



# PEOPLES TEMPLE

OF THE  
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Jim Jones,  
Pastor

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*For I was as hungry  
and ye gave me meat:  
I was thirsty  
and ye gave me drink:  
I was a stranger  
and ye took me in,  
Naked, and ye clothed me:  
I was sick, and ye visited me:  
I was in prison,  
and ye came unto me.*

*How shall the righteous  
Answer him, saying,  
When saw we thee as hungry  
and fed thee?  
Or thirsty,  
and gave thee drink?  
When saw we thee a stranger  
and took thee in?  
Or naked, and clothed thee:  
Or when saw we thee sick?  
Or in prison,  
and came unto thee?  
And came unto thee?*

*Verily I say unto you,  
Inasmuch as ye have done it  
unto one of the least of these,  
ye have done it unto me."*

Matthew 25:37-40

Dear Friends:

Greetings to you from Rev. and Mrs. Jones and the members of Peoples Temple both in Guyana and in the United States. We wanted to share with you some very significant good news which we have just received.

The U.S. Ambassador to Guyana and several representatives from the U.S. State Department have made an official report to document their findings upon several visits to the Peoples Temple Agricultural Mission in Guyana. The State Department has in effect refuted every one of the charges made against the Temple and Rev. Jones by the so-called "Concerned Relatives", including Timothy Stoen and a handful of detractors.

That report is documented in the press release which we have prepared for the media and shared with you herein. The reaction of all the State Department visitors to Jonestown: extremely impressed! With this seal of approval by the U.S. Department of State concerning the well-being and happiness of the people there, the provocative and purely disruptive nature of Mr. Stoen's and the "Concerned Relatives" activities — those who continue to cause harassment and charge that the residents of Jonestown are held there against their will — is conclusively revealed.

Many relatives have been visiting their loved ones overseas. A Superintendent of the Methodist Church is there visiting right now. Over 35 guests a day, officials from Guyana and around the world, are paying visits. Their comments, a few of them, are included for you on the back page. There is no doubt that the accomplishments of this model community are highly significant.

We send you warm regards and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your interest and continued support.

Sincerely,

*Andrew M. Silver*  
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an American doctor, who heads a medical network of nearly a thousand physicians and specialists was: "It's mind-boggling to see how you have carved out of the jungle a community that looks just like one in the U.S. and with all the public utilities." One of several Ministers of the Guyanese Cabinet who have visited called it a stunning example of cooperation and love. The Chairman of the Guyanese Livestock Corporation, a veterinarian who has travelled and studied world-wide, said: "The community is the purest form of cooperative living I have ever seen." Dr. De Costa, a dentist from India who founded a dental school he heads in Guyana, said the health care in Jonestown is fantastic. As an example, he said he found only two cavities after examining eighty children. He said that is unheard of.

Contrary to false reports, relatives of residents of Jonestown continue to visit and are made welcome. A Methodist Superintendent and his wife who have two grown children in Jonestown are visiting presently. Just returned from Jonestown is a professional nurse, Mrs. Davis, whose daughter lives on the Project. Mrs. Davis is not affiliated with the Peoples Temple in any way.

She issued the following statement on her return: "I first saw Jonestown, South America on Sunday night April 23, 1978, and I was amazed. To see it, is to believe. To see that people can work and live together, and build such a beautiful town out of what was nothing but jungle. I saw that this town had unity, love for their fellow person and equality for all. To see children laughing, running and playing with no fear or danger for their lives. I saw the work and love that is being put into this new town. The schools, nursery, medical and nursing care was being given to one and all. Even senior citizens have a great part in this new town. They are not cast aside to sit and die, but to help teach the younger their knowledge and know-how that they have.

"Jonestown is something that one must see to appreciate and to know and understand what the people are doing. It is really hard to put on paper what my eyes have seen. So I suggest before anyone makes judgment, they should try to see for themselves. Thanks to Jim Jones and his wife, I was welcome."

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Charge D'Affaires, new assistant to the U.N. Ambassador, Andrew Young: "I am impressed."

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guyana: "Peace and love in action."

Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Works and Transportation, Guyana: "A wonderful experience, a model village community to be emulated."

Head and one of the original members of the MARCO Medical Net (USA): "Incredible, fantastic."

Thirty-five school teachers from the McKenzie District, Guyana: "This is fantastic, beyond one's imagination, miraculous, beautiful, a true example of cooperative living."

Officer in Charge of Guyana, Jamaica, and Trinidad & Tobago, U.S. State Department: "Impressive work."

A writer from one of the largest news agencies in the world: "It is very, very impressive. Thank you for this opportunity, and best wishes."

Head of the Guyana Livestock Corporation, and doctor of veterinary medicine: "The purest form of egalitarian society I have ever seen."

British High Commissioner: "A most impressive start and I wish you all success."

Minister of Education, Guyana: "Very impressive." (The Ministry of Education has accredited all the Jonestown school programs.)

Head Dental Instructor, University of Guyana: "Excellent Community Project."