



**Dear Praying Friends,**

We are glad to report an answered prayer! The Woodard family was able to return to Guyana. We are thrilled that they have been able to resume their work at New Life Baptist Church. We are excited to see what God will do through this church and this dear family.

We continue to help at Victory Baptist Church. After the Christmas break, we have resumed Bible clubs at two schools and the government children's center for neglected children. We see fruit each week through these ministries. Recently several more church members have begun volunteering to help assist with these ministries. This has been a tremendous blessing as we endeavor to witness with each child either one-on-one or in pairs. More soul-winners and workers to assist the teacher has helped greatly! Last week we were able to see 18 children profess Christ in one club thanks to having a group of 9 soul-winners!

We continue to see fruit from the Christmas gospel tract event we conducted in December using the "3 things God cannot do" display. A total of 35 professed Christ during the 3 weeks of the event. Since then several have visited the church and a few have become regular riders in our bus ministry.

One exciting ministry is working with the youth through planning and hosting teen encourager activities. Recently we hosted an event during which we showed a short film about the life of George Muller of Bristol. We challenged them to live a life of prayer and to have a vision to be used of God. Saturday teen soul-winning is another opportunity to invest in the youth. We partner with the teens when we go out witnessing and working the bus

Please pray for especially as we attempt to make a greater impact in the Spanish community on our bus route. I will be working with Luis, a faithful teenage boy who speaks Spanish, to share the gospel with them and invite these dear people to church. Pray also as we help launch a church wide organized discipleship program. When we came to Guyana last year Pastor Shrivnauth asked us to work especially in several ministries, one of which was discipleship. We have worked with one family each week and they have nearly completed the course we have been working through. Pastor Shrivnauth is planning to expand this program to include the whole church very soon. Please pray that we will have good attendance and participation. We are praying that several older Christians will step up to disciple the younger believers. We believe that discipling another is one of the greatest ways to grow in your own Christian life. Would you also please pray as we prepare for a short furlough this summer. We will be returning to the USA for the birth of our baby boy. We are planning to visit as many of our supporting churches as we are able during our limited time in the States. We will also be preparing for our move to Suriname. We plan to move directly to Suriname after our furlough.

Faith had her first birthday on February 2nd. We were so thankful that Emily's parents were able to be here to celebrate with us. They have been a big encouragement. Faith is growing every day and seems to have really adjusted well to life in the tropical climate of South America. We were excited to learn that baby # 2 is a boy! We have a baby registry at Amazon.com. You may find it by searching for Emily Mariner.



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