



A SWING WITH A STORY

For those of you who do not know, or have forgotten Tom, our Guyanese friend, Tom is an example of a changed life. He was 16 years old when he helped build our Learning Center. He was a young man who drank heavily and smoked, but he began attending church and quit all his vices. In September 2019 he decided to work for the gold mines to provide for his unborn child. The lure of riches from gold mining is deceiving. Yes, he was paid very well, but everything he used had to be purchased: boots, mosquito net, snacks, tools. Praise the Lord, he realized early on this was not even monetarily worthy of his separation from his family. After three months, he left gold mining and came home to hand his wife his saved earnings--\$8,000 Guyanese dollars (equivalent to \$40 US dollars). Tom is now happily back home taking odd jobs to care for his family.

While securing the base, we came across a swing set. Since there was no room to set it up, we donated the swing set to the community where Tom lives, Khan Hill. It is set up next to his home that he alone built. His toddler son, David and the children in the village love it! Tom shared that the swing set reminds him of AWA's positive influence in his life. Tom has a hard life, but he is industrious. May he continue to seek God in all his labors.

ROW, ROW, ROW

Going out to our river community ministry is always a nice break, so Bruce and I decided to take the boat out to ensure the donated boat and engine are operational after more than six months of non-use. After two cranks, the engine geared up and off we went through the tributary smoothly. When we reached the river mouth, Bruce pushed the throttle forward and the engine sputtered and stopped. Bruce tried again, and it started, then stopped for about 3 more times until it no longer started.

Although the river was flowing downstream, we were in the middle of the Barima River floating away from Kumaka. While Bruce was brainstorming solutions, a canoe driven by a father and his two young sons came up and asked if we needed a tow. They were Venezuelans who spoke little English, but were out that day to fish. We thank the Lord for touching their hearts with kindness to help. The 1 ½ human-powered canoe humbly pulled the big 115-horsepower boat back to the boathouse. The boys were wiped out, but happy to go back to fishing with their dad.

MISSIONARY UPDATE

We have good news and not so good news with our Missionary-in-Training Guyana Team: the Runne family and Captain Kabwe Musonda. Late January, Caleb, Glenda, Jordana and Enoch traveled to North Carolina, to the AWA headquarters, for their orientation training. Their next step is to complete the Institute of World Missions training scheduled for July-August and then conduct their pre-deployment assessment in Guyana.

Glenda is progressing nicely with her pilot training. Please continue to pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit in their trek to a foreign mission field.

Sadly, Kabwe's involvement is on hold. As the sole male in his Zambian family, he is obligated to care for the family at large. With the recent addition of his sister's baby, he will take on more responsibilities. Thus, we bid him many blessings and patiently wait on God's timing.



Family and friends, it is amazing how much good there still is in this world, not just in God's creation of plants, animals, birds, and trees, but also innately designed in humans, His children. No wonder He desires all to be saved! Let us continue to do our part to bring others to know and love Him.



Scripture Theme for 2021
"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."
—Acts 3:19



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