

The Yankana Family

Missionaries to Guyana



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Dear Praying Friends,

Two Spiritual Birthdays

We have so much to tell you, but let me begin with the most exciting news. Last week was my birthday—but the exciting part was that two men, Kemo and Anthony, who attended our men's fellowship received a spiritual birth that same day! It was a privilege and a joy to lead both men to the Lord on my birthday.

Kemo has been attending church for a while, but he had never fully trusted Christ alone for his salvation. Anthony is new to our church, but he has been faithfully attending for the past couple of months. That night, he finally broke down and made the decision to trust Jesus Christ as his Saviour. Both men will be attending our weekly Bible Institute. Please pray for their spiritual growth.

Growth at Friendship Baptist Church

The church now has a core group of four families who attend faithfully, and our highest Sunday attendance so far has been more than sixty. We have also seen two new families begin attending on Sunday mornings, and we are praying they will soon begin attending all the services. Praise the Lord for the growth we have seen over the past few months!

The fruitfulness has not been without labor. Our weeks are filled with home visits, hospital visits, Bible Institute, building projects, thanksgiving services, and many other ministry opportunities. Please continue praying that the Lord will strengthen our hands and our hearts for His work.

Junior Church and the New Shed

We are also excited to have recently completed building a shed for the church. It took over two months of work, laboring from about 4:30 p.m. until after 9:00 p.m. on nearly every free evening. Because of this new shed, we can now hold Junior Church on Sundays!



Haley has been doing an amazing job with the children, and our Junior Church averages about twenty

children. With rainy season upon us, the shed has already been a tremendous blessing in many ways.



Rainy Season Challenges

This rainy season has brought an unusually large amount of rainfall. As a result, some neighboring properties without proper drainage have flooded, and their septic tank overflowed into the church



property. Our church yard has been flooded with sewage water, which, as you can imagine, has been awful. I spent all evening yesterday digging drains to remove as much of the water as possible.

We are now preparing for another work project to concrete the front of the church property where our children usually meet for Junior Church, along with building additional drains. This should help alleviate the problem and prevent future sewage flooding in the church yard where the children meet. It is currently only sand and

mud.

Family Update

Haley and the children have really enjoyed Junior Church, and I must admit that I am somewhat relieved to no longer have David shouting every Sunday morning while I preach. That boy could make a great Baptist preacher someday!

Leah has completed the first grade despite moving continents during the year, Allison is excited to soon be starting kindergarten, Adeline is growing and learning so much every day, and David is taking his first steps and will soon have his first teeth! Life and ministry here can be difficult, but it is truly a joy to serve the Lord together in Guyana.

Our family currently uses a borrowed 1997 Toyota Tacoma. It's a great little truck but it only has two seats in the front and 2 jump seats in the rear. It cannot fit any car seats and with a growing family of 6, it's beginning to get a little tight. Not to mention the safety concern to our little David who has to ride on his mother's lap in the front passenger seat. We did not anticipate the cost of vehicle for our family size to be as much as it is, but due to Guyana import taxes on bigger vehicles (seating more than 5), the cost is 3 times what was anticipated and we do not have all the funds. Please pray with us about this need.



Thank you for your faithful support, prayers, and encouragement. We are grateful for your part in the work the Lord is doing here.

In Christ,

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