



# Reformation Christian Ministries

## Poettcker's Prayer Partners

August – September – October 2007

Greetings in the name of our faithful heavenly Father!

Truly our God is faithful; even in our failures and shortcomings, He remains faithful. In His faithfulness I was able to be in Suriname for the beginning of another school year and for ministry in the church.

I had the privilege to use those words from James as the opening devotions with the teachers; as we began another school year at Christian Liberty Academy (CLA) in Suriname. Of course the “*teachers*” mentioned in James 3 refers especially to teachers in the Church, but also applies to teachers in a Christian school. The Lord reminded us how we are to teach students, *by good conduct*, and *in the meekness of wisdom*, and even to teach without being *self-seeking* (James 3:13-16). It takes a good deal of God-given humility to teach; for indeed we *all stumble in many things*.

Rev. Hamid, as Administrator, introduced and welcomed the new teachers. He then went over the “teacher’s procedures and guidelines” which are relevant to each new school year.

In the past PPP I introduced the new teachers. Now I again ask you to keep them in prayer as they continue to acclimate to their calling and work at CLA.

If you know of people who may be interested in teaching in Suriname, please put them in touch with me.

### CLA Student Enrollment

We are thankful for how the Lord has blessed CLA with students. This year we already have a record number of students for this early in the school year. Many of our grades are full and we have a waiting list of students.

In fact this has created another problem! We were short of text books for some courses and I will plan to take the added ones down when I plan to go again at the end of November.

God willing I will be there again for the end of the first semester, but also I will be able to be present so that the church (First Presbyterian Church-FPC) can have at least two Elders present for various aspects of ministry.

We do require at least two Elders to be present for certain matters, like the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. We also have two cases of church discipline that continue to be a concern and require pastoral care.

Please pray for the ministry of FPC in Suriname.

*...let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive the stricter judgment. For we all stumble in many things...*

[James 3:1,2]



Lance Visser in Physics class



Tony Jakub in Grade 7 class

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## CLA Students in August 2007

Country of Origin		Religion/ Denomination	
China	93	“Unknown/undeclared”	106
Suriname	60	“Catholic”	59
Guyana	47	“Christian”	44
Brazil	51	Hindu	21
United States	13	Assemblies of God	19
Indonesia	11	Pentecostal	17
Holland	13	Muslim	11
Haiti	5	Reformed & Presb.	10
India	5	Cults & Misc.	11
Korea	4	Buddhist	6
Peru	4	Moravian & Brethren	6
Sri Lanka	3	Baptist	4
Canada	3	Seventh Day Adventist	2
Venezuela	2	Christian Miss. Alliance	1
Dominican	2		
Africa	1		

Once again, you see the wide diversity of students! What a blessing and responsibility God has given to all who are involved in working at CLA.

### Broader dimensions to ministry as “Dean of Studies”

In addition to my continuing work and involvement with the school and church in Suriname, I am increasingly more involved in the work of being the Dean of Studies for Reformation Christian Ministries.

I have already been working in this capacity in developing the Bachelor of Education program for Reformation International College (RIC), and I will continue to work on this program. However the same kind of development is needed in other programs and courses in RIC, as well as in the various programs for Reformation International Theological Seminary (RITS). In addition I will be grading the day to day work of the students in these programs.

Please pray for God to bless the work I do with RIC & RITS.

## Enrollments in the B.Ed. Program!

We have had two students enrolled in the Bachelor of Education program; both are also working at CLA in Suriname. They are making good progress in their studies.

It has been our prayer that God might use this program to train the future teachers for CLA. Imagine the blessing it will be to CLA to have locally-trained and qualified teachers, so that we may even get to the place where we will not repeatedly be so desperate to find help from North America!

On my most recent trip to Suriname, two more students enrolled in the B.Ed. Both are graduates of CLA but are currently only taking selective courses.

Please pray for this program and its development.

### **SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR PRAYER:**

- Pray for ongoing work in course development & my work as Dean of Studies with RCM (there is much to do!).
- Pray for Sharilyn in her work as oncology nurse, and especially for the treatment she is receiving for her knees.
- Pray for continued donations for our ministry support.
- Pray for Courtney, Lance, and Tony as they teach at CLA.
- Pray for the ministry of FPC and for the visitors who attend, which regularly includes students of CLA.
- Pray for the trip to Suriname at the end of November, as I work in both church and school there.



**CLA students waiting for ride home after day in classes**

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