



LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME!

During His ministry, Jesus was always surrounded by people, and children were part of the crowd that was fascinated by Him. His way of acting, speaking, and treating others drew much attention and attracted multitudes. The disciples did not always understand this and tried to keep the children away, thinking they were distracting. How surprised they were when they heard the Master's command: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matt. 19:14). Today, one way to bring children to Jesus is by telling them how much He loves them and what He has done for them. Many children are eager to know God's love here in Guyana, so we took advantage of the school holiday to introduce them to Jesus.

We created a Vacation Bible School program with the materials available here. The VBS lasted seven

days and reached about 60 children. We shared the beautiful stories of Bible heroes and their important lessons: they learned from Noah that obeying God's commands is always best; from Joseph that God has great plans for each of them; from Moses, that God performs miracles to save them; from Samuel, to be ready to hear God's voice; from David, to be brave and trust in God no matter the challenge; from Daniel, to be entirely faithful; and that Jesus loves them and died to save each one of us. Throughout the week, the children were encouraged to grow physically, mentally, and spiritually. They participated in games, memorized Bible verses, colored pictures, watched cartoons, listened to Bible stories, and enjoyed snacks to wrap up the day.

On Saturday, we held a VBS graduation ceremony. The church was packed as we extended invitations



to members of more distant churches. It was a joyful occasion, filled with worship and fellowship, as we celebrated the love and blessings of God in our lives. During the service, three children were dedicated to the Lord.

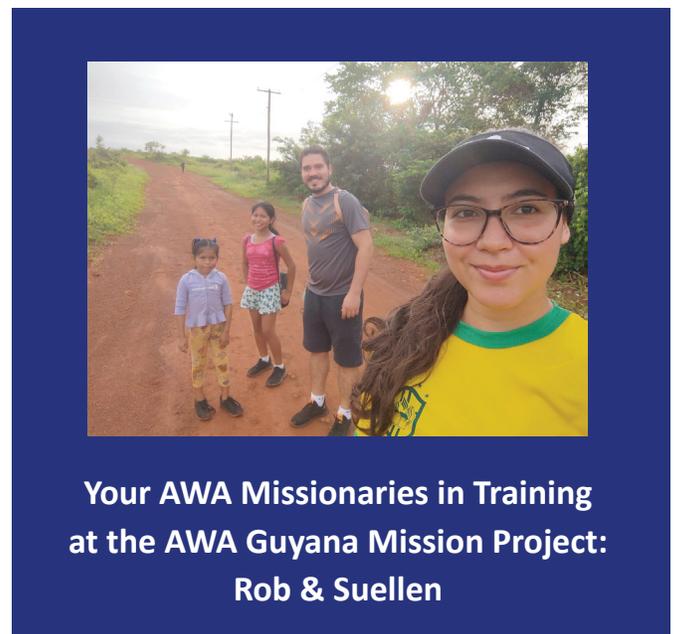
There hadn't been a Vacation Bible School in the Mabaruma region for several years. When we announced it, we gained the support of volunteers to help supervise and assist with preparing and purchasing snacks. We reached children from distant villages: Hosororo, Thomas Hill, Hubo Hill, and Barabina. A group would form each day, and the truck was always full. The desire to participate was so strong that many children didn't even wait for a ride, walking about 10 km daily to join us.

Thanks to donations, we could gift the children toys and books. It was gratifying to share the love of Jesus with so many children, fulfilling the command to spread the gospel to all and drawing the children closer to their Creator.

We want to thank you, our readers and supporters, for helping us be able to provide these wonderful experiences for the children. We pray for the continued support for both AWA and the Guyana project!



*God bless you!
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