



MY FIRST GREAT LOVE: A CALLING TO GUYANA

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My name is Leonardo Costa, and I am known as Pastor Leo. There is a calling that echoes in my heart, a love that has driven me to cross borders and dedicate my life to a greater purpose: God has called me to Guyana. I must confess, I have never felt anything like this in my heart. With its lush natural beauty and warm-hearted people, this vibrant country has become the stage for my first great ministerial love.

My journey here has been an adventure of faith and discovery. Each day is an opportunity to serve, learn, and witness the Gospel's transforming power. The ministerial experience in Guyana has been deeply fulfilling, shaping me and strengthening my conviction

that this is where I'm meant to be—bringing the Gospel to those who might never have known it if Jesus hadn't sent me. It's amazing!

I am grateful for the Holy Spirit's gifts, which allow me to serve more effectively. Being trilingual (Portuguese, English, and Spanish) opens doors for communication and connection with diverse communities. My passion for music enables me to express the joy of the Gospel universally, as music draws many people in, while my heart as an evangelist longs to share the message of faith and hope. As a missionary, my commitment to a healthy lifestyle reflects the holistic care God offers through the 8 natural remedies (Faith in God, water,

pure air, sunlight, physical exercise, natural food, good sleep, and Temperance—which is balance in all areas of life, including diet—so that body, mind, and spirit are healthy and ready to receive divine light).

I vividly remember my first Sabbath here—a day of worship and fellowship that sealed my commitment to this ministry. The simplicity and reverence of the service, along with the community’s warm welcome and the strong presence of Christ in the Temple, confirmed the calling, making every bit of the long journey from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to Mabaruma, Guyana, worthwhile.

My goals here are clear: to strengthen the local church, equip the brethren in the faith, and extend the reach of the Gospel to new areas. Mabaruma, with its potential and needs, is fertile ground for missionary work, and I’m excited to see what God will do through this ministry.

How You Can Be Part of This Calling:

Your support is essential for this ministry to flourish. You can become a partner in two key ways:

1. **Praying:** Your prayers are the driving force behind this work. Please pray for my health, wisdom, protection, and the advancement of the Gospel in Guyana. Pray for the people we reach so that they may be touched by God’s love.
2. **Donating:** The ministry’s sustainability is vital for us to continue our mission. At the moment, we have a few urgent needs:
 - **Mission House Renovation:** We need \$5,000 to carry out essential renovations on the house where I live and work, ensuring a safe and functional environment.
 - **Truck Repairs:** The truck is crucial for transportation and reaching more remote communities. The necessary repairs cost \$3,500.

Any contribution, no matter how small, makes a tremendous difference. Together, we can expand the Kingdom of God and bring hope to this land.



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