

GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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In the Cold

Like most of the country, we had a very cold month. Even colder when you consider that we came from the tropical heat and humidity of Belize. It is a drastic change to go from 93 degrees with 99% humidity to freezing, windy, wet conditions. We're not complaining mind you just stating the facts. We have heard it called The Blizzard of 2016. Well we didn't have blizzards down here in Phoenix, but I can tell you it has been an adjustment. We don't even own cold weather clothing!



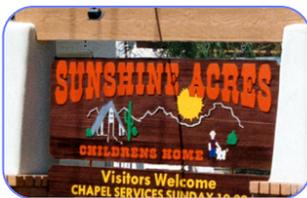
Brodie

Meet Brodie. He is our rescue dog. We have had him for about three weeks. He is a Chihuahua mix. We think he is possibly mixed with a jaguar. Mostly because he thinks he can whip every dog he comes in contact with; even a pair of Rottweilers that live down the road. We are still getting to know each other, but he does fill the void created by our dogs being left back in Belize.

Hobby Lobby

Cindy has taken a temporary job working for Hobby Lobby. They have a store just down the road from where we are living. She likes the idea of working for a Christian business especially one that is closed on Sunday. It is nice to be able to go to church together. She likes the human interaction after being isolated for so long, and we can use the money to make up the difference in our support level and the cost of living in the U.S. It is still not our intention to take secular jobs and exclude the work of the Lord, but we do need to be able to pay our bills.

Sunshine Acres is located in Mesa Az. It is a very large children's home ([www.http://sunshineacres.org](http://sunshineacres.org)) that was founded in 1953. It is situated on 125 acres of beautiful Sonoran desert. It is an amazing facility. We have taken



a tour and talked at length about serving with them. They do not have any paid positions that we can do right now, but they do need a host of volunteers to help run and maintain the ministry. We have applied to be volunteers at the facility.

There are many opportunities to serve. Some examples are; working in the kitchen helping with the meals, working in their thrift store, building and grounds maintenance, working with the horse program, and many more. They have recently asked us to come back for further interviews and see where we would fit best in their program. It is too far from where we are currently living to volunteer there, and they do not have housing for volunteers, but they do have an R.V. site. Volunteers can park there for free as long as they volunteer at least 23 hours a week to cover the utilities. This is something we are giving some serious consideration.



Just down the road from the children's home in Mesa is Don Donnelly Stables. We first met Shelly Donnelly in 2010. She let us stay at her ranch while we waited for the Lord's direction when moving back to Belize. A fine Christian lady helping out missionaries in transit. At that time she mentioned to us her desire to have a "cowboy" church at her facility. There was nothing we could do at the time since we were already headed to Belize. Now that we have returned we have spoken with her about starting a Bible study and the beginnings of her cowboy church. Both of us are seeking the Lord's direction for this and would ask you to be praying with us.

"You make me SICK"

February 2002 we were driving to Merritt Island FL. and Teen Missions Intl. to join staff and head into the foreign mission field. Needless to say we were excited. Having sold everything of value, we were hauling a small U-haul trailer with the items we would need in life. On the road about 40 miles from our destination we ran out of gas. In the pouring rain Bill hitched a ride to a gas station. On the way he and the driver got into a discussion about us being missionaries.

"You missionaries make me sick!" That was his reply to our answering the call of the Lord to preach and teach the gospel to the world. As you might think Bill was very surprised by his statement. It wasn't that this man didn't believe in the Lord; he said he was a Christian. It was just that "us missionaries" care more about lives overseas than the ones here in the U.S. He further stated that there was plenty of needy people and children right there in Cocoa Beach. Well of course he was right about the need in Cocoa Beach and elsewhere in the U.S. Bill agreed with his point but said that the Lord had called us to the foreign field. "What are you doing in your own back yard?" was Bills reply. "We can't serve in both places at the same time, and besides God called us to the foreign field." The driver got angry and decided to remain quiet the rest of the trip. It is difficult for us sometimes, people expect us to do the work that they could be doing. And usually those that speak the loudest want to do the least.

When we returned from Africa our support dropped in half. Some of our supporters said that we weren't really missionaries if we aren't in Africa. In 2007, when we left Belize, our support stopped completely and we were told the same thing. Since we weren't in a third world country we weren't missionaries. Without support we had to take a secular job.

November 2015 the Lord brought us back to the U.S. and we feel He still desires for us to serve Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. That is our desire as well. We eat, breathe, and live for the Lord. We strive to exemplify our Lord Jesus Christ in everything and everywhere we go. We see opportunities to praise Jesus everywhere.

Please pray with us, and stay with us in this ministry as we seek opportunities all around us.