

PARTNERSHIP AT WORK: Healthy partnerships are the lifeblood of our ministry. The necessity of intercessory prayer alone cannot be overstated. E.M. Bounds wrote, “The key of all missionary success is prayer. **That key is in the hands of home churches.** The trophies won by our Lord in heathen lands will be won by praying missionaries...More especially will **this success be won by saintly praying in the churches at home.**” In addition to prayer, we recognize the need for believers on the home front to release their resources into the hands of God for global purposes. We made a direct appeal days ago to assist us in providing food for struggling families in the face of the pandemic and the associated lockdown measures. Within minutes our small request was met and exceeded. In less than 48 hours, based upon the commitments we received via texts, emails, and phone calls, we were able to begin meeting needs. To date **we have provided 47 families with “food hampers,”** enough food for about two weeks. Additionally, we are starting work on a water supply to provide **clean drinking water for hundreds of families.** Word has traveled fast. From the head of the local government, business leaders, and unchurched families, our ministry is receiving thanks for the help and generosity provided to the community. The door is open for many gospel conversations that will bear fruit in the days, weeks and months to come. Thank you for praying and thank you for giving.

BUILDING A “GOSPEL” REPUTATION: Just days ago I received word of the death of a young man, Alex, who I don’t believe was spiritually ready to die. On Sunday night (5/31), I was asked to send a video message to be played for his funeral. It is hard to bring comfort to people when their loved one ignored the gospel call, and there is little hope that he stepped into eternity ready to meet God. I took my text from James 4, **“For what is your life? It is a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.”** Many were present to hear the message, including the Regional Chairman, the head of government for the entire region. Pastor Norbert shared later that the message had a real impact on people. We want to be known as a ministry that prioritizes the gospel and prepares people for eternity.

PRAY: Pray for Pastor Norbert. All of our ministry leaders are worthy of your prayers, but Norbert is bearing an enormous load in my absence. Many times, when I speak with him, I hear the weariness in his voice. He remains a tremendous friend and indispensable ministry leader. Pray for God’s perfect timing and our ability to stay connected. Presently we do not have any news on the opening of Guyana. We are striving to do what we can with what we have. In addition to the weekly messages I am sending, I am also doing a daily video devotion for the benefit of our teens and young adults. We are limited, but with some creativity, we stay connected. The work goes on, see below from last week!

