



Serious.....

In our ministry here in Belize, we are often asked how to have a better life, more money, or good health. We try to steer the conversation to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Just today a man asked me those very things. When I mentioned his walk with the Lord his reply was, "Yes I am a Christian. I tried that, and it didn't help. Why would the Lord do these things to me?" What do you say to comments like that?

We have come to realize so many people are not **serious** about their relationship with the Lord. It is a convenient and routine thing they do. It is not the whole of their life, or even their focus. They have more important things to do. They don't bother with the teachings of the New Testament saying they are too strict and outdated. Here is my favorite.... "I serve a God of love. He won't hold me to those teachings as long as I love Him."

We were recently doing some pre-marital counseling with a couple. We tried to get them to see they were not being **serious** with each other or with the Lord. Just going through the motions and wondering why their relationship was not where they wanted it. We strongly suggested they get **serious**, or quit trying. Since they truly wanted to be together they decided to get **serious** and do what it takes to make it work. In effect they will have to completely change their focus and commit everything they do to that relationship. We also told them that alone is not enough. You have to have the Lord in the middle of all your decisions.

I am sure everyone who considers themselves a Christian is very glad that God was **serious** about having a relationship with them. And was willing to do whatever was needed to make that relationship a reality.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

John 3:16

This is a picture of a **serious** desire to have a relationship. Anything short of His Son dying on the cross and we would not have salvation and an eternal home in heaven. So, it is our desire that everyone we come in contact with hear this message, and get **serious with the Lord**. It is what we teach, and preach whenever the Lord gives the opportunity.

We would like to take a moment to personally thank those of you who support us through your prayers. Your prayers are vital in the spiritual battles we are faced with each day. We also want to thank those who support us financially. Without the financial donations given we would not be able to continue in this ministry.

Happenings at Honey Camp Lagoon

- Held a pastor's retreat on Saturday 1/28.
- Mission team arrives on 2/04.
- Continuing with dorm bathroom construction.
- Nearing completion of pantry expansion.
- Nothing new on the land title; waiting on the Belize government.
- Waiting on our second interview with Human Services for foster parent program.
- Putting together plans for a July family mission team. Email if you are interested.



Ole! Cindy having fun at the women's Christmas party.



Bill having fun building new concrete shelves for the pantry.



Careful what you ask for. Cindy refinishing her "new" bathtub. A friend gave us this antique tub. It was brought over by the British and left behind when they left Belize.

Our neighbor burning the sugar cane outside our fence. The fire burns as hot as it looks, but it is a quick burn. They burn before cutting so they reduce the dead cane, eliminate the snakes and rats and make harvesting easier. It's a sight to see the rats run out of the cane just ahead of the roaring fire.



Please pray for Joe, (not his real name) a 14 year old street kid we recently met. Pray that the Lord will show us how He wants us to minister to this boy, and to others like him who are in the Orange Walk area.

In Christ
Bill & Cindy Griffin 1 John 3:16-18