



The MARINERS

CHURCH PLANTERS IN SURINAME

Praying friends,

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A recent experience emphasized the great need we have for your prayers. Mark had planned an evangelistic trip to a small village named Alliance located 2 hours downriver (by boat) from our home. We had prepared to take Bibles and gospel tracts and to show gospel films in the local languages. However, just hours before he was to depart our house lost all running water. We were able to get it fixed in a timely manner. However, the delay resulted in postponing this exciting trip until a later time. Please pray for the people of Alliance who are predominantly Hindu and Muslim.



Emily's Family

Travels

We are grateful to be writing this update from the U.S. We had a safe flight from Suriname to Tennessee on May 27th. We were thrilled to be able to make this trip in order to attend the wedding of Emily's brother Seth and Kristen Pyles. It was a beautiful ceremony and we greatly enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with Emily's family. In the coming weeks we will be attending a meeting in Colorado before heading up to Maryland to report to several supporting churches and to attend a special week of Camp Meeting at Mark's home church, Salisbury Baptist Temple. In addition to reporting to churches and helping to fill the pulpit, Mark will be assisting with camp ministry. We also look forward to spending some time with Mark's side of our family.

Upcoming Events

Please be in prayer for our return to Suriname scheduled for July 6th. We have a very busy season planned. Upon our return we will be working to establish a "Stichting," which is the Dutch word for a foundation or corporation. This organization will function legally as the umbrella for all our future ministry in Suriname for things such as importing ministry supplies or purchasing land, etc... While we are thoroughly a local church ministry, this is the legal requirements in Suriname. Having a Stichting will open up opportunities as our ministry grows. Please pray for God's favour in this process.

We also plan to start a children's neighborhood Bible club upon our return. In our immediate neighborhood we have noticed a great number of homes with young children. We have begun planning and preparing materials and ideas for a VBS. We pray that this club can open doors for the gospel to be shared in these homes. Please pray with us to this end.

We will also be taking part in the Amazon for Christ medical mission trip to Guyana in August. We look forward to seeing many friends that we served along side during our year in ministry there. Please pray for the safety of the team members and the success of the trip as final plans are being made.

Mark and Emily

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Safe Travels
- Language Study
- Upcoming Events

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