



# WICKWIRE FAMILY GUYANA PROJECT



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## ANIMAL (& INSECT) HOUSE

At first all I could see were the silhouetted ears of the rat backlit against the single working light bulb that was suspended by two twisted wires from the dining room ceiling. Soon another rat appeared on the wall and strolled down to join the first one on the top of the counter that divided the living and dining rooms. Together they began chewing loudly on something and then, to round out the rodent collection, a bat began circling the room and up and down the hallway. Karen and I were in bed under a mosquito net in the living room on the first night staying in our rented house. Karen was already asleep and I didn't wake her to enjoy the spectacle that was unfolding before me. The boys were on another bed in the same room as the bedrooms were uninhabitable along with most of the other rooms in the house, missing floor boards, pieces of siding and broken windows gave most any critters free roam of the place. In many places the termites have eaten away the entire core of the boards leaving a paper thin layer of paint on either side, it's easy to spot those places as there is a pile of fine sawdust on the floor leaving evidence of them working on their next meal. While there is plumbing in the house the water tank outside is mysteriously located at floor level, not high enough to provide water to even the toilet. To collect water we put a barrel in one of the bedrooms and during heavy rain we hold a five foot long piece of gutter under one of the leakiest places in the eaves trough and fill the drum and any other containers we can find, that's if it rains long enough.



Our collection of wildlife is worthy of a zoo, including; rats that chew on the walls, 2" cockroaches, an assortment of ants including some large winged ones that are dying in droves and we have to sweep them up daily by the dustpan load, bats that we can hear flying around our beds at night (I am dreading one getting caught up in the mosquito net), lizards, frogs, 8" land crabs, fist sized spiders and other truly remarkable insects (both in size and col-

our). At 2 am the other morning something much larger than a rat jumped in the kitchen window with a thump, we could hear it walking around and then it ran under our bed and while we waved the flashlight wildly around slipped out through a large hole in the wall, we never saw it but I am hoping it was an ordinary house cat.

So after a few days of working through the issues we felt that with some time and effort we could make the house liveable in spite of the pitfalls; then a bar unexpectedly opened up directly across the street. They play music incredibly loud, from mid afternoon to 11:00 pm or even later and it is truly intolerable in the house, remarkably the boys seem able to sleep through it however they also are absorbing the lyrics, which are definitely not healthy. There is another "disco" on the other side of the house too, we knew about that one but now they seem to be competing for business by playing music louder and louder.

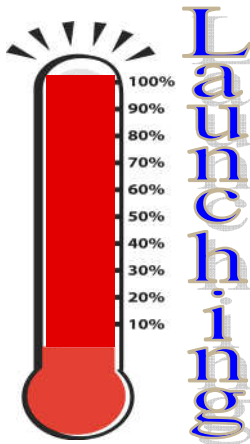
So with that we had been praying that we would find another suitable place to live. Then we heard about a house that might be available that is above a store out past the school, Karen and I went out there and they invited us to come back at 5 pm to meet with them and look at it. Their names are Godfrey and Anne, his family has been here since 1913 on this same property and this house was built in the 40's, they operate the shop on the main floor but they live in a house a short distance away. We went back to see it and when we walked in it was amazing, not that it's a castle compared to what we might find in Canada but after where we have been for the last week it seems like it. There are high ceilings and a spacious living room that is open to a full length veranda with wood frame windows that swing out, it even comes with furniture. They have several cats that roam free to keep the rat and bat population under control, he told us that they would eat any food we left out so we just have to put it away, if they keep the rats away they can have it as far as I am concerned. It is a small farm, they have cows, goats, pigs, chickens, ducks and I am not sure what else, we told him he is welcome to put the boys to work with the animals if he needs help. There is a big garden area too, they don't do much with it other than the flowers and shrubs but we can plant things if we want too. Most importantly it is quiet though, no competing bars or boom boxes, we are so thankful to have something that we can settle into and we have made arrangements to move in next week.

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

## PROJECT CONTRIBUTIONS

Our launching goal has been met, thank you! The container is due to arrive in Georgetown on October 28.

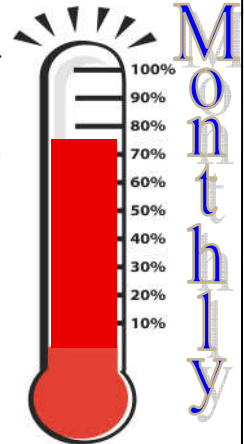
Other areas requiring funding are:  
Aircraft operations, fuel and maintenance for transportation of medical teams and gospel workers into remote villages.  
Permanent housing for the Wickwire's and the Labore's  
Hanger for the airplane at the Mabaruma Airstrip



## MONTHLY SUPPORT

We are currently at approximately 75% of our monthly support goal of \$4,700, this is our greatest need. Donations on a monthly basis are the best for our budgeting but other regular intervals are fine too.

Monthly support can be provided by using the online credit card processing, Pay Pal or with post dated cheques to one of the address' listed in the contact information



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the Rutland SDA Church



ONE OF OUR WELCOME  
HOUSE GUESTS

## PRAYER SUPPORT

- Please pray for Jacob and Zachary's school, classmates and teachers in Mabaruma.
- Please pray that we will meet key contacts that God has been working with in the villages.
- Please pray for the safe operation of the airplane.
- Pray for a reliable and reasonably priced source of aviation fuel for the airplane.
- Pray for the health and safety of each of our project team.



Our first month here has been spent primarily getting situated with housing and learning the logistics of living here. The boys are in school in Mabaruma and are making lots of new friends, they have both been afflicted with stomach bugs but have recovered quickly. The heat gets to us sometimes but generally it is just a matter of drinking lots and lots of water.

The scenery is beautiful, especially the morning mist. We have been enjoying what fruits we have available, avocado's just finished, we have been husking and grating our own coconuts, the other day the boys and I climbed up the grapefruit tree and poked the ripe ones with a stick and Karen caught them.

We miss you all back home, you are in our thoughts and prayers daily.

Jud, Karen, Jacob and Zachary Wickwire  
Check our Web Log at; [www.flywfh.org/blog/index.htm](http://www.flywfh.org/blog/index.htm)