

Guyana Report for August 1972

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During the month of July, we had a twenty-one day condition of special prayer and reading of the Divine Principle. This condition paid for the entry of two young men into Principle: Clifford Accra and Deryck Griffith, one older person Mathilda Paul and Kathleen Alfonso who is active member of the Women's Ecumenical Movement in Guyana, also became members. We are now thinking about issuing membership cards as the movement here has been officially registered as a religious organization.

So as to be more effective in the various towns and villages it was decided to call our home-study groups THE DIVINE PRINCIPLE HOUSE UNIT -- These units are being led by widows, widowers or parents who have large families and are unable to dedicate themselves fully because of family commitments.

For example, the House Unit led by Mrs. Jordan a widow with three teenagers and two younger children is called THE DIVINE PRINCIPLE HOUSE UNIT-Jordan Family. Doreon helped by Ricky Telford and now two teenaged neighbors have begun attending the sessions. The DPHU Sober Family and Victorine family are both in the formative stages but the leaders feel useful, they feel as if they are accomplishing for Father. Before these units were started these particular members were quite ineffective, now, they are witnessing more and by reading Divine Principle to their children in the evenings and holding morning prayers they are uniting their families around them.

As the children progress, the older teenagers will be able to enter the main center. House unit leaders are requested to attend the in-depth Divine Principle Sunday sessions so that they could better equip themselves to handle their families and also learn to teach and witness effectively.

Let it be clear that these DPHU are quite distant from the main center; some are on the West Bank of the Demerara River others in more remote parts of the city. When a family wholly follows Divine Principle and shows some maturity in the Principle then a DPHU could become a regular center. In the meantime, the young men and women who are already Family will be trained to run centres in the usual way.

On Sunday 30th, I sang at an Ecumenical gathering and the arrangement of 'He never prayed from weakness' in which I quote the Leader's words 'To restore the world, let us go forth...' won the hearts of all. I hope that soon I shall be able to disclose the origin of those beautiful words.

The fight continues here with assiduity. Sometimes my heart is so heavy as I try to save an individual who demonstrates good qualities for Father's work. Some young people are responding to the insistent call to fight for Father, others are blinded by what they call, 'Loyalty to their favorite Party and race'. They are offered tempting positions and possibilities of leadership. There are those of course, who only think of living a gay life, wearing new fashions and attending all the weekend parties they are invited to.

However, we have a new condition starting tomorrow. Special witnessing campaigns, family fast and written thoughts will be done for the next forty days. During this time, Guyana will be hosting the Non-aligned Conference which will be attended by seventy-two countries and the Caribbean festival of Creative Arts with thirty participating countries.

To add a note of humor, when Guyana does reach the point of having bus teams we will need quite a few boat teams as well. We have more rivers than roads and quite unfortunately more drivers than captains. I wish the Family the world over a good Summer harvest.