



Reformation Christian Ministries

Poettcker's Prayer Partners

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Greetings to you in the name of our faithful God and Father!

It is an incredible reality that God sees our work and our labor of love. Yet, even then, we must always be reminded that "our best works are stained with sin" and none of them are good in themselves.

And so we look to Him for grace and forgiveness and continue to serve and labor in the calling He has given to us. We are always keenly aware that we cannot do this without the help of faithful prayer partners. Your ongoing partnership with us is also a *labor of love* that is *shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.*

The Lord has provided a beautiful "chain of ministry" in our work and each "link" is so important. Constantly we pray that the Lord would encourage you and give you a sense of fulfillment in partnership with us.

If you know of others who would like to receive the PPP and be a prayer partner, please let me know. Please continue to pray for our ministry and for prayer partners.

CLA Graduation May, 2007

This year CLA (Christian Liberty Academy) had eleven students graduate. Five are from China, three from Guyana but living in Suriname, one from Brazil, one from Suriname, and one from South Korea (our valedictorian). One of these is Ishwardat ("Romeo") Arjune, who is a professing member of FPC (First Presbyterian Church).

Many of these will be going on to various Colleges to pursue further studies; some to the United States, others in their home country. In their English class they made up a booklet where each one wrote of how thankful they were for their experiences and the education they had at CLA. Some had been in CLA from the earliest grades in Elementary.

I was privileged to give the graduation address. The theme was, **God's formula for a successful future**, and was based on, *For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light* (Psalm 36:9).

The grade eleven class did themselves proud by putting on a great spread of food for all who attended the graduation exercises. God has blessed CLA, and it was a great joy to be a part of graduation. We trust you also see how you share in it, through your partnership with us.

For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

[Hebrews 6:10]



Graduating Class of 2007



Valedictorian for 2007, Sung Min Park of South Korea

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Another book shipment is on its way!

A very important part of ongoing ministry for CLA is the yearly book shipment. As some of you may know, we use an American curriculum and so all our books are from sources in the U.S.

Each year Nirmala Hamid, with help from others, does an inventory and submits an order. Then Mrs. Donnan orders the books and by the end of May I buy added materials and supplies. In June I pack it all and prepare it for shipping. Usually, by the middle of June, David Card and I drive down to Miami with a rented truck and we pack the boxes on pallets at a shipper. The shipment leaves on a Friday and arrives in Suriname in about 10 days. In the meantime Asgar Hamid gets the receiving company in Suriname to do all the paper work. This year the shipment should hopefully arrive on July 2. Then, the “fun” begins! By that I mean, the challenge to get the shipment cleared through customs. Sometimes it can take over a month to clear. It is hardly “fun” but, God willing, eventually the shipment gets to the school.

The process involves a good deal of prayer and perseverance, along with some anxiety if there are delays; since the sooner we get the books, the sooner we can get them ready for use in the new school year. Please pray for the shipment!

The Lord provides workers for 07-08!

In the past PPP we made known to you the need for people to help in teaching at CLA. It is amazing how each year the Lord does provide all that we need. May that be an encouragement to you, as you desire from Him to provide for you. It is an unspeakable comfort to be assured that He never withholds anything that is good from His people.

In God’s providence and grace we are so thankful to announce the following:

Keith McCalmon is originally from Guyana but has been living in Suriname. He had already begun working at CLA in the past year, in grade 6, and will take Hannah Moughon’s place. We are very thankful for his work at CLA and pray that he may continue to enjoy his work in grade 6. We now have a complete slate of teachers for the Elementary.

Courtney Withington has decided to return for a second year of work at CLA. This is a real provision from the Lord, since she had worked in the HS English courses and will now be able to take on further courses in the new school year. Please pray for her as she spends the summer at home, and gets ready to return.

Lance Visser is from Mount Vernon, Washington. He has just graduated from College with a Bachelors in Science and will be teaching the higher Maths and Sciences, as well as one HS English course. He seemed to smile (through emails) when we asked him about being willing to teach an English course; since he had originally considered a major in English. Being able to teach the higher maths and sciences will be a great help to Rev. Hamid, who has been teaching most of them in the past. So thank the Lord for this provision.

Tony Jakub is from Maryland. He is an older gentleman who has some past teaching experience in Elementary. We are thankful that he is willing to help us with some Jr. High courses.

I am planning on travelling with them all to Suriname; leaving Miami on August 8th. Pray for them as they prepare for their work and life in Suriname.

SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR PRAYER:

- Pray for ongoing work in course development & my work as Dean of Studies with RCM (there is much to do!).
- Pray for Sharilyn in her work as oncology nurse.
- Pray for continued donations for our ministry support.
- Pray for the new teachers coming from the U.S.
- Pray for the ministry of FPC and for the visitors who attend, which often includes students of CLA.
- Pray for the trip to Suriname in August, as I work in both church and school there.



First Presbyterian Church having “mother’s day meal”

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