



Roger Comstock, Director • 931-607-8341
rogercomstock8341@gmail.com
512 Roth Rd. • Sevierville, TN 37876
Under the oversight of the elders of the Morrison Church of Christ

January 18, 2022

Dear brethren,

I pray that things are going well with you and your church family in these very difficult times.

I want to express my gratitude to you for the support you've provided over this past year, but financially and spiritually. I have enclosed the financial statement for the past year, 2021.

We are saddened to report that our beloved brother & sister Gene & Carolyn Johnson and sister Hazel Rands have reached a point in their lives that they feel they are no longer able to go and work with us in Guyana. They have loved this work and have devoted great time and sweat to this work and we will dearly miss them in our future work in Guyana.

I won't repeat the news I've previously shared with you in the updates I've sent, but I would like to keep you abreast of some of our plans for the upcoming year.

First of all, we had a campaign planned for late February into March of this year but again our plans had to be postponed due the more Covid related shutdowns in Guyana. I am very hesitant to put anyone's health at risk. Our team was ready and anxious to go, so we're disappointed to have to cancel, but we are planning a campaign for this fall after the rainy season has ended.

We now have 21 Guyanese brethren on monthly stipend. We have moved 3 preachers to different villages to try and get those congregations motivated to work in their villages. It becomes a challenge to match up the preacher and his native language to the language of the particular village where he can be most effective. Growth has been slow due to everyone being hampered by on and off Covid restrictions. Its even been difficult to have consistent regular worship.

Our plans for 2022: (everything is hampered by the Covid issues)

1. As mentioned, we're planning a campaign for this fall; most likely we'll go to the village of Morakabai.

2. We've been provided with funds to restore or possibly rebuilt the church building at Monkey Mountain which is in very serious condition.

3. I plan to continue to teach in Guyana Christian University where we now have 8 new students. Hopefully I can continue to go twice a year. My expenses are covered by two individual congregations. When I'm down there I try to visit as many villages and congregations as time will allow. Most places I visit, I am requested to preach for them while we're there.

4. We have estimates for installing solar equipment in the church buildings. The estimate we have for equipment and installation is about \$1,600 USD per building. We have the funds right now to install the system in 10 church buildings, in locations that we feel it will be the most useful. I would require a commitment from those congregations to having planned regular evening services on Sunday and Wednesday (or whatever day works best for them). I would encourage them to add other study opportunities for their member.

5. We will continue to encourage the local brethren to conduct "mini" campaigns at selected villages. This has been very effective in the past year. Amerindian Missions has covered the expenses for those campaigns. I'm encouraged that these local brethren are quite willing to participate in these campaigns.

6. We've purchased 4 new motorcycles for our preachers in this past year. This is an ongoing need for repair and replacement of worn-out motorcycles.

7. Last year was the first time ever that we've been able to give our preaching brethren a well-deserved raise in their stipend of \$25 per month. That along with the addition of some new preachers our monthly stipend expense has increased. We now support 21 preachers; I don't anticipate adding any more in the near future. Two of our preachers are now receiving government retirement income so they have agreed for us to gradually decrease their monthly stipend.

8. Our mission truck has served us very well and Sunil does a great job of upkeep and maintenance, but that continues to be an ongoing expense. The Toyota Tundra is in good condition and should serve us well in the foreseeable future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I'd be happy to meet with any of you by Zoom meeting if possible.

Brethren, we could not do this great work, which brother Jerry began, without your continued support. I know budgets are tight everywhere and the virus has affected all of our congregations. Any possible increase in your regular support would be greatly appreciated.

I was asked to take on the oversight of this great work 2 years ago. Although I had been working with brother Jerry since 2006, stepping into this role has been a new challenge

for me. I am very pleased with our growth and accomplishments during these 2 years, and I'm excited for the future if the Lord is willing. Being the fulltime preacher here at Gatlinburg prevents me from having the time to visit each of you, though I would love to do so. Lack of time also restricts me from soliciting new congregational supporters. If you know of any congregation that might be interested in working with us, please put them in touch with me.

Thank you again for your continued support and personal encouragement. Please keep Amerindian Missions before your congregations for prayers. May God bless us all as we strive to serve Him and grow His Kingdom.

Sincerely in Christ,

Roger Comstock

Roger Comstock, director of Amerindian Missions.