



# Guyana Mission Trip

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# Guyana, the Country

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- ✧ Located between Venezuela, Brazil and Suriname.
- ✧ Population of 756,000.
- ✧ English is official language.
- ✧ Religions include Christianity (46%), Hindu (37%) and Muslim (9%).



# Climate and Landscape

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- ✧ Guyana's year-round tropical climate creates lush vegetation as shown here.
- ✧ Rain showers can be a part of daily life for the Guyanese.

# Wildlife

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✧ Guyana is the home for many unique and beautiful animals, like this McCaw.



# Wildlife

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✦ But it can also be home to ordinary animals like these cows directing traffic.

# Living Accommodations

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✧ Homes in Guyana  
vary from nice homes  
like this...





# Living Accommodations

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✧ To run down houses as shown here. The disparity of wealth is very apparent.



# Georgetown

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✠ Here is our group as we arrive in Georgetown.

✠ We were excited and enthusiastic to serve the Lord and the people of Guyana!



# Georgetown

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✡ Here is a look at the bustling streets as well as the famous St. George's Cathedral in the background.



# Georgetown

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✠ Our first night in Guyana was spent at the Guyana Bible College.





# Georgetown

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✧ Marketplaces like this one are commonplace in Guyana.

✧ They are full of life and activity.

# Our Home For the Week

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✠ Here are the  
Girwarnauths, the  
missionary family we  
worked with and our  
gracious hosts for the  
week.





# Our Home For the Week

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✡ The Girwarnauth's house would be our home sweet home and base of operations for the week.



# Living Accommodations

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✡ These guard dogs are resting in their pens awaiting another night of hard work protecting the Girwarnauth's home.



# Living Accommodations

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✧ Although the lack of screens lets the fresh air in, mosquito nets like these are needed to keep biting bugs at bay.



# Living Accommodations

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✧ A generator is a necessity to counteract the daily brownouts of power.



# Living Accommodations

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✧ This tower supplied the household's water. Although the sun warmed it all day, our showers were lukewarm at best.

# Living Accommodations

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- ✦ Naomi shows off our dinner for the evening.
- ✦ Really, iguana does taste good!



# Waiting For Doctors

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✡ We were greeted each morning by hundreds of patients. Many began lining up in the early morning hours in the hopes of receiving eye care.



# Waiting For Doctors

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✧ Tarps and benches provide shade and some rest for those who have waited so patiently.





# Preaching the Gospel

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- ✠ Gregg shares the Gospel with those sitting under the tarps.
- ✠ As you can see, many heard the Good News of Jesus. Praise God!

# The Examination Process

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✠ The exam begins with a case history. Many church volunteers helped us out with this vital step.





# The Examination Process

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✡ Dorcas points to the letters on the chart to help distance visual acuities go more smoothly.

# The Examination Process

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✦ Naomi gives patients instructions on the other end.





# The Examination Process

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- ✦ Retinoscopy bars were commonly used to determine a patient's prescription.
- ✦ Dave demonstrates the use of the phoropter, which is used on more difficult cases.

# The Examination Process

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✱ Dr. Miller performs direct ophthalmoscopy to determine the internal health of the eye.



# The Examination Process

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✧ Three tired but happy doctors at the end of another good day.



# Dispensing Glasses

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- ✦ Bruce, Julianne, and Joe were invaluable members of the dispensing team.
- ✦ They were responsible for finding the correct prescription and adjusting the glasses to fit each patient.



# Dispensing Glasses

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- ✦ Julianne uses the portable lensometer to determine the prescription in this pair of glasses.
- ✦ Most glasses already had the prescription determined and were catalogued as such.

# Dispensing Glasses

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✦ Julianne is checking the fit of this patient's glasses.





# Happy Patients

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✦ Bruce, aka Dr. Bruce, shares in this woman's joy at being able to see again!



# Happy Patients

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✧ Dispensing could get a little hairy at times, but it was worth it to see smiling faces like this boy's.



# Happy Patients

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✧ Gregg and Julianne celebrate with this woman as she can now see again with her new glasses.



# Happy Patients

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✠ After receiving their glasses, patients had the opportunity to pray with team members like Gregg.





# Happy Patients

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✧ Julianne and Jenny are all smiles after helping this young girl with her glasses!



# End of Day

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✧ Although we were exhausted after seeing 800 patients in five days, we all agreed it was worth it!





# Georgetown

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- ✡ We returned to Georgetown the day before our departure.
- ✡ Those who had the energy, explored and shopped around Georgetown.

# Georgetown

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- ✡ The group had much to be thankful for as they celebrated with a farewell dinner of all things, Chinese food.
- ✡ We were thankful that God worked in the lives of so many!



# End of Trip

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- ✡ The group arrives safely back to Grand Rapids.
- ✡ Although we were happy to be home, we will never forget the work that God did and all that He taught us!
- ✡ Thank you to all who supported and prayed for us!!!