

STUDENTS MONTHLY REPORTS – AUGUST, 2011

FROM CARLTON EDWARDS:

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Peace and love to the Brotherhood and the Commonwealth of Christians!

Church Activities:

Worship: On the first Sunday in August I worshiped at my home congregation at Pouderoyen which is located between the Demerara harbour Bridge and the Vreed-en- Hoop Stelling. Attendance was about 35 – 40. Bro Peters is the full time minister but he's in his late 60s and has much health issues. However he is endeavouring to give to the congregation his best. We the members support him as much as possible. Brother Devon and Sister Sonya teach the youths & children which number no less than 15 each Lord's Day. I assisted with prayer, Lord upper and Singing. On the last Sunday of the month, I was given the opportunity to preach.

VBS. The congregation had its annual 3 days VB from 25 – 27th August. The attendance fluctuate between 75 and 100 children of different age groups. It was great!

A Church Day was organized in which members painted the interior of the building.

A good member of the congregation has gone to be with the good Lord. She was in her 70s.

School Activities:

13th – 15th Aug: On the 14th – second Sunday, the students worshipped at Clay Brick congregation, Canal # 2 Polder. Brother Boyo is the preacher. The school spent the weekend assisting him and the church. The students and Bro HM led the Bible Study, and the entire worship service on Sunday. The attendance for this Sunday was about 70. We the students enjoyed the trip and learnt much from our involvement in public worship, the fellowship, the 1 and 1 studies, and visiting weak Christians. We slept in the church building.

Youth Camp: 22 – 26th Aug.

The school sponsored the 5 students (\$ 5000. Each student) to attend the 2011 Summerfest Youth Camp at the Camp Kayaku Resort , Soesdyke Linden Highway. Bro HM accompanied the students as acted as one of the Camp Directors too. This was the first time for me attending a camp. I made up the 17th “youth” in our billet (hut). I am in my 40s. There was a total of about 93 youth, officials, cooks, and visitors. Activities at the camp included Singing mostly contemporary Christian Songs, preaching and teaching, workshops, Games, Swimming, Camp Fire, Hiking, etc. The other students and myself played active roles including teaching, leading prayers and Singing. The camp was super, we all enjoyed our selves and the school is already making plans to attend next year camp scheduled for August 2012.

School life is both challenging and interesting. Our courses included Personal Evangelism 1 & 2 by Bobby Bates of WVBS, and the commencement of Acts of the Apostle – using WVBS materials and research on the Lord’s Supper. Part of our learning process include much Memory Verses and tests.

Personal Evangelism:

I shared many tracts to many people as I travel to school. A special jersey that I wear has the words of the Great Commission and I was able to explain and even teach some people.

Members of the Pouderoyen including Bro Ricky and myself visited about 100 homes in the community inviting parents to send their children to our VBS, to Sunday worship and asked for Bible Studies. Many showed interest and we promised to return.

Family & Personal Matters:

My family is doing well. Our baby, Britney was unwell due to growing teeth but she is okay now.

Constraints:

To live a faithful Christian among non Christians and Pentecostal folks is a great challenge. There is always a bad feeling for you especially when you are not silent with the Truth.

The cost of living is high. This makes it quite a challenge when budgeting for week or month. Finance is always limited.

Conclusion:

Thanks to our Supporters for their regular financial support of our students and my self... Thanks to the school too. Peace and love to all.

Yours truly, Carlton.

FROM JOHNATHAN RANDOLPH

Dear Brethren

Personal & Family Matters:

August marks the third month at school for me. I am 18 years of age and I am enjoying every moment of it – the Fellowship, the Personal Evangelism, & Crusades, Youth Camp, Courses & Classroom Work, etc are exciting. I must complement Bro HM and more importantly, my Supporters for sponsorship.

My family life is curtailed as my mother & siblings are in Brazil. I used to live there myself and knowing the dangers of an ungodly life style I return to Guyana to prepare myself for the work of ministry. I am praying for my loved ones in Brazil as we are not aware of any congregation in Sao Paula. They were religious but somehow has lost their focus.

School Activities:

School (Classroom work) continues as normal for the month of August for the students. Hopefully, our break will come by mid October. For the month of August, we have been studying Personal Evangelism with Bobby Bates as the Instructor and using WVBS materials. This course is quite helpful to us as we can now function better in the Fields. In addition, we have started studying the Book of Acts, again using WVBS materials – class notes and DVDS.

On August 13 – 15, the students and Bro HM spent the weekend at Clay Brick C of C. Activities on Saturday included 1 and Studies during the day, Singing Class in the evening lasting for about one and a half hours, and special

classes for the Distance Learning students with the students joining in the evening. On Sunday, the preacher, Brother Boyo and the men of the congregation allow the school to lead in the Bible Study and the worship service. Attendance was about 70 –including children. After the worship, Terry- another student, and my self spent time with the preacher showing a few things on his computer and then played cricket with the youths of the church.

On August 22 – 25 the students and the administrator participated in a Youth Camp hosted by Chris De Caries and his team. Bro HM was one of the Directors of the Camp. Activities included Workshops, Preaching, Singing, Games, Hiking and Swimming. It was great and Bro HM is making plan for the students to attend next year Youth Camp scheduled for August. I took part in leading Songs a few nights . The theme of the Camp was “Following Hard After God” Psalm 63:8

Church Matters:

I worshipped at Kitty congregation since it is in close proximity to the dormitory. The attendance could have been better – about 35 at our weekly gathering. I was called up to assist in Song leading and the Lord’ Supper.

I pray that all is well with you, your family and the church.

Sincerely, Johnathan R.

FROM TERRY RAMPERSAUD

Dear Brethren,

Greetings and best wishes! Firstly thanks for the continuous

financial support for the students and me.

The month of August has come and gone finding my family and I in good health and strong in the Lord!

At School:

We have completed Part 1 of Personal Evangelism Course using WVBS notes and DVDs. This is being monitored by Bro HM.

The school had a weekend trip to Canal # 2, Clay Brick C of C on the West Bank Demerara. They have a beautiful building and have recently attached a kitchen to the building. The preacher is Bro Boyo who lives in the community and has a good relationship with everyone. During the school's visit we visited and studied with non Christians and invited them to worship. In addition, a number of weak and backslidden members were also visited and encouraged. The school conducted a Singing Class in the evening and conducted a Bible Study afterward. We slept at the church building on Saturday night and taught the Bible Study and preached, led Singing, and the Lord's Supper at worship service.

The Clay Brick congregation has again invited us to return - (Sept 9 – 11 - 3 days) and the school is busy making plans and preparations for this.

From August 22 – 25 the school participated in a Youth Camp at Kayaku, up the Soesdyke Linden Highway – about 2 miles inland from the Robert Bush C of C.

The camp was good for me – an encouragement to see the youths following and re-committing their lives to God. This

was a first time camping experience for me and the other students. The food was great too. We certainly wish to return next year. We the students & Bro HM assisted in with the Workshops and in the Singing at nights.

I am living in the school dormitory with another student – Johnathan R. We have our individual rooms but shared in the cooking. For the past couple of weeks we have been experiencing some security problems in the dorms but this has been taken care off.

Church Activities:

My home congregation is at Kingerley in Berbice and is doing well. Our average Sunday attendance is 48 adults and 14 children. I normally assisted with maintenance work of the building, leading in prayers, Lord's Supper and Singing. The preacher is Bro Vernon James.

In conclusion, we salute you, your families and the congregations for the great work you are doing. Please continue the good works.

From HM

Much of what need to be say have already been said by the students.

In addition, besides Kitty C of C, Imelda and I have visited 2 other congregations (Clay Brick C of C, & the Bee Hive C of C) on Sundays. At these 2 congregations we preached and taught and made plans for our (School) approaching visits.

I have spent time with 2 Distance Learning students – Boyo and Joshua of the Clay Brick congregation. Courses were

marked and lessons were discussed. Other students like Bee Hive preacher, Blue Berry Preacher, and others are clamouring for more lessons but sorry to say, I can't keep up to their expectations but I am doing my best.

I'm happy that the school have sponsored students to attend Camp. They are a better bunch now. Visiting congregations on a couple of weekends is profitable to the students and to the congregations as well.

My family and I are deeply sadden by the hurricanes, bush fires, that brought/still bring great damage to lives and properties in many States in the USA. We are with you in our prayers.

May God richly bless you all!

HM