

Team Freedom for Guyana



August 12-20, 2008



Team Verse

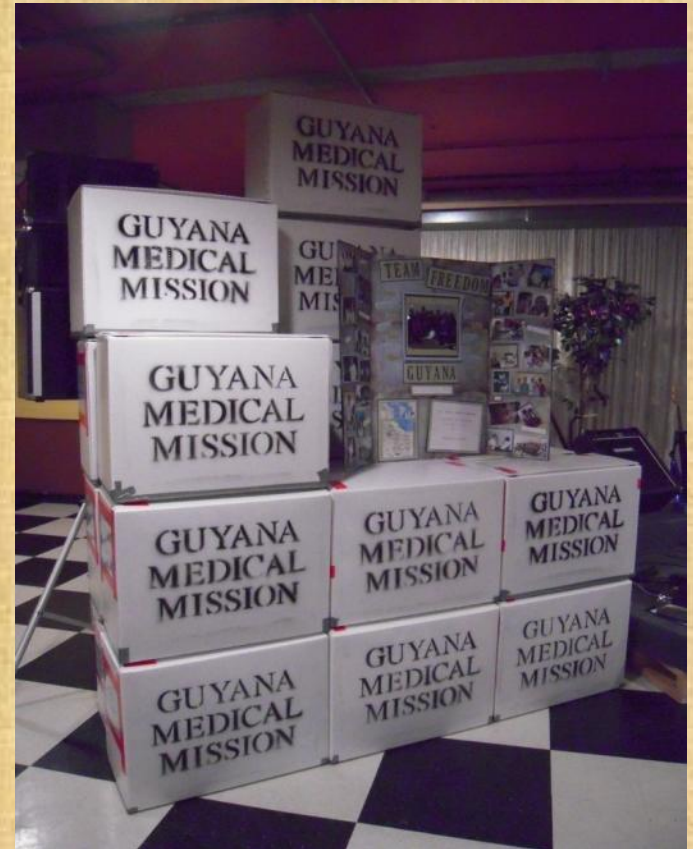
*His eyes were opened, his
sight was restored. He saw
everything clearly.*

Mark 8:25

Touched by Christ

Mission Preparation

The pack-out for the mission by our team.



Coffee before we hit the road for O'Hare 2:00 AM.

Traveling to Guyana



Flying out at O'Hare

Stop-over &
delay in
Trinidad



Traveling to Guyana



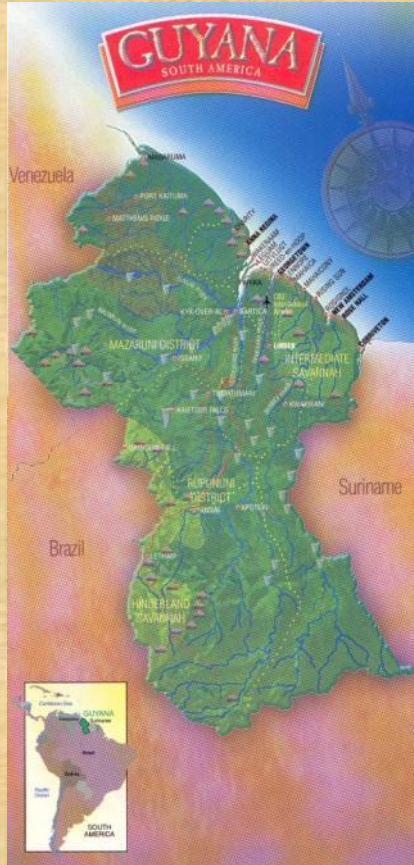
Georgetown, Guyana

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.

Guyana Facts



-Population: 764,000 in 1990.

-90% of the population lives along a coastal strip of only 5% of the country's total land area.

-English is official language

-Major Exports: Sugar Cane, Rice and Bauxite

-Located between Venezuela, Brazil and Surinam

-Religions: Christianity, Hinduism, Islam

Traveling to Islington, Berbice



Team with the bus
waiting for the
ferry.

Crossing the
Berbice River via
ferry.



Arrival in Islington

In Islington, Berbice we stayed with a missionary family, the Girwarnauth's. The team stayed on the second floor of their home.



The clinic was set up in the adjoining Overwinning Bible Church in Islington.

Our Hosts, The Girwarnauths



Clinic Days



Our new patients waited patiently to enter into the clinic flow.



Station 1: Visual Acutities



Dana, at station 1, represented our team as she warmly welcomed the patients into our clinic.



Distance and near visual acutities were performed on everyone, with the assistance of our Guyanese hosts.

Station 2: Case History



Near vision, personal medical history and blood pressure were all taken at station 2.

Our team leader, Kathy, supervised our team members at this station.

Station 2: Dilation



After entrance testing and history, each patient was dilated by Wendy and Kathy, who provided the patients with disposable sunglasses.

Patient Flow



Our team members assisted patients, not only at their stations, but also directed them on where they were to go next in the clinic flow.

Station 3: Autorefraction



Autorefraction is a measurement of the approximate glasses power needed for our patients.



Many of our team members took their turn at the autorefraction of our patients.

Station 4: Examinations



Basic eye examinations were conducted on all of our patients by the clinic doctors and MCO students, under the professional guidance of the doctors.

Station 4: Examination



The eye examination included a direct ophthalmoscopic evaluation of the internal health of the patient's eyes.



Retinoscopy was conducted on all of our patients to confirm refractive error.

Station 4: Examinations

Final refractive evaluation by our clinic doctors & students.



Each patient's ocular and health needs were evaluated and addressed by our team's doctors and the assisting MCO students.



Station 4: Examination



Our patients with poor vision, diabetes, glaucoma or possible ocular complications, identified by their medical history or entrance testing, were evaluated for possible disease complications.

Station 5 Detailed Examination



Patients initially evaluated at station 4 with likely ocular disease were further evaluated at station 5 to better determine the extent of their ocular disease and the appropriate treatment regimen. A phoropter was also available at this station for complicated glasses prescriptions.

Station 6: Dispensing



MCO students took their turn at the computer database to obtain the closest matches to each of our patient's prescriptions.



Clinic team members pulled glasses from our Deerfield ITF/VOSH-provided inventory and dispensed them to our patients.

Station 5: Dispensing



Our team's dispensing technicians worked diligently to obtain the best fit for our patients.

Some patients came to our clinic with low vision because of a lack of glasses and left with functional vision and new glasses, fit by our team.



Station 6: Dispensing



Every member of the team worked together to identify the best possible glasses for our patients.

Our frame fitters worked miracles with the resources that they had available.



Station 6: Dispensing



Every member of the team was a part of dispensing at some point during the mission.

Our MCO students utilized their knowledge in deciding what the best prescription was for each of our patients.



Station 6: Dispensing Team Leader



Tami shared the Love of Christ in her work with our patients, as did all of our team members.



As dispensing team leader, Tami was the glue that held the team members together as they rotated through the station.

Everyone Contributed



Tim, the heart of the clinic team, could be found everywhere in the clinic, helping in so many ways.



Tim learned quickly how to contribute at all of the clinic support stations.

Station 7: Patient Checkout & Clinic Quality Assurance



At station 7 patients were asked if all of their needs had been addressed by our clinic staff. The Gospel of Jesus Christ was also shared with each of our patients who expressed spiritual needs that had not yet been fully met by our clinic staff.

Guyana Sights



The mission in Berbice included many sights, and markets.



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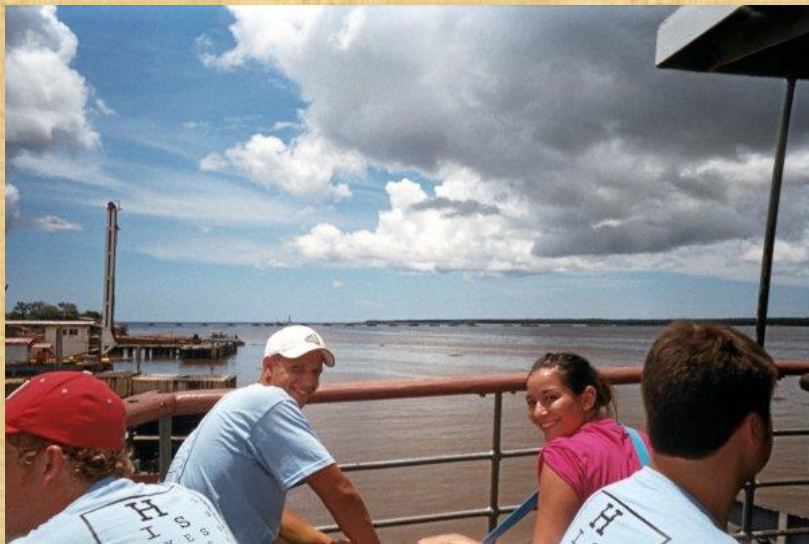
The colors of Guyana
represent the beauty of
God's Hand



Mission Snapshots



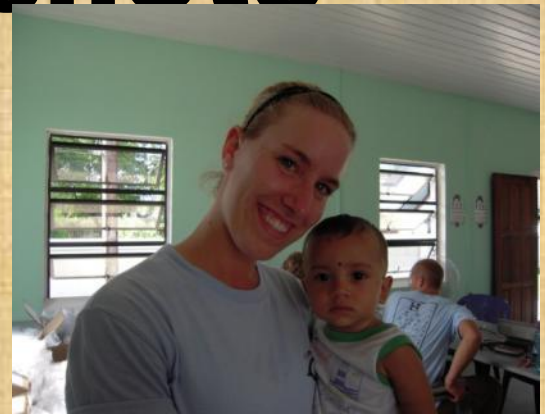
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