



# GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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New Beginnings for the new year. We were blessed with a week-long visit by my mother and step-father. They treated us to a couple of days at Caye Caulker, an island off the coast of Belize that is close to the barrier reef. Even though it rained both of the days we were there, it was still a nice change of pace from the jungle home we live in.

*"Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these."* Matthew 6:28-29



I planted this flower in a garden in Arizona. I expected it to not only grow where it was planted...I expected it to flourish and produce a beautiful flower. You can see here that it did not disappoint me. Every morning we would look at this beautiful flower and give glory to God for giving us such simple beauty to enjoy.

Do we flourish, grow, and produce beauty where we are planted? Or do we grumble, complain, and refuse to produce the beauty in our lives that our Creator expects from us? God has placed us in the location of His choosing; Honey Camp Lagoon, Belize, Central America. It is not necessarily where we would have chosen to serve Him if He would have asked us, but He is God and we are not. If we are to follow Him where He leads, then we are to grow, flourish, and produce beauty where He has placed us. We consider it all joy to be in His service and rely on Him to clothe us as He sees fit. God gives us so much to be thankful for and continues to bless us even when we let Him down. As we head into the new year, lets consider the blessings from our Creator and give Him the thanks He deserves.



New beginnings sometimes start with destruction. This was a playground that was built by a previous coordinator. Unfortunately termites and 200 inches of annual rain has taken its toll and this had become a safety concern. When retreats come they often bring children and the children play on the equipment. So we had to take it down before anyone got hurt.. We would like to have a new one made of plastic that could take the elements, but they are too expensive. So for now we remove the old and wait for God to bring the new.

Last month we mentioned that Norman and Ashley were starting their internship with us in January. They have started and we are blessed not only with two young strong workers, but also with people to interact with. It took some adjusting on our part since we had lived completely alone here on the base. But we have been able to adjust and enjoy the fellowship of their company.



Norman & Ashley are cleaning out and removing old concrete forms that have rotted and were falling into the "toilet block". They are getting this ready for us to put in shower dividers so the youth Missions team that is coming in July will have a place to bathe.



We are looking forward to the team coming, but we also have so much to do to be ready for them. Their work project will be to build concrete sidewalks for our "Prayer Walk" around the property.

There is much maintenance that needs to be done to keep all of the buildings and grounds in good condition. So when we are not teaching Bible classes, preaching, or working with believers in town, we work around the



property to make sure everything is maintained as well as possible. We never know when a church will call to schedule a retreat. Here, Cindy is painting new screens for the guest house. Screens are a must in the jungle if you are to keep out the mosquitoes while enjoying what breeze may come your way.



Bill, being supervised by Shaka, is removing the rotten posts that were holding up one of the dorm buildings. Once removed, we will pour in a concrete foundation and put on a new hardwood post to support the building.

When we consider our life and ministry in Belize, we can't help but think how blessed we are. Yes, we have left our home, country, friends, and family. We quit our jobs and sold or gave away all of our worldly possessions. We live without most of the modern conveniences everyone is accustomed to and we rely entirely on God to provide all of our needs and even our wants.

The Lord has placed us in the most out-of-the-way place to do the most common things. He continually asks us to be the shoulder to cry on. The answer person when things don't make sense. The light of Jesus in a dark life. And many more, much more than we can list here. But through it all God gives us what is needed at the time it is needed. To be His ambassador, to feed His lambs, to tend His flock. Jesus Christ left heaven and His Father to save a wretch like me. How could we ever do any less than all He asks of us. Thank you all for your prayers and financial support. As God works through you, we benefit.