

Guyana Mission 2002



May 9-18, 2002

Guyana Facts



- Population: about 764,000
- English is official language
- Major Exports: Sugar Cane,
Rice and Bauxite
- Located between Venezuela,
Brazil and Surinam
- Religions: Christianity,
Hinduism, Islam

Georgetown, Guyana

Georgetown is the capital of Guyana. It is home to one fourth of the population.



One of its most famous landmarks is St. George's Cathedral, reputed to be the world's tallest wooden building.

Traveling to Nigg



The U.S. portion of the team traveled in the bus shown here.

Along the way we had to cross the Berbice River via ferry.



Guyana Sights



On our trip to Nigg we
saw many sights
including fisherman
preparing nets, elevated
homes and fruit markets.



Arrival in Nigg

We stayed with a missionary family, the McAllister's. Most of us stayed in the bunk house in the background.



The clinic was set up in the Nigg Bible Church

Clinic Days



Many people waited in line for tickets
to get into the gate.



Station 1: Case History



Once they were in, a personal medical history was taken on everyone. Here, Trish checks the blood pressure on a patient.

Station 2: Visual Acutities



Distance and near visual acuities were performed on everyone. Much of the work done in the clinic was performed by Guyanese nationals from the Association of Bible Churches.



Station 2



Terry was the Station 2 coordinator and here is seen preparing to instill drops. To protect from the sun while dilated all patients received disposable sunglasses.

Station 3: Autorefractometer/Triage



The first step at Station 3 was the autorefractometer (a measurement of the approximate glasses power needed). Dawn is using one of the autorefractors here.



Julie reviewed each person's exam form. She did a brief examination on everyone who had good vision with no disease.

Station 4: Examination



If the person had poor vision, diabetes, glaucoma or other problems they moved to Station 4. Two of the doctors, here Jeff B. and Dave, did examinations on them to verify a glasses prescription from the autorefraction and to evaluate ocular health.

Station 4: Examination



Jeff P. does an internal examination on a lady.



Jeff B. demonstrates a glasses prescription using trial lenses.

Patient Flow



Amanda helped direct traffic from Station 2 to Stations 3 and 4 (upstairs) and back down to Stations 5 through 7.

Station 5: Detailed Examination



If there was a need for a more detailed exam they went to Station 5, where we had more specialized equipment. Dave is using an instrument to look at the periphery of the inside of the eye. We used the phoropter (seen above the lady's head) for those with complicated glasses prescriptions.

Station 5: Detailed Examination



Jeff P. is seen here using a special microscope to get a better look at this lady's eyes. We were able to refer about 65 people for surgery to a team of ophthalmologists that followed us.

Station 6: Dispensing



Jeff G. sorts through the 6,500 pairs of donated glasses for a match for a patient. We also brought 2,250 pairs of readers.



Thankfully, Jaime and Mitch could sort through a computer database to get the closest matches to each person's prescription.

Station 6: Dispensing



Chris checks a girl's vision through her new glasses.

Naomi assists a mother and child in the dispensing waiting area.

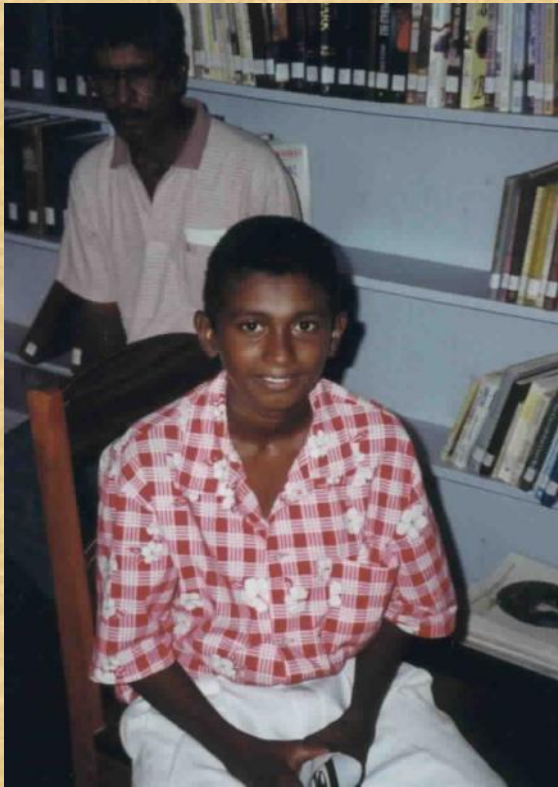


Station 6: Dispensing



Everyone who got in the gate left with either a pair of glasses (if needed) or artificial tears to sooth their eyes when irritated from the sun.

Station 6: Dispensing



Station 7: Checkout



The final stop for all the people was Station 7. This station was used for quality control, for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to offer prayer if desired. Pastor Collin and Sister Sherry are seen here sharing with several from the clinic.

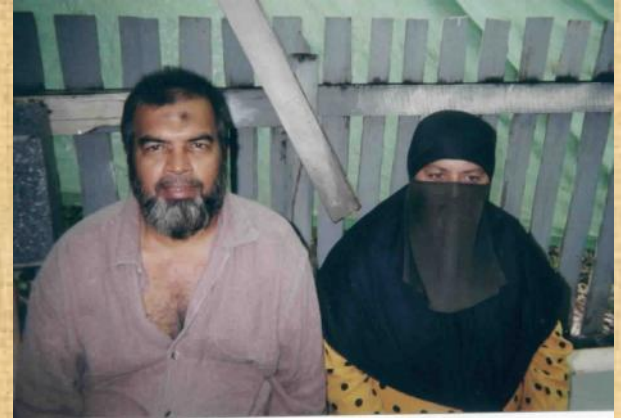
Mission Snapshots



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As a team, we set two goals for this mission trip:

- 1) To show the love of Jesus Christ to those we served.
- 2) To share the truth of Jesus Christ to those we served.

God honored both goals, in that:

- 1) About 1,600 people received eye care and all of those were given either glasses or artificial tears.
- 2) All of those served heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ and about 150 received Jesus as Savior.