



*"Then the King will say, 'for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you have clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me,'" Matt. 25:35-36*

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Dear Friends and Family,

It is truly a blessing that there are different seasons in the year as well as different seasons in our personal lives. Summer enables us to be outside, meet our neighbors and plant our gardens, etc. Also, many of us are facing hardships such as sickness, loss of loved ones, and loss of jobs. My suffering comes with painful rotator's cuff on both shoulders and a needed eye surgery. As I reflect on 1Cor. 3-4: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

As you continue to walk this journey with us, a few pictures would help to recall how GO has evolved. We started out in 1994 teaching sewing under houses. Renovated a building in 1995. GO was the first to teach computer classes in the Corriverton area that gave people better jobs, while sewing /crafts helped the women to make their dresses and earned an income from selling their crafts. Eight years ago, GO moved from Skeldon, an industrial area to No. 71 Village in a poor community.

While we were in the process of leaving Skeldon, God granted us favor to renovate a Lions building. All the foundational posts had to be replaced. With your help, the building was completed. Shortly after, the Lord directed us to build a tent. We needed more space for the literacy program, sewing/crafts, movie night and community affairs. The tent was completed; however, after several attempts to use tarps during the heavy rain storms, your prayers and donations helped us build a lattice wall.



Lions building

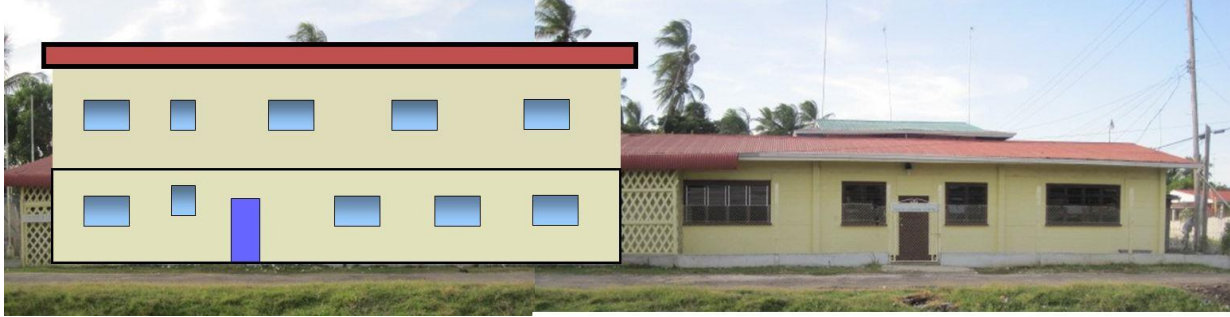


Completed tent with tarps



Completed lattice wall

However, the vision was always to build a second floor for teams to stay in when they are in Guyana. These teams will help with GO's educational programs and various activities for the community. The opportunity has now presented itself for me to leave for Guyana in mid- July to start the first phase of the renovation of the building. After the completion of the first phase, and as funds become available, we will then complete the second phase.



Throughout the years, many of you have faithfully joined GO in prayer and financial giving, while believing in how we serve in Guyana. What a blessing! These blessings will continue as we serve the communities.

The Board and I have asked Mark Olson, former member of Discover Church, to join me on the trip to meet with the carpenter and engineer to determine and secure the needed materials for the renovation in Guyana. Mark has been of tremendous help in preparing the floor plans. While Mark's stay in Guyana would be short, I will remain in Guyana for 3 months or until the first phase is completed.



Girma and Salome Gutema

Father God has blessed GO with a partnership with Hebron Lutheran Church and Hopeful Lutheran Church in Kentucky, and a Lutheran church in Ethiopia. We are finalizing plans to get a visa for two cross-cultural workers from Ethiopia so they can work in Guyana for three years. Girma and Salome will be joining GO in early September while I am there. This is truly a season of blessing, as I would be there during the renovation and there will be enough time to get Girma and Salome adjusted to GO's education programs and the Guyanese culture and community. Please pray for Girma and Salome.

After the first phase is completed, Girma and Salome will have an apartment on the first floor. The Board and I are seeking your prayers and financial help for this phase which includes furnishing an apartment for this couple. Since we have limited funds, we are seeking your prayers and donations to furnish the apartment, including buying a bed, refrigerator, etc. and school supplies. We also need support for the cost of airplane ticket for myself. We are also hoping to ship a barrel with several needed items to Guyana in the next couple of weeks.

We are quite aware that there are many areas in need in which you are supporting. The Board and I are asking that you seek our Lord Jesus Christ to give as your hearts lead. This project in Guyana would serve the people in many years to come.

The Board and I thank you for your continued faithfulness as we continue with our education programs while helping the community.

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We thank you with grateful hearts.