



## A DIFFERENT KIND OF DORCAS

Our hearts hurt; worry ensued—surely a predicament in our Guyana project with the additional travel requirements. Who will continue the ministries AWA started? Matthew 6:8 states that our Father knows the things we have need of before we ask Him. In Philippians 4:6 it says, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.”

As we are faithful, as we trust and as we obey, God always has an answer to our dilemma, our predicaments, our quandaries.

During our last visit to Guyana in December 2020, I met Sonita. She is Lesa’s (our faithful leader in the village of Barabina) sister who lives in the capital city of Georgetown. Sonita is a confident and articulate Amerindian. She became my point of contact in Georgetown running several errands for us like placing items on the boat heading to the interior and posting funds when there is no bank.

Sonita is a caring and generous soul. When her sister Dwan and her baby was in the Georgetown Hospital

a few years ago, Sonita noticed many of the women, children, and men of the interior come to Georgetown without much, some, just the clothes on their back. You see, when patients in the interior need further care, they are put on a boat or if available, a plane, to the tertiary hospital in Georgetown. Some of them leave in a hurry, urgently, and do not have the time to bring anything with them. Some really don’t have much to begin with. Sonita felt compassion for them, so she began saving her own family’s clothes and start taking them to the hospital to give to those in need.

Recently, Sonita’s pregnant sister Dwan was placed in the Georgetown Hospital for a high-risk pregnancy and noticed the same thing. Sonita spoke to me about AWA’s ability to help high risk pregnant women from the interior by providing them with needed clothes. Thus began a new ministry. It is amazing that when we listen to where God is working, He shows us of opportunities and of ministries we never thought of before.

Consequently, Sonita and I remembered the Amerindian Hostel where the people of the interior stay while waiting for their transportation back home after discharge from the Georgetown Hospital. Most wait weeks before they can be transported home. Both Sonita and I became so excited that we can extend the



ministry not just to the Georgetown Hospital but to the Amerindian Hostel as well and provide clothes for the indigenous people of the interior waiting to go home without having brought much with them!

So, one Sunday afternoon, Sonita put together 57 bags of clothes and sweets and a few shoes and distributed them to mothers, children, and men at the Amerindian Hostel. Such presents were a pleasant surprise to all that were present. A touch of happiness while so far away from home after being so ill they had to be taken to the Capital. Unexpected love and care for many who are alone and lonely.

Your donations, whether sending a barrel of clothes or your financial support are a blessing to all of God's people. As we give cheerfully, God blesses our efforts. Thank you for your continued partnership and love.

*God bless each one of you!*

*Bruce & Monique Wilkerson*

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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**PRAYER REQUEST:**

- Travel restrictions to ease up so we can send US missionaries back to Guyana.

**PROJECT NEEDS:**

- Project manager and committed pilots willing to answer the Call to serve with AWA in these uncertain times.