



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GUYANA

*Quarterly news-letter of The Christadelphians in Guyana*

*1<sup>st</sup> Apr - 30<sup>th</sup> Jun 2012*

*EDITOR: Bro David Andrews (GT)*

## 1. Appreciation

We wish to thank Brethren and Sisters for their overwhelming support for this quarterly newsletter of which this is the second issue. Appreciation is hereby expressed for helpful comments arising from near and far. Every effort will be made to utilize all such for a better publication.

It is to be noted that another newsletter has also just been brought on stream. This time it is a production designed specifically for our youth and has been titled *"Youths Alive!"* – edited by our capable Sis Elisa Howard of GT Ecclesia. This is also produced quarterly and is partially filtered into *"What's happening in Guyana"*

## 2. Preaching Effort

During the past quarter, three further scheduled meetings were held by our Preaching Committee where we examined the progress being made on the preaching front.

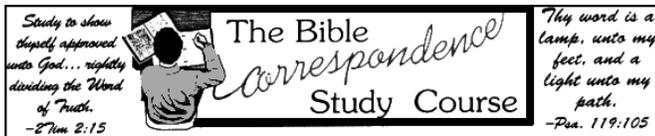
### Bible Correspondence Course

Thus far, we have had 28 responses to our newspaper advertisement on the First Principles postal course and a number of the students are doing quite well. Entries on [facebook](#) are about to commence and the groundwork for radio broadcasts has been laid.

### Open-Air meetings

We held three evenings of open-air preaching in Eccles Housing Scheme during our Easter Bible School and were ably assisted by several visiting Brethren including Ted Sleeper and Clive Drepaal of the USA.

A second series of such meetings were held during our very recent Mocha-Arcadia Bible Campaign, all accentuating the gospel of the 'Kingdom of God and the Saving Name of Christ Jesus'



## 3. Outreach

On 26-May, several GT Sisters took the long bus trip to the mining town of Linden and spent a full day around the Word at the home Sis Glory Singh. The Brethren were not be outdone and similarly held their 2<sup>nd</sup> retreat in New Amsterdam.

This latter effort (as the previous year) was designed to reach out to all males, especially those who were struggling with their faith at this time.

Special credits (again!) to young organizers, Brethren Timothy Barnwell and Jermaine Porte.

It was encouraging to see attendance of over 50! Presentations were made by Bre Sash Elahie, Jerrold Joseph, and David Andrews. These were followed by a period for questions and comments. We trust our Heavenly Father will touch the hearts of all those in need, in a special way.

## 4. New Sunday School

Thanks mainly to the efforts of Sis Candace Haricharran, a Sunday School has been formed at her home at La Parfait Harmony, West Bank Demerara. Bre Patrick Joseph, David Andrews, and wife Sis Joan were privileged to visit them while in session on Sun 25-March. There were about a dozen children present plus an adult female who is showing interest in the Word of God. May this effort by this gallant Sister bear fruit in due time to the glory of the Father.

## 5. Baptisms!

Who says nothing is happening in Guyana!? Well, on Sunday 27-May we shared with the Plegt Anker Ecclesia, the joy of welcoming both Oris and wife Shinela Chisholm into the family of God. Bro Oris, who grew up from babyhood in the PA Sunday School, is our new hardworking farmer at Plegt Anker and Sis Shinela is most supportive of the thriving Sunday School. We pray God's blessings on their new walk together to His coming Kingdom.



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## **6. Wedding!**



On 31-March Bro Gideon (in full finery) exchanged marriage vows with Sis Asha Lachmenar, before a packed Kilcoy Hall. (You should have seen our boy in dat suit!) Everyone cheered, some cried, but we all had a wonderful time! The blessings of our Heavenly Father upon you both, dear Asha and Gideon!

## **7. Special Birthday**

We all recognize undoubtedly, that the most important day of a believer's life is our spiritual birthday. Nevertheless, it is good to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for blessing us with another natural milestone – especially when it is our 91<sup>st</sup>. Our prayers for dear Sis Glancy Spence (Sis Lorraine Mitchell's natural sister) on such a grand occasion! The GT Sisters visited and shared wonderful fellowship with her.

## **8. Other Special Events**

### Bible School

Eccles Ecclesia hosted our 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Bible School! (Friday 6 to Mon 9 April) We had the pleasure of Brothers Clive Drepaull of the USA and Ian Neblett of Panama, as speakers and were very satisfied with a spiritual feast on the theme "Behold the Day of the Lord cometh". Our Link-Brother, Ted Sleeper also made a special presentation to the Brethren while Sis Nishla Neblett, wife of visiting speaker Bro Ian of Panama, comforted the Sisters Class.

### Thanksgiving service

Sis Anna-Lou Barnwell's annual thanksgiving service has over the many years become a standard mark on our calendars! About 60 Brethren, friends, and neighbours attended yet another such celebration on 1<sup>st</sup> May at the Joseph's family home in Mocha and shared in our joy of the Lord.



### Concert

The Ruimveldt Children's Aid Centre held their Sunday School concert on the premises of the Guyana Lithographic Co. (due to insufficient space at the Centre)

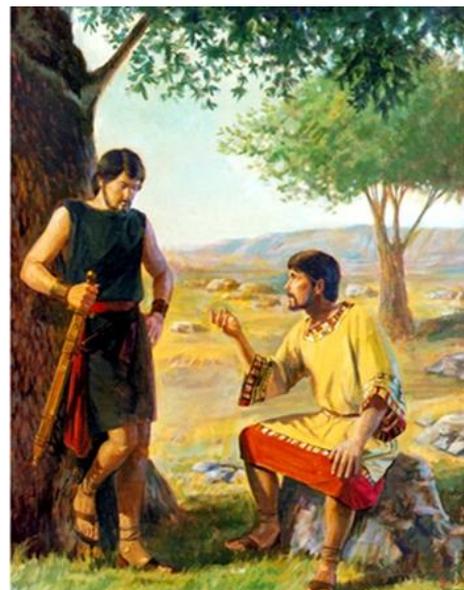
What a time we all had watching and listening to some wonderful pieces under the baton of youthful Sis Maudlin December! Some were absolutely hilarious, but they effectively sent the message to both audience and participants, that God cares for us and we must care for others in need.

This event doubled as a spiritual outreach to the parents of these mostly underprivileged children of a very depressed section of GT. We do pray our Heavenly Father's special help in this regard.

### Mocha Ecclesia Fraternal Gathering

This piece is hot off the press as today, 30<sup>th</sup> Jun - is the first day of the Fraternal attended by over 50 Brethren and friends. We were all glued to our seats as Brother Mark Ghent (JM) gave two highly spirited and informative addresses based on 'Jonathan - the man who should have been king!'

*(Watch this space in the July to Sept issue for more!)*





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## **9. Prayer Needs**

Our hearts go up to our loving Heavenly Father for those in special need. We think of those not enjoying the best of physical health. Please remember in prayer:

1. Bro Seuchan Autar – was briefly hospitalized on 24<sup>th</sup> June for a few days, suffering the effects of a nagging heart ailment. Though weak in body, our dear Brother so commendably holds to the Faith.

2. Sis Glancy Spence, while able to move about with the aid of a cane still needs our constant prayers. Indeed she rarely misses the Memorial Service and even other special events.

3. Youth Circler Sonia Rupenarine (daughter of Sis Bibi) also needs our prayers as she has not been enjoying the best of health recently and was compelled to seek special medical attention.

Let us not fail to bring these our loved ones to the Throne of Grace on a regular basis, that they may receive the necessary strength to return to normal activity and service of God.

Kindly remember especially, the spiritually sick among us. Those who are struggling / stumbling with their faith as we all sometimes do, and falling behind fast!



## **10. Fallen asleep**

Sadly, Sis Shelana Baines fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, after a brief illness. We express our sincere condolences to the family, and especially her fiancé, our Brother Rayon Agard of the Eccles Ecclesia.

Also, we share in the sadness of the relatives and friends of Sis Neisha Haniff of Canje, who fell asleep on Fri 11<sup>th</sup> May. She was the mother of Sister Lynette Elahie.

## **11. Visitors**

In addition to the afore-mentioned Brethren, we have been blessed by the visits of the following Brethren:

- Bro Mark & Sis Alicia David, on extended visit from St Lucia
- Sis Simone Samuels, from Jamaica, and
- Bro Ashraf Ali from New York, on a preaching round-trip in the Caribbean.

## **12. Scheduled Visits**

We are anxiously awaiting the scheduled visit of Brethren Andre George and Edward Anthony from the Caribbean Island of St Lucia. These hard working labourers in the Lord's vineyard are coming to Guyana for a 2-weeks preaching effort from 12 – 25 August, (shortly after the Tobago Bible School)

We do look forward to their ministrations and sharing in the wonderful fellowship in the Lord.

*'Shalom' - until 1-Oct-12*

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*Let your light so shine ....Matt 5:16*

