

An appeal for support from THE CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Guyana, South America



The Guyana economic and social conditions are rapidly crumbling. Local conditions in the Linden Region of Guyana, challenges the survival of single female mothers and children. Poverty, unemployment and social inequities that affect the single unemployed mother and their children, has reduced our women and girls to social mendicants and sex workers from as young as 9 years of age, while the men eke out an existence in whatever odd jobs around. This has produced new cultures where women have lost their dignity, will submit to all forms of sexual perversion as means of survival. The result is unwanted pregnancies, a rise in the single parent family, HIV/AIDS and delinquency.

The Christian Development Foundation, a faith based NGO of the Fruits of Calvary Assembly of God Church has set up a programme to assist in meeting the needs and survival of the poor who find themselves without power or a voice to determine their own destiny due to poverty. Sustainable livelihood is a benchmark for affirming, opposing and seeking changes in the lives of women and children. In some cases, even men benefited from past projects.

“We believe because of human failings and sin we fall short of these obligations in this region, but we continue to live in the light of God’s promised future that ultimately there will be no hunger. This makes us restless with less than what God intends for us in

this Region of Guyana” said Reverend Morian, the senior minister of the Fruits of Calvary Assembly of God Church.

Rev Renis Morian came from the streets of Georgetown Guyana where he was a gang leader. Through the support of the church he attended university and holds a bachelors degree in social science, advanced diploma in statistics and management, diploma in theology and a diploma in disaster management. He has worked as a consultant in community development, disasters, and youth and women projects. Pastor Morian also sits on the regional administration as a volunteer with responsibility for tenders and oversight of the works department.

“This human torment is a tragedy for a country with a population of only 800,000 people and 87,000 square miles of land. Guyanese people should have enjoyed full lives but the politics of race, a thriving drug culture, violence and nepotism has stripped us of our humanity and ability for upward mobility. The poor are living precariously between subsistence and deprivation, and the lack of access to the basic necessities of life means they cannot maintain their human dignity” continues Reverend Morian.

The CDF as a faith based NGO commits to address creatively the complex causes of poverty, provide opportunities through community projects for women and children

to enable them to live as normal human beings and give as volunteers to relieve poverty and invest in initiatives, bringing hope and produce sustainable livelihoods

“Through these simple efforts we support individuals learning to produce trust, accountability, fidelity in relationships, discipline, diligence, responsibility in work, frugality, prudence and temperance in the use of resources and compassion and justice towards other people” said Pastor Morian

Reverend Morian is reaching out to partners, friends, churches and organisations to help support the development of women and children in poverty in Guyana by providing counsel, food and clothing to those in need. They aim to execute a single female parent backyard agriculture project for sustainable livelihoods, capacity building workshops, youth/child HIV/AIDS prevention education programmes, support groups and community-based efforts that will enable low income people to obtain sustainable livelihoods and advocate policies that effectively address the causes of poverty.

Reverend Morian and the CDF are requesting your prayers, offers of support and encouragement. If you require further information contact moriman53@yahoo.com or visit www.byhisgrace.cc/christdevelop. You can write to Reverend Morian at 263, Blue Berry Hill Wismar Linden Guyana or Tel: 592 442 0168 or 592 624 2982.

