

# World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions

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February 8, 2018

Dear Supporter and Friend of the Rhoades,

Thank you for your support of Joshua Rhoades to Guyana, South America.

Satan is working in Guyana. He does not want the seeds of the Gospel sown. Satan blinds minds on the mission field and then attacks the missionary's family. His mission is fierce and relentless.

The Rhoades started serving in Guyana in 2015. The open door to Guyana brought them as many adversaries as opportunities. Joshua and Vashtee Rhoades experienced medical issues in the jungle. There were multiple burglaries, vandalism, and harassment in the city.

In January 2018, Brother Rhoades called his pastor, Barry Goodman, to apprise him of the onslaught of attacks and the emotional toll on his family. Brother Josh asked his pastor about coming to the US for a respite. Pastor Goodman permitted it.

In February, Brother Rhoades met with his pastor about their support level, the emotional needs of his wife and children, and the status of their home and marriage. At this meeting, Pastor Goodman suspended the return of the Rhoades to Guyana.

This ministry pause is not due to spiritual, moral, or financial failure. There is no failure in these areas. The purpose of this respite is to restore their hearts and home to a place of valuable ministry.

During this ministry pause, Pastor Goodman will work with the Rhoades on their home, marriage, spiritual and emotional well-being. In March, Brother Rhoades will bring his family to North Carolina. He will find a job in Shelby, NC to sustain his family and not require missions support until they are ready to return to ministry.

Pastor Goodman will annually review their ministry readiness. When Pastor Goodman determines, the Rhoades may return to the field by way of deputation. World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions will reconsider Brother Rhoades for missionary service when his pastor recommends it.

Please let us know how you would like us to handle your support funds. If you desire to help the Rhoades financially, we will handle their support during this transition. World Wide looks forward to the Rhoades returning to ministry in the years ahead.

Your kindness and sacrifices put them on the field. Your prayers will sustain them during this period. If you have questions, please call Pastor Goodman at (704) 487-0006.



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# THE RHOADES

## MISSIONARIES TO GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

February 9, 2018

Dear Pastor and Faithful Supporters,

Your support of our family changed many hearts, saved souls, and started a church in Guyana.

The onslaught of attacks last December tried my family and took its toll. Our family was harassed, attacked, vandalized, and three times burglarized. These influences bred an emotional instability in our family. These attacks exposed an underlying, but repairable, problem in our home.

Our pastor sensed we needed help. He decided to suspend our ministry until we were ready spiritually and emotionally in our marriage first then in our ministry. We will attend our local church and meet with our pastor regularly. I will take a job in our community. Our pastor will work with us to help our home function biblically.

As the letter from our agency states, there is no spiritual, moral, or financial failure. Pastor Goodman saw in us the things that are hurting our marriage and ministry. He wants to help us, and we want this help. We will put marriage before the ministry now to have a successful marriage and godly home later. If and when Pastor believes we are ready, we will return to our churches to ask consideration for support to go to Guyana. I pray when that time comes, you will find us profitable for ministry. Pastor Goodman will review our status annually.

Please pray for us. We are committed to working through these issues. We are counting on you to pray for us. Thank you for sending us to Guyana. Thank you for understanding this needed pause in our ministry for the sake of our home and family.

The work in Guyana is covered. American missionaries or trusted nationals will steward every resource you purchased.

We realize more than ever, this is the Lord's work and He is the Lord of the harvest. He knew this matter in His will. We know it now. We are grateful for our pastor and our agency who are committed to helping us. We hope you understand and will pray for us.

Looking unto Jesus,

The Rhoades Family, Ephesians 3:20-21



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Dear Pastor and Supporting Churches,

By now you have received a letter from Josh and Vashtee Rhoades regarding the status of their ministry in Guyana. The letter states factually that we are suspending their ministry to further aide them in fortifying their home for future ministry. I support them in this time of nurturing and will be counselling them as they come and work in our church here. Thank you so much for all your faithful support to this point. I am prayerfully hopeful to appeal to you for a reinstatement of support at a time in the future.

Thanks again and God Bless your ministry.

In Him, For Him, By Him,



Pastor J. Barry Goodman



*"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..."*  
Heb. 12:2