

# Guyana Connections

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## Mission Team Visits Ann's Grove Church of God of Prophecy

During the week of October 4 - 7, a team comprising of Pastor Jeremiah Barker (USA) and eight Trinidadians, had a splendid time ministering at the Ann's Grove Church of God of Prophecy in a four night camp meeting. They visited during the day, then worshiped with us and delivered the Word in power to the people. It must be mentioned that they were not limited in their evangelism methods as they also played cricket with the guys from the community. This molded new relationships beautifully. The team visited one of our member's homes on the Friday evening before the service and they were very welcomed. The brethren from Trinidad (East Indians) also helped us evangelize the East Indians and Amerindians in Guyana. Mission teams are welcome in Guyana. We continue to encourage teams to visit and work with us. The waters are troubled!!



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## **Ann's Grove Church of God of Prophecy Celebrates Fifty Years of Ministry**

### **PENTECOST COMES TO THE ANN'S GROVE – TWO FRIENDS COMMUNITY**

In 1966, Pastor Robert Jack and the East Ruimveldt Church of God of Prophecy, in an open-air crusade, introduced the inhabitants of Ann's Grove and Two Friends to Pentecostalism with the theme song: "Ann's Grove for Jesus, hear the battle cry!" As a result, over thirty youth and adults were water baptized. The local Church was set in order and Brother Compton Wharton was appointed Pastor.

In this year of Jubilee, we give thanks and honor, to the men of God, who served as Pastors, namely, Bishop Compton Wharton, Bishop Frank Reece, Anthony Kowlessar, Trevor Hytmiah, Samuel Higgins and Wilbert M<sup>c</sup>Lennon. At present, I serve as Pastor, dating back to 1987. Brother Trevor Hytmiah, while serving as Pastor, purchased the land on which the present Church building is erected.

### **VISION**

Our new sanctuary, intensive and aggressive evangelism, brought about substantial growth in our membership. I felt the burden to build "a giving Church." A Church, not only, faithful in the paying of tithes and the giving of offerings, but also, giving to those in need, both in the local Church and outside the local Church.

For several years, we have been driven by this VISION STATEMENT: "Our vision is that our Local Church be a Movement, made up of Vibrant Believers, aggressively involved in winning and discipling souls for Jesus, working untiringly, towards Children, Youth and Adults achieving their full potential in Christ, committed to Global Evangelism."

Over the years, we embraced the model of the local Church at Antioch, and planted from the Ann's Grove Church, the local Churches at Mahaicony, Victoria,

Nabaclis, Enmore and North Ruimveldt. Also, from this base, we erected Church buildings at Mahaicony, Ann's Grove, Enmore, Vryheid's Lust and our Mission House at North Ruimveldt. We assisted with the Church property at Mora, our Amerindian Church in the North West District.

Just this year, we added the phrase: "committed to Global Evangelism" to our Vision Statement. The Ann's Grove Church is now challenged to go beyond its national borders, and help plant Churches and erect buildings in Suriname.

### **LEADERSHIP**

Our leaders are driven by this definition of leadership, taken from the text "Lead On": "Leadership is the discipline of exerting special influence within a group, towards goals of beneficial permanence that fulfil the group's real needs." Laity and leadership focus on the needs of people and are motivated by the love for God and the love for people. Our strategy is to develop people through their involvement. Our goal is to be a Church of workers.

Our Pastoral Team is made up of seven people. We are the Pillars of our Church. Our goal is SERVANT LEADERSHIP! As a local Church, we are committed to serving our community and the Body of Christ. Over the years, the most vital input the members of the Ann's Grove Church have made in community development is Education. Today, we salute the Heads of Schools and Teachers in our Church. I serve as Coordinator of activities of the Dutchfour – Greenfield Joint Church Fellowship, comprising fifteen Church Movements. We hold dear our commitment to our villagers, to conduct the funeral services of their loved ones, in our Church building. We will continue to give attention to the elderly. And, we will continue to work with fellow village leaders in nation building.



## JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATIONS AND BLESSINGS

### Celebrations:

Determined to intensify Evangelism, we erected a Baptismal Pool on our Church property and restarted our Sunday evening Evangelistic Services. A lot of work on our Sanctuary was done, (ceiling, lighting, painting, extension, fence), in preparation for our JUBILEE SERVICE scheduled for Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2 P.M. Open-Air Crusade (Camp Meetings) November 8 - 10, will be conducted at the location where the Pentecostal Crusade was held fifty years ago (Doctor Sertimer's four corner). A VILLAGE PARADE will be held Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>. This will climax with a Concert. The elderly in the community will be given hampers. Children and youth will be given school supplies. A SPELLING COMPETITION is planned, involving the schools in our community. We are catering for an attendance of three hundred persons at our JUBILEE SERVICE. Food and drink will be provided for everyone.

Commendations to our JUBILEE PLANNING COMMITTEE, led by Sister Daphne Higgins, my precious wife, for a work well done. It is very hard work! Commendations to all of our leaders, members, followers and friends for their diligence and support. Thank you and God bless you!

Thank you all, for partnering with Ann's Grove Church of God of Prophecy in our Jubilee Celebrations. We will continue to work for a Victorious Future. Thanks for a Jubilee Offering to help us in these Projects.

### Blessings:

Kalea Hanover, our first grandchild, was born on the last day of our International Church's month of Prayer in January.



Bishop Earl Higgins  
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