

The MARINERS



Dear Praying Friends,

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CHURCH PLANTERS IN SURINAME

We thank the Lord for your partnership and prayer in the gospel work!

While we were away on furlough, a serious cockroach infestation developed in our home. Thankfully, after several treatments, they seem to be gone! We have now discovered termites in one room, but the Lord has graciously provided solutions as each obstacle has come. We are thankful to finally be catching up and returning to our normal life and ministry routines.

Our children's club has been in full swing. We recently had a promotion where the kids could earn a McDonald's Happy Meal through attendance, bringing their Bibles and visitors, and memorizing Bible verses. We were especially proud of their hard work memorizing Scripture.

Six young people completed the challenge!



We often take time for open-air evangelism in busy downtown Paramaribo.

Recently, **three people stopped to listen to the gospel and each accepted Christ!**

Please pray for more fruit and for our church people to grow more bold in witnessing!

We are preparing for a special evangelistic event at our church on **September 24th.**

We will host a free eye clinic providing reading glasses, distance glasses, and sunglasses. We expect a great turnout. **Please pray that many will hear the gospel, accept Christ, and visit the church!**

Mark will also take a team to the interior to conduct an eye clinic at the indigenous peoples' annual Bible conference. Many live in very basic conditions with no access to eye care. We especially hope to help older saints who can no longer read their Bibles simply for lack of reading glasses. Seeing their faithfulness puts our own little hardships into perspective and challenges us to persevere for Him!

Please pray for safety on this trip to the deep interior.

Mark and Emily

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