Available

Operation Guyana now has a promotional video.

The new video was just released Aug. 1 and contains information about the work in Guyana and future plans for the organization.

The 11-minute video may be downloaded from a link on the website, [www.guyana-missions.org](http://www.guyana-missions.org).

"We are so glad to have this video available for our supporters," Steve DeLoach, executive director of Operation Guyana, said. "This is a new tool we have never had before to help inform them about the work in South America.

"So much has changed in the work in the past two years," he continued. "We had the flood, the school and expanded missions teams added within that time frame."

During the flood, thousands were homeless, some for as long as four or five weeks. Luckily, only 42 died. (See the issues dated January, February and March of 2005 for further details, including reports of food and cleaning supplies distributed to the community).

"The flood and the ensuing relief effort allowed us great exposure to witness for Christ," DeLoach explained. "We were able to have contact with people we might not have reached otherwise."

The school also opened two years ago and has had tremendous growth.

"We have had approximately 350 people through the school," the OG director noted. "Through the school, we have trained many church leaders, teachers and other members, both male and female.

"About that time we also had to switch hotels and move the mission offices. We have found another hotel, but have not totally relocated the offices and school. We expect to have that resolved in the very near future.

"Added to all of that, we had a new mission team in January. This is a totally new team that does not take away from our summer missions, giving us seven teams during this election-shortened season. (Teams usually wrap up early during election years.)

"We are also going to announce another new team for next January. That will give us eight for next year. What a tremendous blessing these teams are! At first, they were strictly medical missions, but we have grown to the point that our doctors have done other things, such as a week or two of surgery in the Georgetown public hospital with the blessings of the health ministry.

"God has really put a tremendous number of challenges in front of us in the last few years."

Another change coming up will be the addition of an advisory council, which will help OG plan to handle the tremendous growth.

"God has blessed the work in Guyana and now we are reaping some of that harvest," DeLoach said. "It is time we brought in new minds and new ideas to help with planning to take this work through the next five years and onward."

Plans for the advisory council will unfold over the next few months.

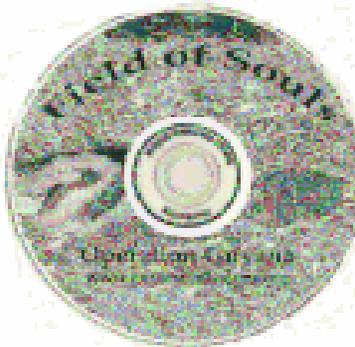
Another area of growth has been the Live the Mission encampment in July at the Shanklands. This year, there were 16 campers. A separate section of the website has been planned for this event and will be unveiled later.

"The work we have today is far different than when we first came here in 1992," DeLoach remembered. "But then you would expect if we can just sow the seeds, God will water and nurture it and provide the harvest.

"That is why we are proposing this advisory council, because we would like to see at least the same amount of growth over the next 15 years as we have had in the last 15.

"We ask all our supporters to continue to pray for Guyana and the work there, because it could not happen without their financial support and participation. We need the money, yes, but it also takes a lot of people back in the US to allow 35 or 40 people to make the trip.

"Through such things as the website, newsletter and visits to their congregations, we try to express our gratitude to these people."



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