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Dear Friends,

This year has been incredible but also incredibly demanding. I write to share our challenges with you, hoping you might be able to assist us in some way.

Philena's coma and surgery have been the most profound experiences of our lives. Over the past three years, I have been by her side as her driver, nurse, and attorney-in-fact. Thankfully, she has made significant progress, and we pray we are emerging from this dark period. In the meantime, our ministry continues to cover the needs of many brethren, and we are deeply grateful to God for sustaining us through the support of our regular donors.

Bible classes and sermons can be delivered via technology; much encouragement shared through Zoom and phone conversations, keeping our mission fluid. However, our trips to Guyana plus stateside travels for presentations and written reports have slowed, affecting our funding. Donations, usually generated through mission updates have decreased significantly, and we are feeling the impact.

Operating for 12 months without the expected donations has taken its toll. We've cut expenses where possible, delayed repairs on our GMC Acadia, and used over \$4,000 of personal funds for ministry expenses. Despite these efforts, the general fund has gone into the red several times, and only a few tickets to Guyana have been purchased. This situation is unsustainable.

I have hesitated to send this letter, hoping for an improvement, especially with Philena's health improving and my ability to return to the road. Without your support, our ministry may struggle for the next five years. But with your help, we can start 2025 with renewed momentum. I understand that times are tough, with stagnant wages and increased expenses affecting many of us. If you are unable to help, please just keep us in your prayers. If you can assist, here are our immediate needs:

- Prayers for Philena's health and my ability to care for her
- Survey trip for three adults to evaluate living and working fulltime in Guyana: \$4,500
- General Fund balance: \$3,000



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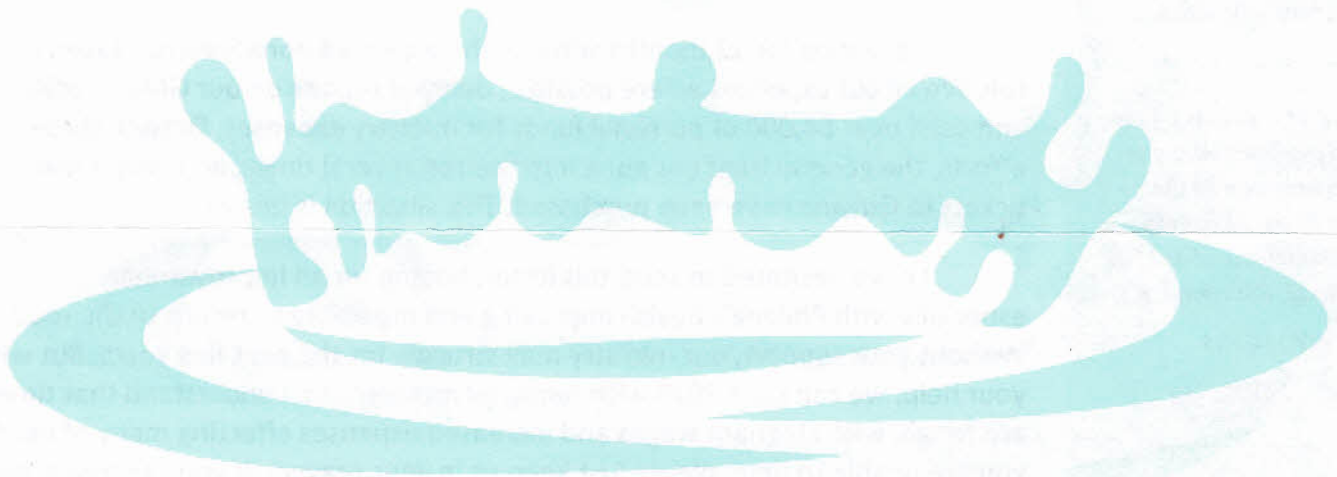
- Culvert City Bus repairs: \$750
- Acadia maintenance (tires, rotors, electrical and mechanic work): \$2,800
- Holiday baskets for Culvert City church: \$2,200
- Reimbursements for ministry expenses: \$4,300
- Catch up preacher support: \$3,000

A monthly increase or one-time donation would help us catch up and prepare for the next steps in God's work. Several exciting developments are on the horizon, and we need to be ready for what God has planned. We have cried before our Heavenly God (Ps. 69:12) because of the overwhelming waters that surround us (Ps. 93:3-4). We are humbled time and again by his sufficient grace (2 Cor. 12:9) and can walk on water, spiritually speaking of course (Mt. 14:29-31). It's like the famous lyrics, "When oceans rise...Your grace abounds in deepest waters...My faith will stand."

With heartfelt thanks and kindest regards,



David A. Paher





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Current Highlights

- ☞ Challenges & Growth
- ☞ Biweekly lessons
 - ☞ Sunday lessons (Culvert City)
 - ☞ Wednesday lessons (Blueberry Hill)
- ☞ Baptisms in several locations
- ☞ Location updates
 - ☞ Cotton Tree - Crusades & Benevolence
 - ☞ Wakenaam - Building Construction
 - ☞ Culvert City - New Van & Fellowships
- ☞ Philena is recovering from brain surgery

Previous Highlights

- ☞ Lethem visit with 300 lbs of items donated
- ☞ Developing ministries, crusades & growth
- ☞ Church van needed

Those who drink the water
that I give will never be thirsty again.

(John 4:14)



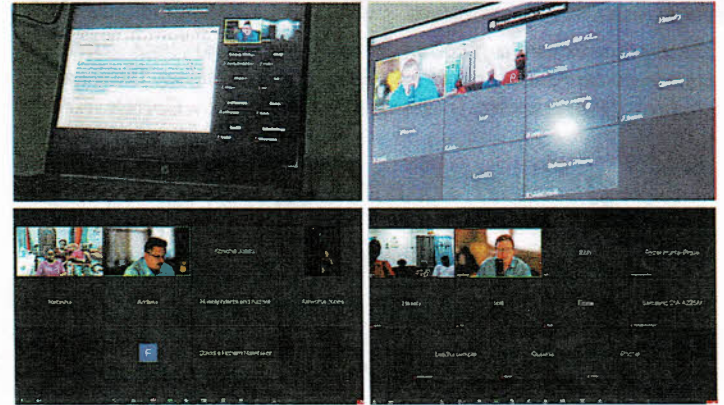
Dear Readers:

Philena and I are deeply grateful to you, our donors and prayer warriors. Despite Philena's health and circumstances keeping me close to home, your support and modern technology have kept this mission moving forward. We pray for open doors for our ministries in Guyana to continue to grow, amaze, and humble us.



Challenges and Growth

We've faced some challenges, but God has brought about good for which we are grateful. For example, I've been anticipating opportunities to return to Guyana, this year but my absence has heightened their self-motivation. Also, building construction on Wakenaam has halted yet again, but there's a greater sense of resolve locally. The accomplishment of overcoming growing pains are significant.



Screenshots from four separate Blueberry Hill Zoom classes from my computer and that from Sheldon Jones. Up until school break, classes have been well-attended and growing. Each participant on screen represents an individual or group. Email me if you want to join sometime, and I'll send you the link. We meet every other Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. GYT/EDT.



Baptisms from Culvert City, Cotton Tree, and Blueberry Hill!



Dharmendra Ramgobin recently returned from the States with barrels filled with benevolence for Cotton Tree church members and the surrounding community. Tennessee members in Smithville and Westbury assist the loading of these barrels.



These pictures are a fraction of the total benevolence distributed including Bible, study booklets, tracts, clothing, food, and readers. Dharmendra is doing a good work in Cotton Tree.

“Baptisms are a great reason to go into the world, but I’m just as excited about making disciples and teaching Jesus’ commands.”



Following a request to help with a bus, many of you provided for the need. In January, a used bus was purchased for the Culvert City Church of Christ to make routes into Lethem and surrounding areas, including St. Ignatius and Kumo Villages. Dharmendra held two crusades at Culvert City in the past year. The bus was used at the most recent crusade. Members are thrilled to have this transportation!! Thank you!



Culvert City church asked me to preach more often, and I was delighted to oblige. Sylvan Alcides and I coordinate our lessons for continuity. We emphasize assembly, fellowship, growth, and living the Christian life. Members have responded favorably with weekly house-to-house group visitation and fellowship. One remarked, “We call each other daily now. It’s like we’re coming alive.” I’m thrilled, as I know you are!



Additional fellowship gatherings in July and August. Love it!!!!

Update on Philena

Philena’s diagnosis of Refractory (medicine-resistant) Epilepsy made her eligible for resective brain surgery, which was done on January 30, 2024. Doctors forwarned us that her brain would take a long time to heal, not just from the surgery but from over 12 years of seizure activity. Philena is improving but slowly. I didn’t see much improvement until mid-June. Her counseling training and Neleah’s teen years are still very foggy to her. We continue praying for “no seizures, no medicine” and remain patient. Being grateful is not just words to us; we appreciate each day we have together and serving the Lord in the work we love! Thank you! Thank you!

~David and Philena

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