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"As often as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me." Matt. 25:40

Your support is needed

# BARAMITA, GUYANA

### **BARAMITA NEEDS YOU**

Baramita is located in the remote northern region of Guyana and has a population of about 3,500 people. 95% of the community live in extreme poverty.



#### **ISSUES**

- Food is scarce and families regularly go hungry
- Health care is difficult to access; 80% of the population live at least eight miles from the nearest health post
- There is a lack of a safe water source
- Alcohol abuse is at epidemic levels among the majority of the population, including children
- Distance and lack of financial resources keep scores of children out of school
- Guyana has one of the highest suicide rates in the world, and Baramita's rate is nine times higher than that of the national average

## PHASE I - WE DID IT!

Your generous support successfully raised funds to construct a two story Community Resource Center, including sanitary facilities and a water component! Construction of the Resource Center was completed in December 2020. The Center is being actively used by the community and hosts ongoing trainings and workshops in trades such as carpentry and sewing.





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#### PHASE II NEEDS

In consultation with Baramita village leaders, the decision was made to pivot from building homes to focus on other immediate needs. As such, we are moving forward with these vital projects: the Baramita Library Project, the Baramita Agricultural project (rearing chickens) and the Baramita Plant Husbandry project.

The library project entails building a library in the existing Resource Center so that children will have a safe space to learn, complete schoolwork, and have access to resources such as tablets and textbooks.

The agricultural project will provide 10 families with chickens, feed for one year, and training on how to rear the poultry to produce eggs. Rearing chickens will also facilitate income generation for these families.

We did it again! Through your ongoing generosity, we have already raised sufficient funds to complete both of the above projects!

We are now focusing our efforts on raising funds to implement the plant husbandry project. This program will enable families to grow more fruit and vegetables, provide them with ongoing income, and bolster their food supplies.

### **IMPACT**

These projects will help to provide some basic human necessities, helping to lift the community out of extreme poverty.

## **GOALS & OUTCOME**

To promote social development in the community of Baramita through improved access to food, easy access to skills training opportunities, and sensitization programs.

**BUDGET**: Final budget for the Baramita Plant Husbandry project is pending approval