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Dear brethren,

May the Lord bless you with peace and hope. I have this weekend completed my second mission trip of the year, and the first since the death, in February, of my wife of 40 years. I traveled with a team of 4 others to Guyana for one intensive week of teaching and preaching. It was my first visit to South America, and it was a rewarding week, indeed.

The nearly-24-hour journey ended in Georgetown shortly before midnight Friday, July 13. It was 1:00 AM Saturday before we could complete the check-in procedure and get into bed. Breakfast time came about 11:00, and I spent the afternoon reading and resting until our driver came about 4:00 for a tour of the area. We visited with the church in Triumph, where the ladies' Bible class, which had been in progress when we arrived, showed us some recent upgrades to their meeting house. Some on the team had worked there previously. We spent some time with the preacher of the church in Bee Hive discussing the age-grouping of VBS classes, and classroom and teacher assignments.

I preached the opening lesson of the gospel meeting at Enmore Sunday night: "You Can Understand the Bible." There were over 100 in attendance, but I didn't record the exact count. Attendance to all four programs increased with each assembly, with only two exceptions. I preached again Wednesday night at Enmore on "Ten Great Questions in the Bible." The gospel meeting at Bee Hive ran Monday through Thursday, and I preached both of those nights. Monday the lesson was "Belief Is Not Enough," and the meeting, and our mission, closed with "Your Foot is Slipping" regarding the danger of losing faith and salvation. At Enmore there were nine baptisms during the week. At the two churches combined there were at least five Christians repenting from sin and restored to the Lord.

The two VBS programs – Enmore in the morning and Bee Hive in the afternoon – followed the same lessons. The general theme was "Lessons Learned on Some Significant Bible Mountains." Each teacher selected a mountain and taught regarding lessons learned there. I taught "Lessons From Mt. Nebo," which included the importance of obedience, the consequences of disobedience, and the necessity of worshiping only God. Teachers moved from one class to another day by day, teaching the same lesson to different age groups. It was an interesting challenge, but much easier than preparing four different lessons with all the visual aids and handouts, then adding all that bulk and weight to our luggage.

It was perhaps the most intensive mission trip I have made, but I am ready to go again this week. The people we met, and the joy that we brought to each other through our experiences made for a week to be long remembered with gladness. Preachers from three cities invited me to return to the area, each with a different specific purpose in mind. We may be able to plan a combined trip in the second half of next year. We would appreciate your prayers for the discussions and decisions in this regard.

The next scheduled trip is to India in February, but there is much mission work to be done right here at home before that time, and there are major developments in the making as I write. Perhaps in the next report I shall be able to tell you about those. In the mean time, please pray for this ministry, and for me personally, as I pray in great thanksgiving and petition for you when I bow before our Father. May He bless you with many opportunities to serve, and the good health to meet each one faithfully.

In His service,  
A. L. Parr

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