



GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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After many years Cindy decided it was time for a change. She went from long hair to a "perky" short cut. She likes the new style which is much cooler in these hot tropics. What she didn't expect was the shocked reaction she's gotten from so many people here!

There have been many changes over the last two months. Bill has been asked to take over the youth Sunday school class and to also help out with the youth group that meets every other weekend. So far he has only given one devotional, but felt it went very well. We are hoping these youth will decide to take a step of faith and start attending Sunday worship. Cindy continues to make good friends with the ladies of the church, and has been asked to help out with the women's ministry.

Harvesting our first pineapple. We are so blessed with our garden and God continues to bless our efforts with so much. Our chickens have started laying and we are getting 15 eggs a day. It is fantastic to be able to walk out and get fresh stuff that is chemical/steroid free.



The extra eggs we sell in town or donate to the church, along with any vegetables we cannot can for our own use. Many people are blessed by what the Lord gives us through our property. We have decided to add some sheep at our base. We think they will be a good source of meat, and will help keep some of the grass cut short. One of our 2005 team members, Levi Scott, came to



help us build the sheep pen. He took a two week vacation and enjoyed sweating in the Belizean jungle. We had to dismantle a section of our perimeter fence to install a gate so the sheep can go out and get their food.

While we had the fence down we dug down 15 inches and laid four inch cement blocks. There is a two-fold reason for doing this. First to keep the chickens from scratching under the fence, and to keep the jungle critters from digging under to get the chickens. The second reason is to one day have a rabbit colony living within the sheep/chicken pen. We hope one day to be raising rabbits again.



Recently the church came out to the base for a service, and a baptism. After the service everyone had a picnic lunch and a time of fellowship.



Bill preached from Acts; Saul's conversion and how Ananias was willing to do what the Lord asked of him in spite of his personal feelings about Saul. It is amazing how

God can do so much in people's lives when one person is willing to step out in faith and answer the call. After Ananias laid hands on Paul and prayed for him, Paul's eyes were healed and he dedicated his entire life to doing the Lord's work, even to his death. All of us need to keep this scripture in the forefront of our lives and daily seek God's will for us and those around us.

This is our "Power Tower" or at least the beginnings of it. We

don't have electricity at our base and there is no way we will get any from the government of Belize. We have been living here without it for more than three years. We have



decided that maybe we can build our power system one piece at a time and one bag of cement at a time. Our Power Tower, when completed, will be a 10'x10'x10' block building to house the batteries and electrical components necessary to convert and maintain the electrical system for the base. There will be a 35' angle iron tower on top of the building and will hold a wind generator. We plan to build a metal roof over top of the building that will hold four 4'x8' solar panels. With this system complete we hope to have at least 200 amps of continuous power. More than enough to supply our needs; a few lights, fans, and of course, a refrigerator.

This project is as big as an elephant, and certainly bigger than us. But as the saying goes, you eat an elephant one bite at a time. Slow and steady. We figure that each week we can buy a bag of cement (\$7.50) and lay a few more blocks. By the time we get the blocks laid and we need to pour the concrete roof we hope to have a team come and help. Then we start to tackle the angle iron tower. Please pray with us for this new "elephant project".

We want to thank all of you for your prayers and support. We sincerely appreciate all you do.