



BELIEVE FOR BELIZE

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Tom and I were driving into Lucky Strike Village for a Sunday morning service. It was hot...real hot...but the mosquitoes kept our minds occupied so we didn't notice so much. As soon as we arrived at the church I used a short moment to go to the restroom, which most village churches don't have. Just as I was finishing, bats flew in and I was so thankful I had finished the task at hand and could run out appropriately dressed. It could have been one of life's most embarrassing moments! Bats really are not that bad...but it was so unexpected in such a small restroom.

As we were driving in for a two day children's crusade, I noticed children in this remote village and wondered how the Gospel is perpetuated and grows where it seems so few care. A retired pastor drives to Lucky Strike Village from his home in the city every Sunday to preach to a church that is about 80% children. As we arrived, Sis. Amanda was there teaching the children sitting on old wooden pews, happily telling the children about heroes of the Faith. God's faithful people bring the gospel to the next generations. The evening before in this village there had been a murder suicide and the local snake man that



provided entertainment for tourists was bitten in the face by one of the deadliest snakes in Belize. Because of funerals, the service was mostly children. The only instruments they have are a couple of small drums and tambourines that the children play. They were incredible. What if Sis. Amanda just didn't take time to be there each week and walk to church early or plan their lesson? What if that retired pastor felt his job was done? For these children, it would mean they would not hear about a God who can walk through life with them and give them the hope of a Savior and let them know there was someone who cares about them.

Sis. Amanda's life is very different from yours...but the Gospel is still spread only one way...and that is through people that care and work!



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END OF ITINERATION

It was great to be in the states and visit churches and see many friends, but it was great to get back to work in Belize. We arrived the last week of April and found a house. Because the stairwell was so small to the second floor, we had to use creativity to move our stove, refrigerator, and couch into the house. We moved a flatbed trailer under our second story balcony. Next we put a large, heavy picnic table on top of that. Then with the help of Bible School students and two other missionaries, we placed the refrigerator on top of the picnic table and the guys pushed and pulled (and groaned) it over the second floor railing. I must

admit I couldn't watch. I have never seen a refrigerator in as many pieces as that would have been if it had not made it over the rail. It did make it fine. Then we proceeded with the couch and stove. It definitely entertained a guard across the street from us for about 2 hours. He just sat and watched and laughed a few times. I wish I had a picture now...but at that time, it just didn't cross my mind. I must admit I was praying!

We thank all the churches we got to visit for opening their doors and we wish we could have visited all our supporting churches. *Thank you for your support!*



WHY IS NEW HOPE A/G HIGH SCHOOL SO IMPORTANT?

Many villages do not have high schools, so teenagers have to travel to a school in another town. New Hope Assembly of God High School is one of those important schools in Orangetown. Students make a choice to come to New Hope because they have such a good reputation in the area. The principal uses excellent Bible training materials from Global University provided by Light-for-the-Lost for their Bible classes. Students come from many villages and many cultural backgrounds, and the school has the opportunity to influence them during one of the most important times of their lives. The government only pays partial salaries of the teachers at high schools, and because students must purchase books, uniforms, exams,

and pay tuition, the cost is expensive. High School is not required in Belize, so we have students that WANT to attend high school but must drop out every year because their families cannot provide the finances. Your sponsorship of one of these students through [Latin America ChildCare](#) will help them stay in school. For some, sponsoring a high school student is favorable because it is only a 3 or 4 year sponsorship. High school graduation is a must for those who are dedicated students and want to continue their education. Christian teachers have four years to shape their lives. For more information on sponsoring a student at New Hope, go to www.LACC4hope.org. Choose the country of Belize and you can choose a student to sponsor.

A VILLAGE, A DREAM, A PASTOR

Last week we were in the village of Yo Creek, where the church had been closed and left a poor reputation with the village. Carlos Cartagena, had a dream about a church in a village and he really felt like it was a dream from God and he had it twice. At that time he had not seen the church in Yo Creek. He spoke with the executives about pastoring, and the national church sent him to Yo Creek to preach and see what he thought about the church.

When he first arrived, he knew it was the exact church he had seen in his dream. He walked out the side door and saw it was the same tree right outside the door that he had seen in his dream. Then when he walked out behind the church to look, he again realized the land surrounding the church was the exact same as he had seen in his dream. He knew God had sent him

to work in that place. We want to help Pastor Carlos reach his village. The church is built of small trees stripped of their branches, nailed together and there are a few small pews. No fan, no keyboard, no speakers. Nothing more. God loved Yo Creek enough that He sent a dream and a young man listened to the call. The Holy Spirit still guides us as we listen to Him.

An additional note...on Monday this week Pastor Carlos' cousin gave him a cordless mic and he took it and told the church "I don't know what I will do with this, but by faith this is our sound system." Little did he know, a team from Crossroads Church in Oklahoma City, gave us money on Thursday, the same week, to purchase a piano and a small sound system for him. Times may be hard...but not to God! He is our provider. Pray for Yo Creek!

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Church in OKC for youth
ministry!*



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