



GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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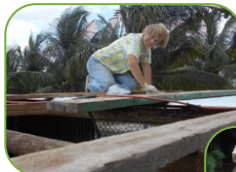
Spring has Sprung

Or as much as it can for the tropics that only have two seasons; wet and dry or hot and hotter. But at least the rains have started. They are about two to three weeks early, but who is complaining. This year the hot dry season was almost too much to bear. Just before the rain started it was reaching temperatures over one hundred degrees. With the stifling humidity that can be a very difficult combination. Well, we are praising God for the wet and the cool. Remind us later if we start to complain about it being too wet.



Just in the nick of time! Since we have added rabbits and sheep to our barnyard it is very important that they do not get soaked and have to walk around in the mud & muck. The rabbits have their nest buckets buried in the ground so too much water

would drown all of the babies. We were able to salvage most of the supplies we needed for the roof from things around the base. But for the main timbers we cut down some hardwood trees and used those. God made a way.



Like I said just in the nick of time. It rained more than three inches the last two days, and the roof held it out. The barnyard is dry and so is the bucket full of baby rabbits. The sheep are pretty happy with a dry place to sleep at night.



While we were in the U.S. this last December we mentioned the sheep to our sons, & they both wanted some. We have finally been able to purchase the sheep they asked for, so now we have 15 sheep on the base.

At the Church

You may remember in our Jan./Feb. newsletter we mentioned that the pastor and his wife have left the family business to be full-time workers in the church. It has been a difficult transition for them as they both have worked their whole life. But God is faithful and will see them through this season of their life to His glory. Please keep us and them in your prayers as we work together to reach Belize for the Kingdom of God.

We also mentioned the church starting the "Samaritan's Purse" program with the children of the church and the surrounding areas. This week we will be graduating nineteen children in the program. Please be in prayer for these little ones as we seek to grow their knowledge of the Bible and their desire for a real and personal relationship with Jesus.

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

1 John 3:16-18

This has been our ministry verse since we answered the call to full time missions back in 2002. God really spoke to us about the wealth He had given us and our need to give it back to Him. We saw the needs of the children in the world and decided we could do whatever the Lord asked of us.

Children

We joined the staff of Teen Missions Int. (TMI) in February 2002 and planned to be the coordinators of the orphanage in Malawi, Africa. Instead they sent us to Zambia, but children have never left our focus. We soon started working with the "Matron's unit" A program to help young girls attend school without the threat of being abused. After leaving TMI in December 2007 we took a position as house parents at the New Mexico Children's home in Portales N.M. After leaving there a year later we worked with troubled boys in the "Teen Challenge" program in Flagstaff, AZ. And now here we are still being drawn to help the Lord's children.



Three young girls in need of a safe place to live. From left to right Jocline, Jamilet, & Janelle. They really like eating the fresh mulberries that grow on our base.



Fresh coconuts and the water in them, is a staple here in Belize. These girls also really enjoyed being able to eat those.



The weather was so hot while we had the girls we took them for a swim in the lagoon daily. They loved it and had a blast splashing around. "Mirar, mirar (look) miss Cindy. See what I can do." We also had a great time watching them and sticking our feet in the cool water.

When we received the call from Human Services asking us to take these three girls we didn't have to think much. How could we not take them. The work just to maintain the base is more than we can do by ourselves but even that wasn't enough to prevent us from helping out God's children in need. We only hope that He will send us some full-time help so we can take children like these on a permanent basis.

We Praise God for our monthly supporters that enable us to remain here in Belize serving the Lord in the church, and especially being able to work with the "at risk" children He brings to us. The need is so enormous and so few are stepping up. It breaks our hearts, but we continue to do whatever we can with the children.