



# GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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## Are you ready to face Jesus?

CRACK-BOOM and a flash of bright light; life was hanging in the balance. Five men were taking shelter from a lightning storm in a small thatch kitchen down the road from us. Martin was thrown across the room laying unconscious on the floor, his hair smoking. Everyone thought him dead. He had seen the storm coming, knew he wouldn't make it to his shack, and ducked into the closest shelter for protection. Of the five men he was the only one affected by the lightning.

The lightning hit the wind generator 40 feet away, ran down the wires and through the concrete to the ground where the concrete exploded. Chunks of concrete flew through the air, hitting one man in the stomach.

Martin wasn't dead, but he was not himself for several hours. Going to the hospital wasn't even considered. After a few hours he staggered home and continued on with his life. God had seen fit to give him grace and another opportunity to get his life right with the Savior before he would be required to give an account of his time on earth (2 Cor 5:10).

How many of us act just as Martin does? God clearly shows us that life is a precious gift that is not to be wasted on our selfish desires. He continually asks us to die to ourselves and live for Him. He desires a deep meaningful relationship with His children.

So many people see things like what happened to Martin, or live them first hand, and do not turn from their ungodly ways and live their life dedicated to Jesus. I spoke to Martin a week after his experience. He thought nothing of it. Just another day, something interesting. He didn't and hasn't yet changed anything about his life. He is still living for the pleasures of this world.

We try to help Martin. We minister and speak to him often, we give our life as a testimony of one dedicated to Jesus. But like so many we are in contact with, there is no spiritual depth or any desire to accept God's gift of salvation. It saddens our hearts as we see so many people living in the world and willing to stay away from God and a deep personal relationship with Him. In the end they are the ones that suffer and miss out on the true blessings of this world.

Jim Elliot said it best when he said, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

## Palapa update

Wahooooo! The palapa is finished. We were finally able to get the roof thatched with palm leaves. A man from our church hired a local Pastor to cut and install the leaves. It is HOT-STICKY-DANGEROUS-BACKBREAKING work. We do appreciate the palapa.



Johnny

We don't have an exact count, but something like 1,500 leaves, all woven by hand.



Pastor and his son



Thank you Johnny for taking the time and effort to locate these workers. Also for your assistance cutting, hauling and handing these leaves. You have shown us the love of Jesus through your willingness to help. We pray God will continue to grow you in His perfect will

## In other news

Three weeks and counting. That is the time it has taken so far for the work on our truck. We took it in because the power steering was squealing. The mechanic found the ball-joints destroyed, tie-rod ends shot, brake pads down to metal, one side of the 4-wheel drive u-joint rusted stuck, dead shocks and oh yea, the power steering box. It has been a difficult time with not being able to get to town for supplies or church. We pray the mechanic will have it all repaired soon.

Puppies in December! We decided to breed Kwipaya to Shaka for Christmas puppies. We hope for good sales, and healthy pups.

Experiencing God; first group has almost finished and we are signing up more for the next group. Pray for those who join.

We pray for you everyday, that the Lord's will be manifested in your life, and hope you also pray for us and the ministry here in Belize.

Thank you all.