

# THE RHOADES

## MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

September 2014

“The missionary heart: Care more than some think is wise. Risk more than some think is safe. Dream more than some think is practical. Expect more than some think is possible. I was called not to comfort or success but to obedience... there is no joy outside of knowing Jesus and serving him.”

- Karen Watson, Martyr

Dear Faithful Friends,

The beginning of Philippians 1:3 states, “I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.” As I look back over the month of September, I am reminded of the many churches, people, and blessings that have taken place in our lives. We thank the Lord for the safety He has given over the past 5,460 miles. We thank the Lord for our family to be able to present in 8 churches across the states of Illinois, Alabama, Michigan, and New York. We are thanking the Lord for allowing us to be in missions conferences in 4 of the 8 churches. We looked and saw that we had folks that have anonymously partnered with us to Guyana, South America. We also looked and thanked the Lord for every person and every church that have been giving so faithfully. We serve a great God!

Our month started with traveling to Illinois. We traveled to Lake in the Hills, Illinois. We were blessed to meet Pastor Huston and the family of Foundation Baptist Church. It was a joy to present and preach for the church family that evening. We are deeply thankful to Pastor Huston for their generosity, fellowship, and tremendous hospitality. Pastor Huston is a church planter, and it is exciting to see how the

Lord is growing Foundation Baptist Church. Pastor Grimm of Colonial Baptist Church in Galesburg, Illinois,

opened the prophet’s home for us while we were in Illinois. Pastor and Mrs. Grimm asked us if we would like to go to their son’s high school football game. We had a wonderful time, and they were surprised to find out that it was Vashtee’s first time at an American football game. It was an honor to present and preach to the church family of Colonial Baptist Church on Sunday. Pastor Grimm took us to the grocery store and spoiled us with a week’s worth of groceries for while we stayed in the prophet’s chamber. We are thankful for their generosity and fellowship throughout the week. We gained a host of tremendous friends, pastors, and church family in Illinois.

It was encouraging to have the four missions conferences to present our calling to be church planters in Guyana. Our first conference was with Pastor Joe Williams at Victory Baptist Church in Lodi, Ohio. It was a joy to meet Pastor Joe and Mrs. Lisa Williams. The church is not only missions minded, but a deeply missions hearted church. Pastor Joe and Mrs. Lisa and the church were a great encouragement to all of us. It was an honor to meet Brother Dale Money, the Director of First Bible International of First Baptist Church in Milford, Ohio. I am excited to report that Brother Dale said that he will be glad to assist us in getting Scriptures to Guyana! Our second conference was with Pastor Floyd Radebaugh of Calvary Bible Baptist Church in Marion, Ohio. Pastor Radebaugh started the church with 14 people in 1975.

### PRAISES

1. Lighthouse Baptist Church in Ludington, Michigan, partnering with us.
2. Churches kindness in opening their prophet’s chamber to us.
3. The good health the Lord has given us.
4. Safety on the roads.
5. An anonymous person that has partnered with us.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. To have 100% support by December 2014
2. To have necessary funds to fly to Guyana
3. For the \$4,900 to ship our container to Guyana
4. Wisdom in making daily decisions
5. For our office staff at WWNTBM, and for Brother Bill Jr. and Jaimie Dillon as she fights Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension.

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During the week, we went door knocking and shared the Gospel with the community of Marion. It was exciting to listen to the many stories of God's faithfulness over the years to Pastor Radebaugh and the church family. Our third mission's conference was with Pastor Blount of Lighthouse Baptist Church in Ludington, Michigan. Brother Eric Porterfield of Blind Faith Ministries was the conference speaker, and the preaching challenged my own heart for the need to do more for the Lord. I enjoyed getting to know Pastor Blount. The church's fellowship, generosity, and kindness was overwhelming. Our fourth mission's conference was with Pastor Carpenter of Friendship Baptist Church in Rome, New York. It was a great week of preaching from Evangelist Stephen Schwanke and a joy to share our calling to be church planters in Guyana. It was great to be able to stay with Brother Bill and his family during the week! We are very grateful for the materials provided to us to use in our Bible Institute from Brother Bill's family that will enable us to effectively teach folks how to read! Looking forward to more souls being able to read the Word of God for themselves. It is exciting to see the Lord working in the hearts of folks at Friendship Baptist Church.

Looking unto Jesus,  
Joshua Rhoades, Acts 26:18