



Guyana Mission Project Update Midwest Mission Project Update



Mandy 2nd from left, Veron 3rd from right

GUYANA UPDATE: ORDINATION

How wonderful it is to hear members of the Hobo Hill Worship Center become ordained leaders of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. Veron and Norman were recently ordained elders; Brother Stoll was ordained as deacon (mid 80s) and Mandy (teenager) was ordained deaconess. The Lord has blessed the Worship Center abundantly with members, young and old who use their skills and talents for the Lord. Through their leadership, many are claiming God's promises and love. God is always eager for His people to join Him in His work of reconciling the whole world to Himself. Alleluia. Amen.



Brother Stoll



MIDWEST UPDATE: ARE WE READY?

What are our plans for tomorrow? What about next week? We all make plans, whether for short-term or long-term. Although we know that life can be taken away at any moment, we plan for tomorrow to always come. We assume that life will work and function as “normal.”

But as Christians, shouldn't we plan and prepare for something else, something that we are told can come like a flash of lightning or like a thief in the night? Shouldn't we be preparing and expecting the return of our Lord Jesus Christ? How many of us truly live as if Jesus Christ could come back at any moment? If we did, wouldn't that change the way we live, our priorities and the decisions we make? Whether individually or as an organization, His soon return should drive our decisions, our priorities, and the way we live.

Our small but faithful AWA Midwest team is preparing as we observe for opportunities to respond to His calling. As we finish this month's newsletter, I am tracking the regional weather systems as storms are raging to our south and west. More tornados and potential flooding are on my radar. Are we ready? My heart says yes, but I also know we have more preparations to better equip our response capability.

What happens when we are not on a search and rescue (SAR) or responding to a disaster? We prepare for the next mission. Being prepared is essential for success, so we ensure everything from personal equipment and vehicles to our aircraft are functioning and capable of responding to that next call. Equally important in preparation is personnel training. That is to equip our team with the knowledge, skill, and ability to help rescue and provide relief to people in crisis situations. Whether its recurrent pilot training or scenario-based training with ground SAR teams the training and proficiency shape our response capabilities. The same holds true as we prepare for Christ's soon return. The most

essential element is that personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the ability to discern as the Holy Spirit leads. To do that we need that daily communication with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We also need to read His manual on preparation-- that is the Bible. In fact, in Matthew 25:1-13 it talks about ten virgins preparing for the bridegroom. They were all prepared but only five were well prepared for the coming of the Bridegroom (Christ). Sadly, the other five virgins were not ready when the Bridegroom arrived. Jesus is coming again. We know not the hour, but we do know the time is short. Are we ready?

One of our significant needs at AWA Midwest is more willing souls to assist in our response to natural disaster situations such as tornados, hurricanes, floods, wildfires. etc. If you sense a calling to serve as a volunteer with our disaster response team, please contact us at Bruce@flyawa.org.

May we all be watching and waiting. Ready for the soon coming of our Lord.

God bless each one of you!

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