

The Unified Family in Guyana opens 5 new centers and expands its work

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The Guyana Unified Family on October 28. Barbara Burrowes is seated in front

The Unified Family in Guyana, South America reports great expansion of its work. Five missionaries were sent out from the national headquarters in Georgetown. Robert Hall, the first to leave, went to the ancient county of Berbice in the city of New Amsterdam. Once the Dutch capital of Guyana, this city is on the Berbice River. Within the next few days, Clifford Accra set out for Linden, the largest mining city in the country, on the Demerara River; and Leila Keizer went to Wakenaam, a densely populated island. In September Vincent Hunte opened a center in Stewattville on the Atlantic coast and Dr. Sheila Trotman opened up her home as a satellite center in Georgetown.



Unified Family Singers perform at Saint George's Cathedral in Georgetown

Barbara Burrowes, the national leader, originally met the Unified Family in Milan, Italy, where she had been studying opera. When she returned to her native Guyana in 1971 she found musically talented men and women and formed the "Unified Family Singers." Dr. Beryl Simon, the mayor of Georgetown, invited the singers to give a special concert for underprivileged children. They sang at Saint George's Cathedral, the largest wooden structure in the world, with the President of the Republic among their listeners. The choir was lauded for its "heavenly singing."



Leaders of new centers: Left to right, Clifford Accra, Robert Half, Leila Keizer, Vincente Hunte, and Sheila Trotman (Chapman)

Another recent venture, the "Unified Family Enterprises" opened a small shop on October 1. Its wares include art materials, books, stationery, and ginseng tea. When radio reporter Wordsworth McAndrew heard about the shop, he invited Barbara Burrowes to describe her work over his radio station.



Joyce Harper and Lorraine Boodram display ginseng tea at Unified Family Enterprises store

About 100 people attended a panel discussion on the Divine Principle at the City Hall on September 7. Barbara Burrowes and Robert Hall gave the first two lectures of the Principle and a question and answer session was chaired by Sheila Trotman. October saw the first semi-public meeting of the International Federation for Victory Over Communism, a national conference of Unified Family leaders, and open house for friends.

Barbara writes that recent new members include professional people, teenagers, and even entire families. "Father is sending us many more people," Barbara concludes, "and we have had to increase the number of classes to twice daily. Quite soon we are hoping to move into new premises about half a block from where we are now, 104 Croal Street."