



# GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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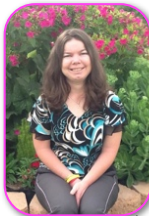


Bernie & Tino

## They're Gone

January 23, 2014 the boys were picked up by Social Services to be placed with their grandparents. The call came as a surprise and brought tears to our eyes and pain to our hearts. The time we had with them was very difficult due to their emotional state of mind, but even so they got into our lives and our hearts. We will be forever changed and will continue to pray for them. We truly hope they will be well cared for.

Let us introduce you to Anna Woelk. She has decided to join us in the ministry. She is a native Belizean who lives in the Mennonite community of Blue Creek. The Lord brought her to us a few weeks ago on a trial basis. She is a graduate of a bible school in Mexico, and has a strong desire to be a missionary and work with children. She has been quite the blessing as we were so stretched with the two of us caring for the boys and keeping up the base. The day we picked her up in town was the day we received the call that the boys would be leaving.



Sometimes it is hard to understand the Lord's timing, and this is one of those times. Why would the Lord send us help the very day the boys leave? Well, we are looking to the future with more foster children and are taking this opportunity to get better prepared. The first foster children caught us off guard and we had to scramble to get the necessary equipment and supplies. Now we have cleaned, sanitized, and stored everything that we were using with the boys. We are also using this time to catch up on work around the base that had been neglected, and getting some much needed rest. We don't know when we will receive the next emergency call to take in more children but we want to be ready this time.

## Canning

We were extremely blessed this year with a of Roma tomatoes jars to can them.



beautiful bumper crop and the equipment &

Thank you again "Community Church of Red Rock" for your gift to the ministry. We are truly blessed to have you praying and supporting us in the ministry here in Belize.

## Playground

We have learned through having Bernie & Tino here just how important it is to have a playground. We have lots of room to run around and play, but nothing to play on. We had Norman clear a part of the remaining jungle from inside the chain-link fence before he left. We are now starting the process of building a playground for the children in that cleared area.

We are building some of the equipment out of things we already have like this mini-tire swing for the small children. We are also using some old tires that can be cleaned up and painted. A see-saw made from an old pipe and a board. We have planted trees for shade and for looks. There is so much that we would like to put in the playground, but don't have the means or the time. We would like to have a large playhouse, jungle gym, slide and swings. In short we would like to have a fantastic place for these children. We are doing all we can for now, but



would like to have a team come and help us out. We were hoping that someone that receives this newsletter would take this ministry & the children to heart and say "YES! I would like to help with the playground." Then go back to their

youth group, lady's or men's group, church, or just decide "I can go". We are wanting about eight to ten hard workers to come and move this project ahead.

Don't think there is nothing for you to do. There are so many different things that need to be done to build a decent playground. Here are just a few of the jobs; painting, burying old tires, pouring concrete, putting together the swings and slides, building the playhouse, etc. Something for every age and skill level. We figure an eight day work team will be able to really get a lot accomplished. Our timetable is completely open with one exception. July 6th through August 6th is already booked for a team to come and work on our shower facility. (See the Teen Missions International website if you want to be on that team.)

If you or your church is interested please get in touch with us as soon as possible so we can schedule a date, or put together the team and expenses.

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me." "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'" Matthew 25:35-36, 40