



OUR MISSION

We are committed to fully demonstrating God’s plan for education: focusing on character development, academic excellence, and applied skills, to enable self-reliance, and to know the joy of unselfish service.



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Mission
Guyana
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- 1 *HHA students stepped out of their comfort zone to conduct nightly meetings, which included song service, scripture reading and presentations based on the life of Nehemiah.*
- 2 *Eagerly, children and adults listened attentively to learn more about God, while our group was thrilled to sense God speaking through us.*
- 3 *Our short time in Siparuta resulted in lasting memories and friendships, but most importantly, the students and villagers grew spiritually. One of the greatest lessons we learned was to depend on God and His divine power.*



CURRENT NEEDS	TOTAL COST	PLEDGED RECEIVED	TOTAL NEEDS
New Girls Dorm	\$1,200,000	\$850,000	\$350,000
Campus Technology	\$60,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Sewer System Upgrade	\$85,000	\$8,000	\$77,000
School Orchard/Garden	\$35,000	\$20,000	\$15,000
Auto Mechanics Lab	\$38,000	\$20,000	\$18,000
Campus Roads and Housing	\$95,000	\$0	\$95,000
Cafeteria Addition and Remodel	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$60,000
Greenhouse Industry	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000

While waiting in Miami for our delayed flight to Guyana, conflicting thoughts crossed my mind. “What if God doesn’t want us to go?” “Maybe the devil is trying to stop us.” A group of us had left Harbert Hills Academy (HHA) on March 13, 2014, bound for the village of Siparuta, Guyana, 2,800 miles away. We had left the comforts of campus life to practice unselfish service, and now our patience was being tested, as we waited 7 long hours for our delayed flight.

Once we finally arrived in Georgetown, Guyana, we prayed there would be no conflicts or obstacles as we went through customs, especially in regard to the Adventist literature we had brought. Providentially, an Adventist customs officer moved us quickly through the process. One of the first lessons I learned upon arriving in Guyana was that God truly answers prayers when we are doing His will.

A few hours later, we reached Skeldon, a small fishing community, from where we would ride a boat to Siparuta, our destination. After 2 full days of traveling, we were exhausted but thankful to arrive safely. Our first project was to fulfill the wish of a widow who had her 7 grandchildren living with her in her small home. On behalf of her grandchildren, her desire was to have construction of her house completed before she passed away. Working in 90-degree weather from morning to evening for 4 days, God enabled us to have an unselfish spirit as we labored together to finish this project.

The students of HHA shared their love of God through unselfish service, thus making a difference in the lives of those with physical and spiritual needs. As it says in Matthew 5:14-16, “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

HHAVOCATIONS

Vocational Classes offer a variety of hands-on training for the students. Classes include some of the following areas: Medical Missionary, Digital Photography, Radio Broadcasting, Woodworking, Auto Mechanics and Auto Body Repair. In the Medical Missionary Class they learn the use of natural remedies for common ailments where an alternative to conventional medicine is sought.

The Digital Photography Class teaches the students about the different settings of the device and where, when and why each one has a specific use. As far as Radio Broadcasting is concerned, they learn to record, program and produce programs, as well as being live on the air. The Woodworking Class helps students fine-tune the art of turning a common piece of wood into a tool, furniture, art or even an instrument. Both Auto Mechanics and Auto Body Repair classes go beyond just the basic oil change and taking bumps out of the vehicle; some students have become highly proficient in diagnosing and solving problems in school, staff and community members' vehicles that range from easy to very complex.

All the classes are taught by well-qualified staff that not only impart the academic requirements, but also incorporate a spiritual aspect to each of the classes. Students must first learn the basics, and throughout the year they practice those tasks. Instructors may either show or ask pupils to research; then the learned skills are put to use. All of the Vocational classes provide real-life skills that can be useful, and can even become a source of future revenue for the students, as they move into careers stemming from these classes. The vocational program at Harbert Hills Academy has something for each student.



“A variety of hands on”



THE MUSICAL SIDE OF HARBERT HILLS

As the Choir and Ensemble went out to provide programs for churches this past school year, many people were blessed by the inspiring music and testimonies presented by our students.

In Birmingham, after we had done a program, some of the church members met together and decided to donate instruments, choir music and music stands to Harbert Hills Academy. What a blessing!

During the last week of the school year, time was set aside to record numbers by the Choir and several small groups. Using equipment loaned by Alec and Sharon Doren, students got busy practicing and recording. As a result, their music will be available in the future to bless and inspire others.

Another talented group of student musicians is anticipated for this coming school year, and we will soon start putting the Choir and Ensemble trips on the calendar.

If you would like to schedule the Choir and Ensemble for your church, contact Brenda Dickman at 731-225-7627, or call the school office at 731-925-3098.



ESL class on tour *by Selma Houston*

What a wonderful opportunity it was for my husband and me to host 9 of our Harbert Hills Academy ESL (English as a Second Language) students from Korea, as we took a 6-day sightseeing trip to Washington, D.C.; Battle Creek, Michigan; and St. Louis, Missouri.

On our “DC in a Day” tour, we visited the U.S. Capitol, the White House, the Smithsonian Museum, the World War II Memorial, the National Museum of American History, and the Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial.

The Historic Adventist Village in Battle Creek, Michigan, came alive for us through an educational and interactive tour, which included a restored log cabin, a one-room schoolhouse, a church and the homes of our pioneers.

It was inspiring to visit the home where Ellen White and her family lived and where she wrote the book, The Great Controversy.

We learned about early Adventist history and how God worked through James and Ellen White and John Harvey Kellogg.

In St. Louis, Missouri, the Tom Sawyer River Boat took us out on the Mississippi River for a 1-hour cruise, during which a narration provided a historical overview of the area and explained the role this working river still plays today.

Later, an enclosed tram lifted us to the top of the 630-foot Gateway Arch, giving us a breathtaking view of St. Louis. At the Museum of Western Expansion, we were taken back in time by the tools, animals and wagons of Native Americans and early explorers.

This once-in-a-lifetime adventure for our group will long be remembered by each one of us. Rather than just reading about it, we got close up to some of the history related to the United States and to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

