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Current Highlights

- ☞ Appreciation to Richmond Church of Christ
 - Transition to supporting role
 - Foundation formed; 501(c)(3) pending
- ☞ New Opportunities
 - Anchor Institute
 - Harbor Light Academy
 - Multilingual outreach
- ☞ Communication Updates
 - Print continues + Email expansion
 - Strickland partnership highlight
- ☞ David's recovery from injury
- ☞ Philena's update

Previous Highlights

- ☞ Gratitude for support and new trip
- ☞ Crusade in Culvert City, Wakenaam conference with tech upgrade, Berbice visits
- ☞ Philena's update

Those who drink the water
that I give will never be thirsty again.
(John 4:14)



Dear Readers,

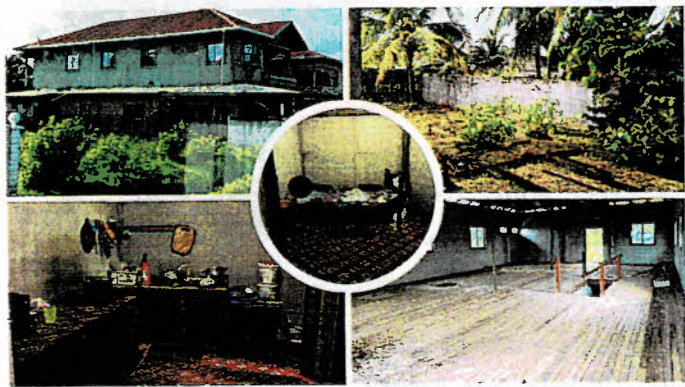
May the Lord bless you richly and use our shared work for His glory and many souls. We are appreciative of so many people and events.



From the genesis of our ministry, the Richmond Church of Christ has served as our congregational home and oversight — and we are deeply grateful for that faithful partnership. While this change was not one we sought, we genuinely respect and welcome their desire to shepherd our family more personally, transitioning from a formal sponsoring role to a supporting one. We remain active members, and the elders agree a formal sponsoring arrangement is unnecessary, especially given our continued membership. To ensure our supporters can continue giving with confidence, I have established the Living Water 414 Foundation, Inc. and am seeking 501(c)(3) status. We anticipate confirmation soon. In the interim, tax-deductible gifts may be sent to the Richmond Church of Christ designated for our ministry, or through your home congregation.

New Opportunities

In the midst of these transitions, God continues to open doors. A two-story concrete building in Guyana's West Coast Berbice — constructed in 2019 with 13 bedrooms, multiple kitchens, and bath facilities — has become available, professionally appraised at approximately \$250,000 USD, and we are acquiring it for less than \$150,000. With utilities, road access, and seller financing in place, this property is ideal for two significant initiatives. **Harbor Light Academy** will provide Christ-centered secondary education integrating biblical principles across all academic subjects — math, science, language arts, and history — while developing moral character and spiritual maturity. Our goal is graduates who are academically prepared, spiritually grounded, and ready to serve. **Anchor Institute** will equip committed Christians for deeper discipleship and congregational leadership, following the pattern of 2 Timothy 2:2. Rather than a traditional preaching school, it focuses on the spiri-



The main building (top left) includes six dormitory rooms (center), an additional kitchen (lower left), and garden space at the rear (top right), all designed to serve incoming students. The headmaster's private living quarters and office (lower right) will support his family and on-site leadership.

tual maturity of 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 — equipping men and women to multiply faithful disciples. We ask for your prayers and welcome your financial partnership.

Staying Connected

After more than 12 years of printed newsletters, we had expected this to be our last mailing — but our USPS permit has been renewed, and we plan to continue reaching you in print. We are also expanding to email for more frequent updates, richer content, and better stewardship of resources. We warmly invite you to join our email list. The link is on our website. Our increased social media presence has been made possible through our longtime friends Spencer and Amy Strickland. Spencer preaches for the Hopkinsville Church of Christ in Kentucky, and Amy has assisted with our website development. We are deeply grateful for their encouragement and partnership in reaching souls across borders and languages.



Travel moments from my recent trip include boat travel to Wakenaam, local ministry outreach, and a flight with Sylvan Alcides to Georgetown.



At Blueberry Hill Church of Christ—young men lead worship (top left), young people enjoy activities (top right), ladies fellowship together (bottom left), and small children await snacks (bottom right)

David & Philena's Health

On July 8, I herniated a disc while canoeing, resulting in sciatica that has added to an ongoing season of physical limitations. Some days require a cane; others, extended rest. I am receiving appropriate care and remain grateful for the Lord's sustaining grace. Philena's health journey has entered a new chapter. Her seizures have evolved in ways that further affect her executive functioning — influencing her demeanor and personality more than before, bringing many difficult days alongside the good ones. She has been hospitalized more times than we can count and is being scheduled for additional inpatient testing leading up to a nerve-stimulated implant. We pray this brings her back to a normal state of health.

~David and Philena



Bible studies continue to bear fruit as young people obey the gospel.

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