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The ability to mentor is an essential leadership skill; in addition to managing and motivating people, it is also important to help others learn, grow, and become more effective in their roles. "By mentoring young people you can play an instrumental role in developing their career." Contact us about a mentoring partnership to learn more!

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Restoring Hope Through Compassion

THE GRADUATES: Future Doctors

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The University of Guyana Medical School

The University of Guyana Medical School has been in existence since 1985 and celebrated over 350 doctor graduates who now serve in Guyana, the Caribbean, North America and England, and have made significant contributions to health and health science education in these countries.



Graduate Josh Ramah



Graduate Practice Douglas (right)



Graduate Faqueeda Watson

Texila American University in Guyana

Texila American University (TAU) offers several post graduate medical programs that fit the demand for many physicians around the world.



Josh and George

Excerpt from George: Hi doctor!! Please message me if you are available in Guyana during my graduation time...wish you all the best for your future. May God bless you abundantly for helping and feeding poor people…I always like working with you…Thank you so much for the love and affection which you gave me throughout my life….[I] will remember always…😘❤️ Also I had a wonderful learning [experience] [I] got a chance to meet wonderful and talented personalities…Thank you so much. - Georgiiiiiiii



George and Patricee

Bridges/Deskan Medical Mission to Guyana 2015

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It was with great anticipation, I awaited this year's mission and it certainly didn't disappoint! It began in grand style with a general meeting of all the volunteers (Medical students, Doctors, Lion's Club Members [etc.]) at Project Dawn. The sorrel drink served was certainly the best I have ever had! Everyone was made to feel comfortable and immediately became friends… The food was great and the company even better. Hence, the mission began on the right foot.

It was definitely an honor working under Dr. Liverpool's supervision. She showered me with love, support and great counsel. In [a] matter of days, I [learned] quite a lot from her…From taking a proper history to doing a thorough physical examination. I felt privileged to offer my services to my fellow Guyanese through this medical outreach. I came into contact with many persons, of all different walks of life, and each of them left an impact on me. **It was simply seeing the smiles of gratitude on their faces that melted my heart and made me say to myself "you are at right place, doing the right thing".** Some persons even ventured to proclaim how thankful they were for what the mission was doing. It's moments like those that make life worth living…Moments where you can bring a smile to another human being's face. As Doctor King rightly said "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'what are you doing for others?" During this mission, I was reminded of why I love volunteering and it really did rekindle the drive I have for it…This mission added more purpose to my life!

I am extremely happy I was given this wonderful opportunity for a second time and I am looking forward to next year!

Kudos to Deskan and Bridges, job well done!

Patricee Douglas

Bridges/Deskan Medical Mission to Guyana 2015

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Exceptional Service to the Guyanese Community Award





A message from the Dean of University of Guyana Medical School:

The Making of a Doctor

"It takes a special kind of person to become a physician. Being a medical doctor involves a person with direct responsibility for the life and welfare of the patient currently under treatment.
It therefore goes without saying that any one training to practice in the field of medicine must not only be competent, capable, and intelligent, but must also ensure that the level of training which is imparted to them must be exceptionally thorough."

Dr. Dalgleish Joseph, Director of the University of Guyana School of Medicine



George Scaria performing an EKG

Ms. Leonia Skyte: Coordinator of Bridges/ Deskan Global Medical Outreach Mission 2015, teaching medical students how to prepare give-away items!



The Pharmacy: Josh, Pharmacy Assistant: Alex



Marcel, George, and Josh



Leona Skyte

Clinical Rotation White Coat Ceremony



Tanish Jerrick, Third Year (In White) with Mother: Ms. Barbara Bobb-Jerrick

White Coat Ceremony 2015

Morgan Kiyanna Biggs

Morehouse School of Medicine First Year Medical Student: Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), located in Atlanta, Ga., was founded in 1975 as the Medical Education Program at Morehouse College. In 1981, MSM became an independently chartered institution. MSM is among the nation's leading educators of primary care physicians and was recently recognized as the top institution among U.S. medical schools for our social mission. Our faculty and alumni are noted in their fields for excellence in teaching, research and public policy.

About the American International School of Medicine (AISM):

ASIM began in 1999 and since has had over 250 medical doctors graduate. They are in specialty clinical training and or practicing medicine in the USA, Guyana, UK, Pakistan, Trinidad & Tobago, and other countries worldwide. AISM's focus is on training physicians who can excel in patient-care, research, and education as a part of their professional development process.



Doreen Morgan (mother) Morgan Kiyanna Biggs (in white lab coat) and Dr. Joan Liverpool

White Coat Ceremony Cont.



Haiti Earthquake 2010

Morgan's Haiti mission trip summary can be found in the March 1, 2010 issue of On Common Ground News: Chamblee High Senior Reflects on Mission Work in Haiti after the Quake by Joshua Smith and Cross Road News of March 6, 2010, Chamblee High Senior makes a difference on Haiti Medical Mission by Jennifer French Parker



Portions of Life

This world we adore bears a burden to share
A thousand pairs of wishes left bare
We do not know, sometimes we do not care
To hear of all the treasures not shown;
Then to awake within the spirit of these,
The people who make this world worthwhile,
Let their wish capture the spirit, in glee,
For the times we care.

C E Liverpool, Another Day's Journey © 1996) Let there be Hope for the Children of Haiti

Preventative Health Advocates Graduation

Graduation for 20 Refugee Women that Represent the DeKalb County Refugee Population

Women Watch Afrika (WWA) is a non-profit, non-governmental, grassroots women's organization focused on alleviation of gender discrimination and the development of women and girls. WWA provides services for refugee women from the following countries: Bosnian, Botswana, Burundi, Chad, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Congo, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somali, South Africa, Sudan, The Gambia, Togo, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.



Glory Kilanko, Director and CEO of Women Watch Afrika.



Preventative Health Advocates Graduation, Year 2



Donate Your Time This Thanksgiving

Make This Thanksgiving One to Remember



It's only the beginning of November, but images of turkey and stuffing and pumkpin pie are already filling our thoughts and turning our tummies. This Thanksgiving DESKAN has an opportunity to do more than lounge in a food-coma all weekend. DESKAN is in need of volunteers to distribute Thanksgiving baskets to families in need in the community.

Did you know that women are more likely to suffer from poverty than men?



DESKAN's Woman and Children Shelter Feeding Program

Although women make tremendous contributions in society today, often women's contributions are not valued in the same way as men's. As a result, women consistently find themselves at a lower economic status than men. The majority of poor people in not only Africa, but the entire world are female. ***Women and girls make up 70% of the world's 1.5 billion people living in absolute poverty.*** Systematic gender discrimination and the denial of women's basic human rights is tthe major cause of poverty. The fact is that 1. women as a group are poorer than men, 2. women's poverty is more severe than men's, and 3. the rate of poverty among them is increasing, which is reffered to as the "feminization of poverty". Join DESKAN today to help reverse this epidemic!



Donated School Supplies

Give the Gift that Keeps on Giving

Donations

Make the joy of this holday season remain in your heart through the next year by donating your time or items to families in need.



Items Needed:

<u>Lifestyle</u>
Blankets
Toiletries
Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Mouthwash
Floss

<u>Infant Care</u>
Bottles
Pacifiers
Formula
Food

<u>School Items</u>
Uniform/Clothes
Backpacks
Pens/Pencils/
Sharpeners etc

<u>Office Supplies</u>
Computers
Copying Paper
HP Ink 60 & 61

<u>Medical Supplies</u>
Antibacterial Ointments
Cough Syrup

<u>Pantry</u>
Canned Goods
Meats: Chicken Ham Turkey
Aluminum Foil
Plastic Cling Wrap
Zip-Lock Baggies
Paper and Plastic Utinsels



Visit us in Guyana!

Representatives Leona Kyte (Guyana) and Precella Speid-Isaacs (New Jersey Rep) are available to assist you.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS

Without the help, hard work, and time dedicated by others, we would not be the organization that we are today, nor have the ability to help those in need. A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers!

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Leona Kyte

Fay Blackwood

Kendra Robinson

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Kanel Liverpool

Dionne Liverpool

Jamal Liverpool

Renee Liverpool

LA'Tranese SAPP

Samantha Orr

Kersey Jerome

Isaiah Givan

Seventh Day Bachelor's Adventist Church

Ebenezer Congregational Church—Ann's Grove

Church of God—Plaisance

Global Christian Network Ministry—Berbice

Gethsemane Gospel Church

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Gwendolyn Dean

Gerry Carter

Sierra Willis-Bell

Kevin Polk

Anetrice Terry

Christie Michelle

Unity of Faith

Crossroads Presbyterian Church

Emmanuel A.M.E. Zion Church

Cherry Jeffers

Cherise Holder

Anatrice Terry

RJ Terry

Chris Terry

Arlene Stoll

Edith Ramirez



Ms. Leona Kyte, coordinator of Deskan Guyana, making a donation to Juanita Barker for her grandmother



Donations of a computer, fans, and fridge to Company Road Primary School

Want to Become a Volunteer?

Utilize your skills within our organization through program planning, mentoring, food packing, sorting clothes, distribution, client intake, and administration.

You may also submit your specific volunteer requests: 'To whom much is given much is required.'

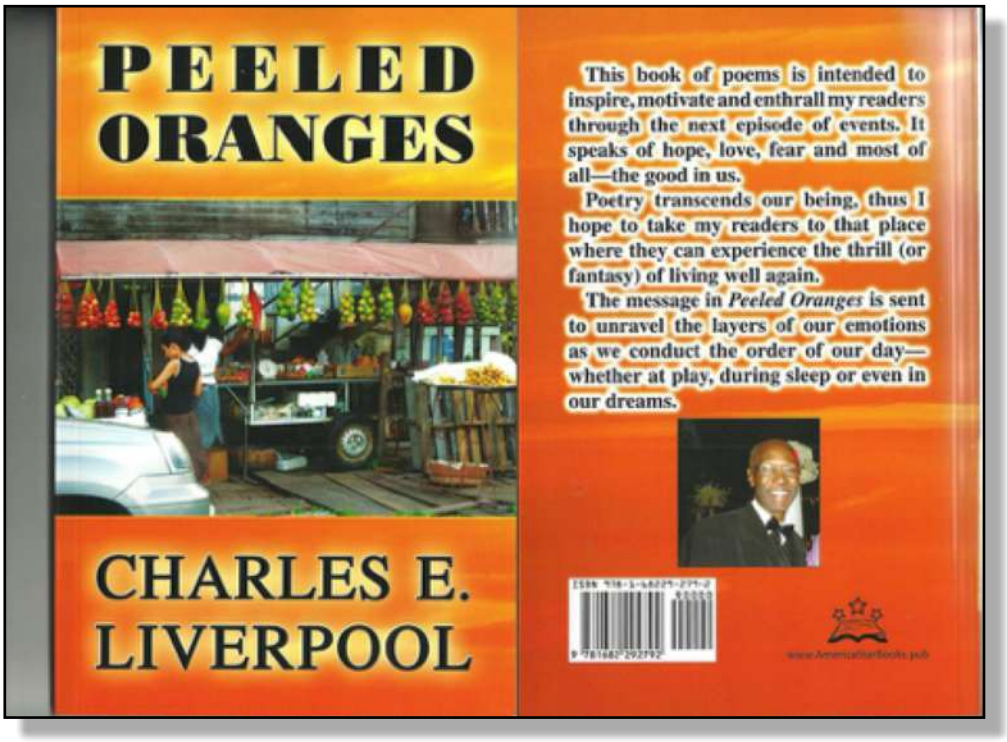
We invite you to extend your hand by giving your time and talent to an important cause:

“helping the needy”

Help make a difference

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Peeled Oranges



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Thanksgiving Dinner Give-Away

DESKAN INSTITUTE AND TRAINING, INC.

When? Monday, November 23rd

10AM-2PM

Where? Crossroads Presbyterian Church

5587 Redan Road

Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Why? Together, we will feed over 200 families

How you can help:

Items Needed:

Ham
Sweet Potatoes/Candied Yams
Corn
Rolls
Fruit Salad
Salad
Misc. Veggie Dishes
Chicken
Onion
Mashed Potatoes
Stuffing/Dressing Gravy
Green Bean Casserole
Cranberry Sauce
Pumpkin Pie
Pecan Pie
Apple Pie
Cobbler (usually blackberry)
Carrots
Collar Greens

