

## Funeral

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Hi this morning I discovered that one of the young people killed in Waspam was a girl named Shanelli in the second grade. she was also in our English Club. Her mother works with Miss Vicky across the street. People waited all night and all today for all the bodies to come back. The driver lost control of an open truck with 40 people in the back and lost control on a curve. the truck flipped 3 times and 5 people were killed and others injured. All the schools have closed today and thousands of people are in and out of the church across the street all day. The praying and singing continues. this group were helping Stedman do some ADSIM work in Waspam so he and others at ADSIM are greatly affected by this tragedy. I think the funeral will be on Sunday at 1pm and I expect there will be many hundreds of people at the funeral and then they will send the bodies to thier individual churches for another funeral. I was over there for over an hour this morning and the grief was profound. All the students from the school marched in and all went to look in the coffin. Most handled it calmly but others were overcome so it has been a rough day for this community. Representatives from several of the moravian churches were part of this group. On Monday Stedman and I are planning a special service for the young people to find ways to help them actively grieve. By the way Stedman is just recovering from dengue. But he is like the energizing bunny he keeps on going. Just thought I would give you a bit of an update.

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