



# GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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## Christmas Dinner....& the ants that joined us



We were blessed to be able to share our Christmas dinner with Norman, Ashley & Flat Jr. No..these aren't the ants mentioned above, they come later. We baked a whole chicken with stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy and a corn casserole. We finished off the meal with a slice of pumpkin pie with cool whip to go on top. It was a great meal, and we truly appreciated being able to share it with someone else. Usually we are alone on Christmas so the fellowship of friends was uplifting.



Norman, Ashley & Flat Jr. making the stuffing and the mashed potatoes.



Cindy & Flat Jr. making the pumpkin pie. You may have noticed that I (Bill) was not in any of the pictures...that is because my part was to help EAT the meal. Which I did extremely well. In case you don't know Flat Jr. let me take this opportunity to introduce you. He is a young boy who lives in AZ, and is attending a home school. His teacher sent him out to learn about missionaries in Belize and the work they do. He is then supposed to tell the others in his class what he has learned. So, he is staying with us for awhile and helping with the ministry. He is meeting lots of people and getting involved at all levels. You should follow his ministry on Facebook. He is at PPMI Griffin. Check it out, and remember to pray for him.

About the ants....As we were cleaning the dishes we noticed a few ants in the kitchen. A closer look revealed something out of a horror film. Ants by the millions rolling over the wall and through the window. Anyone who has spent time in the jungle knows exactly what we are talking about. There is no stopping them. They move in and attack. They kill and devour everything eatable. The only wise response is to FLEE and do it with haste, which we did. We left them to their world and hoped they would do the dishes before they moved on to other places. No such luck! Selfish ants took what they wanted and left the rest for us to clean up.

## Yo Creek youth leader retreat

A church from the nearby village of Yo Creek recently came to our facility to have a youth leader retreat. It was the church's desire to strengthen and encourage the leaders for the coming year of ministry. They were a blessing to us as they cleared some jungle that was trying to get reestablished where it was not wanted.



Flat Jr. also wanted to be involved with the Bible studies and especially wanted to meet Pastor Angel.

We are looking forward to the ladies returning in January for their retreat.

At the end of the youth retreat there was a mention of us possibly starting a Bible school in the fall. While we are certainly open for new ministry opportunities, we would need to hear from the Lord concerning such a big undertaking. So please be in prayer with us for God's leading and His provisions concerning a Bible school.

## In conclusion of 2012

The 2012 year has come to an end. We are truly grateful for all the Lord has done through us for the people of Belize...His children. We give Jesus all of the credit for our ministry, health, safety, and especially for our financial support. It has not been an easy year where finances are concerned, but we would be amiss not to give God the credit for providing what we need. He continues to teach us it is better to live with His provisions than without Him and have more. Thank you JESUS.