



COMMEWIJNE RIVER, COMMEWIJNE DISTRICT, SURINAME



MONTH ONE – OCTOBER 2017

Above: Ladies wear traditional clothing (called Pangi- a colourful wrap) on Maroon Day, the national holiday celebrating the heritage of the Maroon people.

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I arrived in Suriname on September 18, 2017 at about 2AM after a bit of a delay in Trinidad. I was graciously greeted by Bro. and Sis. Rhoads. I was so surprised when the church welcomed me with a beautiful flower arrangement and a watercolour painting done by one of the ladies.



experienced growth over the last year since its beginning. There have been 9 baptized and 7 received the Holy Ghost!

Families are being disciplined to develop their relationship with God through a Christian living Bible study designed by the Rhoads'.

I've been involved in the church in Paramaribo by teaching Sunday School, speaking at Ladies' meetings, taking part in home Bible studies, singing and playing piano a little (a prime example how the Lord uses AIM to stretch a person in new directions. I am a poor piano player at best but I am going forward with new motivation to learn!) Below: Sunday School children, Leah and Anna.

Thank you for your supporting me in my AIM endeavor!



Suriname is a very unique country! For such a small country with a population of about 550, 000, the cultural diversity is amazing! The history of Suriname has resulted in the Surinamese people descending from Maroons, Amerindian, Indonesian, Indian and Chinese, among others!

The church in Paramaribo is diverse. It has



One-Year anniversary service at New Hope UPC in Paramaribo!



A lady is baptized in Jesus' name behind the church in October using the portable baptismal tank!



