

Thousands benefit from Project Life/ Victory International

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Thousands of Guyanese of all backgrounds have benefited from the partnership of Project Life and Victory International, two charities committed to providing medical aid to Guyana.



Representatives of Project Life and Victory International following the presentation of a specialty wheelchair to a five-year old cerebral palsy patient in Guyana, last month.

Project Life, is a local non-profit organization in Guyana and Victory International, a charity based in Raleigh, North Carolina, U.S.A.

The two groups continually lend support to the local health sector by helping to provide citizens with dental health, eye care outreach and much needed basic drug supplies.

In the past, the two charities combined efforts to distribute medical supplies to prisoners, the elderly, orphans, children, and dozens of Guyanese organizations, groups, and churches.

This September, Project Life will once again be receiving members of Victory International. Leading the Raleigh group is Dr. Mark S. Vasconcellos, a Guyanese who resides in Raleigh, North Carolina.

This is the second visit for the Raleigh group.

Last month, Dr. Vasconcellos and his colleagues, Pastor Joel Beckham, and Mrs. Anna Elliott of All Nations Church, Raleigh, N.C. visited Guyana.

According to Dr. Mark Vasconcellos, their work has expanded based on the requests from the local population.

“We have persons who would contact our local counterparts (Project Life) which is headed by Mr. Vibert Parvatan for constant assistance.

We have local doctors and eye care professionals who partner with us. They would distribute eye wear and medicine, based on requests from persons who contact (Mr. Parvatan) and Project life for assistance.”

“All services and donations provided by Project Life and Victory International are free of charge to the people of Guyana,” he added.

Dr. Vasconcellos explained that the work of the two charities also includes distributing basic over-the-counter medicine to the local population.

Even as the nation faces a country-wide drug shortage, he said that the group continues to supply hundreds of Guyanese with a number of basic drugs.

These include ibuprofen and other basic pain killers.

In addition to the humanitarian aid, Dr. Vasconcellos shared that local churches also benefit from the outreach. “We also conduct theological training.”

Quoting the words of Mahatma Gandhi “the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others,” Dr. Vasconcellos said that the work of Project Life and Victory International embodies this type of service.

Project life is represented by the local directors Mr. Vibert Parvatan and Ambassador Rudy Collins.

During the month of April, Project Life and the Raleigh team partnered with volunteers from the Cheddi Jagan Dental Centre and a local doctor attached to a dental and medical clinic in Enterprise, East Coast Demerara. All patients were provided with free examinations, cleanings, fillings, and extractions while receiving dental supplies. Medical patients received free medical diagnoses for physical ailments.

The group also presented a specialty wheelchair to a five-year old Guyanese child from Linden who suffers from Cerebral Palsy. The child’s mother was overcome with joy to receive the wheelchair. She stated, after much fasting and praying to God, her prayers were finally answered.