



GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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Alone Again

Unfortunately we are alone here at the base again. Our volunteer, Anna, has returned home. She left February 21st. We are now back to taking care of the base by ourselves. It is the middle of the dry season and we spend most of our time watering the plants to keep them from dying. It might surprise you to know that since just a couple of months ago we were being inundated with rain. But since it has stopped raining the ground is dried and cracked.

This crack is 1 inch wide and 7 inches deep. The whole property is covered with them. We start watering usually by six thirty in the morning, and continue through the rest of the day. In the garden we are trying to keep our vegetables alive until the rains start up again in June. It is a very difficult time. The days are so hot and dry with a lot of wind. It literally sucks the moisture out of everything.



Chickens



We have decided to start raising our own laying hens again. Here Bill is pouring a concrete floor in the new chicken coop. We will have to keep the hens in a run to prevent the dogs from killing them. We have been so disappointed with the number of eggs we buy that are rotten. And we feel it would be better to have our own when we get more children, so we can keep down the cost. We have purchased 15 chicks and they are doing well.

Canning



Cindy has continued her canning. When she used all of the tomatoes we had grown, she found some on sale for .25 cents per pound at the local vegetable market. She has canned salsa, tomatoes, stewed tomatoes, and tomato sauce. She is getting ready to pickle the carrots we grew in the garden as soon as the habaneros get ripe. She is also looking forward to pickling our okra. She has found that she really enjoys canning and looking for recipes to put up the produce we grow in the garden. Bill has finally gotten some tomatillos to grow, and she is looking forward to making some green salsa. They are, however, very difficult to keep alive and we are hoping they make it.

Summer Mission Team

The Teen Missions International youth mission team has been canceled due to low numbers. We are very saddened by this as we were really looking forward to having them with us for a month. We were also looking forward to the work they would have gotten accomplished.

We have had one young man say that he would come and help us out during the summer for about two weeks. If there are any of you that would like to come and help out during the summer, let us know so we can add you to the plans. We have made good progress on the playground, but have a long way to go. Bill has installed the pipe equipment he made and started building a bench and a spring rocking horse. All of these need to be painted and tires need to be installed on several of the components. We would also like to build some swings, slides, and

a large interconnected set of multi-terraced playhouses. This is the big type you would see in your local neighborhood playground. So as you can see there is still a lot that needs to be done.



Church

Ever since our arrival back in Belize in 2010, we have been working with the Orange Walk Baptist church. We have taught Sunday school, Bible studies, 5 Day clubs, preached, and worked in the lives of the members of the church. We have been very active in fulfilling the great commission of making disciples. We have however felt the Lord leading us to move from this church to work in a different one. We have prayerfully sought the Lord's guidance in this decision and after almost one year feel it is time for a move. We have started attending Temple Missionary Baptist Church, also in Orange Walk Town. It is a considerably smaller church with only about 15 in attendance.

The Pastor is a converted Hindu who met the Lord Jesus while he was recovering from a gunshot wound to his face. We met him in 2006, and felt he was a strong Christian then and are still impressed with his dedication to the Lord, and His calling. He and his wife are the only workers in the church, so they are in need of some help.

We are asking for your prayers for us as we make this transition to what we believe is the next step in our ministry to the local people. We look forward to what the Lord will do through us to help this struggling congregation.

As always, we want to thank you for your prayers and support. Now, more than ever, we know the financial burden people are under and we truly appreciate all that you do to support the ministry here in Belize.