

THE RHOADES

MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

"Love is the root of missions; sacrifice is the fruit of missions."
- Roderick Davis



Dear Pastors, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

November 2014

The month of November was one of the most exciting months of deputation that I have ever experienced. I was originally scheduled in 4 churches in Alaska and then to fly back to Virginia to be reunited with my family. The Lord opened the door to present in two mission conferences and one additional church! Pastor Stan Roach of Independence Baptist Church of Anchorage, Alaska, and church family voted to partner with us financially, and Pastor Doug Duffet of Bible Baptist Church of Fairbanks, Alaska, also voted to partner with us financially while I was there! Driving across 1,700 miles of highway in Alaska was exciting. While it was exciting to see moose, caribou, and beaver in the wild for the first time, it was a great deal more exciting to see how many churches in Alaska wanted to be part of the Great Commission and support missionaries! Pastor Roach allowed me to stay in their prophet's chamber and that was a huge help for which I am deeply thankful. The Lord opened the door for me to present at: Old Paths Independent Baptist Church in Glenallen with Pastor Severs, Immanuel Baptist Church in Kenai with Pastor Boutwell, Great Land Baptist Church in Delta Junction with Pastor Cliff Henry, Northern Lights Baptist Church in Anchorage with Pastor Clark, and Resurrection Bay Baptist Church in Seward with Pastor Kelly. The Lord blessed me with being able to meet Missionary John Pinnix of Remote Alaska Missions. He and his family are members of Independent Baptist Church in Anchorage, Alaska, with Pastor Stan Roach. They were immensely helpful with opening their home for me to stay with them for the remaining weeks I would

be in Alaska. Brother John and family travel by plane, boat, snow machine, and truck to share the Gospel with people that

otherwise would never hear of Christ. He and his family were a source of great fellowship, food, and encouragement to this ol' country boy! It was an honor to share in their family devotions and learn what it is like to go to extreme measures to travel in -22 F weather and preach the Gospel. They are doing a great work for the Lord and more can be found about the RAM Ministry (Remote Alaska Missions) at www.thepinnixfamily.com

The last Sunday of November, after being reunited with my family, we traveled to Ellicott City, Maryland, to preach and present at Harvester Baptist Church with Pastor Ed Nelson. Pastor Ed started Harvester Baptist Church in 1976. We were talking with Pastor Nelson after the service and discovered that just months ago he had suffered a stroke and was now back in the pulpit preaching the glorious Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We were surprised to learn of this and were challenged to stay faithful in serving the Lord. Pastor Nelson, his wife, and church family were wonderful to be with, and we are grateful for the opportunity to spend time with them. The Lord had us stay with Brother Dan and Jeannie who are members of Harvester Baptist Church. They have become close friends of ours, and we are so glad for their kindness shown to us.

In the month of December, our family will be flying to Port Kaituma, Guyana to visit with Brother Dean and Sister Patty Runyon. We would appreciate your prayers for safety and health. We will be gone for a total of two weeks. On December 21st, we will be presenting and I will be preaching at Fellowship Baptist Church in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, with Pastor Bill Schneider. On December 31st, we will be with Pastor Rhew of Grace Baptist Temple in Blackstone, Virginia, for their New Years' Service, and I will be preaching part of their service that evening. Please pray for the Lord to be glorified in all that we do. Our family wants to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Looking unto Jesus, The Rhoades Family Acts 26:18



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