

## Social Ministry



### News about Guyana

John Erickson, Carmen Wilberg, Dorene Dodd and Pastor Brian would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who supported us before and during our mission trip to Guyana. We experienced the power of your prayers during our preparation for the trip and during our time among the members of Ascension parish. The Rev. Dr. Richard Young has asked us to share his THANKS for all that we at Trinity have given in support of his ministry in Guyana.

The congregations of Ascension Lutheran Parish are small but faith filled communities, striving not only to share the Gospel of Christ, but to offer hope and vision for the future of the children who live in each community. While worship and Bible study are the center pieces of congregational life, programs like medical clinics, soup kitchens, and tutoring programs are being developed to meet the needs of the community. It was a joy to hear and share in conversation with leaders and members of the parish regarding their hopes and dreams of reaching out to the people they serve and live among.

During our time in Guyana we were able to worship on Sunday mornings at three of the five congregations that Rev. Young serves. We experienced nightly worship at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Belle Vue West Bank Demerara, Guyana, the congregation we were staying at. Each night 10-15 youth and adults would gather to give thanks to God. We spent our mornings and afternoons working on building a patio at King of Glory. The patio is located between the church building and their new fellowship hall. During the week we leveled the ground, made concrete patio stones and designed the patio space complete with planting areas. By the end of the week, one fourth of the patio stones were made and in place, and plants had been placed and planted. Members of King of Glory are working to complete the project in the next couple of months. Once completed, this patio will give the members and community a wonderful place to gather in the shade for Bible studies, youth activities, and special occasions.

We look forward to sharing our experiences with the congregation in the month ahead. Please watch for the date and time of our sharing. In the mean time, we look forward to sharing with you individually.

Pastor Brian

### Social Ministry Projects in the planning...

Clothing Drive...Please save your usable clothing for this drive in October

Operation Christmas Child...Shoe Boxes in November

### Lutheran Social Services

Saturday August 9th a group from Trinity traveled up to Concord and offered their labor skills for Lutheran Social Services. They did painting, landscaping, and other outdoor work at the LSS Foster Care Transition Home helping to prepare it for occupancy by residents in the month ahead.

Our thanks to this hard working crew:

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