

Dennis Thomas Family Serving in Latin America

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"And the Lord went before them..." Jolaine and I are so very aware that we are never alone in this great struggle for the souls and lives of humanity. After so many years, Jesus is still fulfilling the promise made to the apostles that HE would always be with us as we go forth into the fields white unto harvest. The Lord Jesus went before us into las Guianas and into Suriname, South America. We want to thank each and every church that made the trip possible. It was obvious that we were at the right place, at the right moment. Only our All Powerful, Knowing and Present God could arrange for such 'Divine Appointments' and interventions that we experienced on our journey. This was possibly the most dangerous place that we have ever been and yet our God kept us under his wing of protection, blessed our efforts and brought us home.

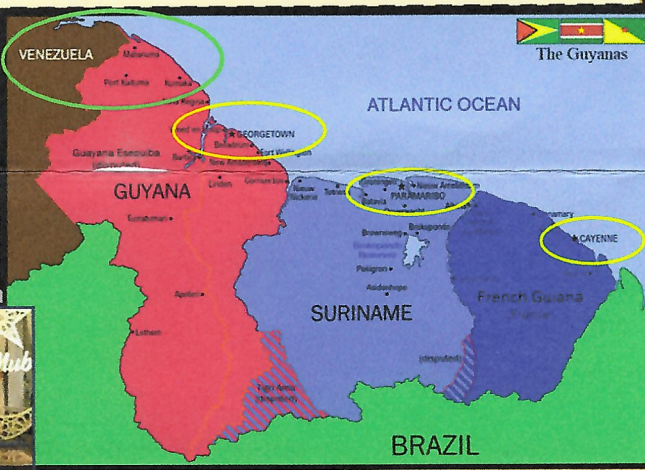
**Georgetown, Guyana
Paramaribo, Suriname
Cayenne, French Guiana
Mabaruma/Port Kaituma Region**



These are cities on the map that 'together' we labored in. God opened doors and we left with ministry there! That should thrill your hearts! Although we had investigated as much as we could before going to Guyana...we did not fully understand the diversity of ethnic groups, their religions and their cultures. Neither could we have imagined the danger, nor the poorest of infrastructure. And we certainly didn't grasp the fragile political situation and the moves that Venezuela would be making on them before we could even leave the country.

"Guyana's population is made up of five main ethnic groups. Indians, Africans, Amerindians, Europeans (mainly Portuguese), and Chinese. Guyana continues to be influenced by British and Indian culture as well as the cultures of the United States, Europe, Africa, the Islamic world, East and South Asian countries, and Latin America, especially the neighboring countries of Venezuela and Brazil. Muslim Mosques and Krishna schools abound in Guyana." Courtesy of Caribbean Loop News

Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali
President of Guyana



Guyana was just weeks away from an invasion from Venezuelan forces. Since discovering oil in Guyana, Venezuela has threatened to annex the bulk of Guyana's jungle lands and oil fields. Our first morning in Georgetown, Guyana, I walked to a nearby radio station, and they told me that the material that we had, demanded that we go to the largest radio station in the country, TV/Radio NCN. They also warned us, in no uncertain terms, "never walk alone, anywhere, you must call for a driver, it is just too dangerous!" They arranged for the first of many rides!



"The National Communications Network (NCN) is the state-owned television and radio broadcasting corporation in Guyana. NCN has an unmatched broadcasting reach, covering 80% of Guyana's Radio and Television viewer and listener ship and broadcasts 24 hours daily with programs tailored for every demographic within Guyana. NCN operates three coastal Radio Stations also."

After wandering through this massive maze of radio and TV offices at NCN we found Mr. Travis, the administrator, and his blind assistant....and, so they listened. Finally, Mr. Travis threw his hands up and said, "I'm totally convinced!!!" It took three full weeks of meetings and interviews before getting the contracts signed and programs into their hands.

Wonderful Words of Life

Wonderful Words of Life—is the name that NCN has given to our program. Locked in and paid for ... one program a week for the next 6 months as we wait to see if the Lord will provide for more! First broadcast was to be on Friday, December 1 at our allotted time of 10:15 in the morning! It started off with quite the drama as we were informed of Venezuela's territorial dispute over Guyana's Essequibo region that had escalated into a crisis that very week. Our program would be delayed just enough to carry a live broadcast of the International Court of Justice proceedings and live address by the president of Guyana, Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali. Our first program would be played immediately following this 'breaking news' of the day! Wow, what a beginning!

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you, I just finish listening and I make my notes just like the pastor said I write down my notes the on the teaching thank you so much,



Many of you heard us a praisin' on that day! Our first response came that very afternoon. Ms. Indira, wife of Guyanese Transit Commissioner, took the time to write and encourage us ... like in truly a 'fresh oil'



The Guyanese National Broadcast Authority (GNBA) has made some editing requirements. Yikes...just not enough of me to do this alone. We flew in to the U.S. and immediately drove to Florida! Thanks be to God that our daughter, Jenny, and her husband, Josh, canceled work and gave us 2 full days of editing. They continue to work on this project while I keep writing and recording new material.

Mil gracias, hijitos!

We did not have the liberty to walk the streets and markets as we had planned! When we did attempt to do so, a 'guard' would be sent to walk with us having cylinders of 'mace' in each hand! Are you gettin' the picture here! Despite these obstacles, we did get opportunities to share the Gospel and to alert the Guyanese of the Radio programs. Even some of our drivers and guards helped us with these endeavors. We made lots of sweet friends that we hear from every week! We were invited into their homes and even taken to dinner a couple of times. More of a sacrifice than imaginable. The limited options of hotels and restaurants were very expensive. We should have gotten the hint just from the struggles to get affordable flights into the country. Actually, we've never met anyone with Guyana on their bucket list!!



"Lord, anoint us with fresh oil!" You've done it in the past, you've done it this very day!