

# Update from Elvin and Juanita Naitram.

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.

Belated newyear greetings to you: We trust that you enjoyed a blessed Christmas season, and wish you much success in the service of our Lord, in the new year. Being aware that we would be leaving Guyana soon, made it a difficult season for us. It was with mixed feelings that we celebrated Christmas.

We left Guyana on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January, after serving there for two months short of 21 years.

It was a decision that we made with a heavy heart. Not that we wanted to leave Guyana, but circumstances indicated otherwise. Considering our advanced age. (I am approaching 79 years, and Juanita recently celebrated her 74<sup>th</sup> Birthday). Some health problems, of which you are familiar, as well as the physical needs of the ministry in Guyana, we think that this is the right time to leave. We are presently living with our daughter Sharon and her family in St.Marten. They have prepared a very comfortable apartment for us.

We thank the Lord for giving us with the opportunity to serve among the least of the Brethren in Guyana. It has been the crowning experience in our personal lives, and of our ministry. You have made a significant contribution to the Lord's work there. we acknowledge this, and express our sincere appreciation to all of you who have encouraged us, prayed for us, or provided financial assistance to us. Considering the fact that we went to Guyana without ever going on deputation, we are often amazed by the way, and the different people that our Lord used to provide for us. There are several of you who we have never met personally, and in all likelihood we will not meet till we meet at Jesus' feet, a day that we look forward to with much anticipation. We encourage you to continue to be faithful in well doing, knowing that the Lord is not unfaithful to forget your work of faith and labour of love, and the comfort you have provided to His servants.

We cannot really express how difficult it is to leave the brethren who for 20 years we have shared mutual love and concern. Brethren who depended on us for all kinds of support: Whether it is spiritual, physical, financial or otherwise. Apart from a short period when our son Jesse and his family were with us: These Brethren were the only family that we had. We have never been away from them for a period greater than a month.

In the meantime: Bro. Salvador who is a missionary from Mexico is taking over the overall responsibility of the ministry. Pray for him, especially about his immigration status, and his adjustment to the different culture. Also remember the nationals who are involved in the ministry at the different churches: Bro. Hosea who is at the pastor at Kairuni, and Bro. Roberts, the pastor at Rupertee. They both are Amerindians, working among their own people.

As to the future: We have no immediate plans other than to visit our children, grand-children, and relatives. Spending time with any of them has been very limited in the last 20 years. We will continue to seek God's will for the future. A pastor may retire, but a servant must always be available to his master, till he calls him home.

We request your continued prayers for us as we make this transition.

Again we say thanks, and wish you God's richest blessings.

Sincerely,  
Elvin and Juanita.