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“For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ

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Dear Pastor, Church, Supporters and Friends,

During the years of our twenty-eight years on the mission field, there have been many exciting and joyous things to report. Once in a while, there were some heart-breaking things along the way. One of those things happened recently.

When the corona virus lockdowns came in 2020, we began an open-air, Sunday afternoon Sunday school on one of our bus routes. This was an inner-city bus route within Georgetown, the capital city. As you can imagine, there are many obstacles and challenges with an inner-city work. The Sunday afternoon Sunday school grew and we eventually rented a building to meet. We began thinking that this Sunday school could be converted to a church. So we started working on that idea. In June of this year we ordained a young man that was saved years ago in our ministry. He was saved as a teenager at one of our vacation Bible schools. He grew in the Lord, and after high school, we hired him on church staff. He was faithful to his work and worked hard. When he felt the call to preach, we were ecstatic. I asked him if he would pray about becoming the pastor of this group from the city. He did, and accepted. So we ordained him after watching the many years of his loyal and faithful work as part of our pastoral staff (eleven years to be exact). Two months after the Sunday school became a church, he fell into immorality. We were devastated and everybody was shocked. I believe this kind of thing is more rampant than ever, all over. We were unable to sustain the continuation of Hope Baptist Church. To conserve some of the people, we felt it was better to bring them back as a bus route to our main church, with me being their bus captain.

We are working with their former pastor to bring reconciliation and restoration to his spiritual life. Pray that he does not become one who is “*put on the shelf*”, so to speak. – I Corinthians 9:27.

On the brighter side, from July to August, we were able to see **66** people receive Christ as their Savior in our ministries, and **7** followed in believer’s baptism. Since the start of this year we have been going to a government home for abused children, teens and women. Each week we conduct a Bible club there and are able to counsel and pray with those who attend. One young mother got saved, baptized and dedicated her little son to Christ in our church. Please continue to pray that God will keep this needed outreach open for us.

Brother and Mrs. Mark Mariner are missionary interns working with us. They are a great help in every part of the ministry here. Right now, they are on a survey trip to the next door country of Suriname. In early 2023 they hope to move there to begin their missionary calling to that country.

In the last week of July my wife had to go to the US for some medical concerns. Initially, Nolan (our son) and I went with her. On August the 20th we all came back to the field, but after a week, Charlene had to go back to the States to finish some unfinished medical follow-ups. She spent an additional three weeks there. She is now happily back with us. While in the US we were able to have a family reunion of sorts with our grown children who live there. Natalie, our oldest, and her family are missionaries in South Africa and were not able to come. We were also able to spend time with Charlene’s parents and her two sisters, as well as travel to New York City to see my mother and some of my siblings. Please keep our aged parents on both sides in your prayers. Our parents have done so much through the years to be a help to us on the mission field, as well as when we had to return to the United States on furloughs.

Here is an encouraging and challenging passage from God’s Holy Word, the Bible, to end this letter. Lamentations 3:39-41, “*Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment for his sins? Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.*”

In Christ Jesus the Anchor holds,

Noel Shrivnauth (Ps.25:5; I Thes.2:4)

The Shrivnauth family
Noel, Charlene, Rydal, Gretel, Elsie and Nolan

for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:” Romans 9:3