

GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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\$ Answered Prayer \$

".....for your heavenly Father knows that you need these things. "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you." Matt. 6:32-33

In our May newsletter we asked you to be praying for our financial support. It was dangerously low, and we were concerned that we may have to leave the foreign mission field. That is not the case now as the Lord has heard your prayers, and has answered. No, we didn't get two hundred ninety seven supporters giving \$10.00 per month as we asked for. But we did have a few who were willing to join us in the ministry and help through their financial support. Once again the Lord has shown Himself to be Jehova Jirha. We did not receive all of the support that we feel this ministry needs, but what we have received is enough to continue working here. We can rest assured that the Lord has clearly shown us He desires us to remain in Belize serving Him. We give all praise to Him for His provisions through His children.

Bonus

Bill's sister felt sorry for us sweating in the tropical heat and sent us the money to purchase this fantastic pool. The best part is there are no crocodiles swimming around with us, as there is in the nearby Honey Camp Lagoon.



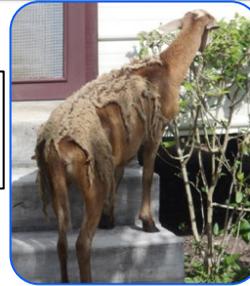
The book of John

We have recently started teaching a Bible study class on Wednesday evenings. It is the complete book of John. There is a video that goes along with it which is a word for word movie depiction of the Gospel of John. We watch the video and then have an in depth discussion about the verses covered for that lesson. It is a great study guide and those who are attending the class say they are getting a lot out of it.

On the way to Church



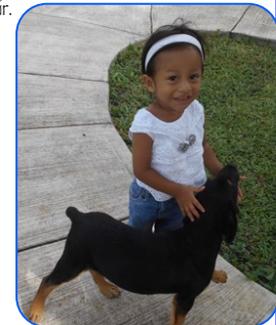
Living in the jungle does have it's complications. We had to pull over and let this herd of cows go by. We often encounter exciting things on our way to and from town. Things like jaguars, giant ant eaters, coatimundis, gbnuts, opossums, foxes. But we have yet to see any raccoons, porcupines, or tapirs.



Even though the rains have started again we have had to keep the sheep inside the fenced area of the property. The neighbor harvested his sugar cane recently and if the sheep had access to the tender new shoots they would decimate the entire field. Here one of our ewes, Sandy, is helping us maintain the hibiscus hedges. Unfortunately they don't know when to stop and will eat everything down to the nub. By the way the "dreadlocks" you see her wearing are part of the shedding process and is not meant to reflect a Caribbean attitude. All of the tropical sheep are born with a wool coat that eventual sheds to a lightweight hair.

Julia

Julia has been with us for six weeks and is adjusting to us and her new environment. She loves our new puppy Shona. Almost every night she helps Bill feed the sheep, chickens, cats, and dogs. It has been a big adjustment for us as well, mostly because



when she came to us she didn't speak any English. There was a huge communication gap as we all struggled to understand what was being said. She of course is a quick study and is picking up more

English than we are picking up Spanish. Cindy has been working with her daily to help her to have a desire to read. Currently Julia likes to look at the pictures and rattle off her own stories. As she has probably never had anyone read to her before, this is just the first step in teaching her to enjoy books. We are also taking her with us to church where she can hear the stories from the Bible and interact with the believers there. She really enjoys the young girls that fawn all over her. One of the difficulties we face as foreigners caring for Belizean children is the strange looks we get wherever we go with her. Just the other day in the bank ,as Bill was holding her, a woman waiting in line turned around and gave him a look of contempt. I guess people resent us raising their children. Well, we consider them God's children and will continue as long as He asks us. So we thank you again for all your support that makes this possible.

