



GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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New Church & Ministry

The Lord has called us to work in a different church in Orange Walk. We had been feeling the Holy Spirit leading us to make a change for some time, but we wanted to make sure we were hearing Him correctly. We are now working with and attending Temple Missionary Baptist Church. We have been welcomed with open arms. It is a small church, about 12-15 regular members.



Pastor Prakesh and his family have been serving in this church for nine years. As a bi-vocational pastor he has been feeling the effects this strain can have on a family. They feel we are an answer to their prayers

for additional help in the ministry. Bill has been asked to preach every other service and teach the youth class. Here is a picture of Cindy attending a women's conference in the northern region of Belize. We are feeling very blessed as we find our place in this church and ministry. There have been many opportunities to share and disciple since our arrival.



The Lord has also given us an opportunity to disciple our new butcher. Late last year a new butcher arrived in town so we decided to give him a try. We have been pleased with the meat and the cleanliness of his establishment. He started asking us questions about the Bible and we soon found ourselves spending hours discussing theology and worldly difficulties as they pertain to the Bible. We do purchase our meat before we leave, but we also enjoy our time in this discipleship process. Please lift him up in prayer as he seeks to grow in his new faith. This type of spiritual encounter happens to us often and we find ourselves discussing the Bible and Christianity in some unusual places, like after lunch or in a local shop. We praise God that He gives us the words and ability to reach out to those that are seeking the truth.

...preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 2 Timothy 4:2

Preparing the garden

Long before the rains return in June, we have to start getting the garden beds ready and planting seed beds of the vegetables we will want to grow this season. This is a somewhat difficult thing since the dry season is so dry.

The ground is hard as concrete and has huge cracks from the absence of any water. Once the seeds are planted it takes several hours of watering every day to keep the seedlings alive. This year we have some new vegetables growing in our little garden patch. Cindy has always been extremely fond of

tomatillos, cilantro and watermelon. Unfortunately, Bill has never been very successful growing any of these. Ever the optimist, Bill decided to try again, but also added cantaloupe, jicama, white onions, cayenne, and jalapeno peppers. Doesn't everyone grow their melons on the fence? We thought it would solve the problem of the vines leaving their designated growing areas. It works great, but Cindy had to weave them their own little "melon hammock" to keep them from dropping off of the fence. So far the garden is growing like gangbusters and we find ourselves giving away most of what we grow. What a blessing it is to be able to take the Word of God and home grown vegetables to town and freely give them both away. Cindy is of course still canning all she can, but there is still so much. Here are our tomatoes and



tomatillos. We string them up for their support. Cages are not available and we find this works better anyway, since they tend to grow six feet high. We are already harvesting

tomatoes. Our last year's bell peppers are still producing, and now we are getting the other peppers as well. What a blessing it is to us to be able to get fresh vegetables every day.

Our young chickens should be laying in a couple of weeks and we look forward to having fresh eggs. We also harvest the many different fruit we grow on the base so we consider ourselves very blessed with all this.

Rain

The rain came early this year. It started raining at the end of April and has not given us much break since. We have already received twelve and a half inches, including a downpour as I'm typing this. We fear we will have another wet year with flooded and impassable roads. Please pray for us as we travel to town for ministry and to get our supplies.

We have prayed for some help, and the Lord is sending three young adults at different times this summer to help us with the work. We are excited and looking forward to all that can be accomplished while they are here.

In closing we want to send out our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continued support and prayers for us in the ministry here in Belize. Without you and your willingness to give we would not be here. We also praise God for His provisions of health, safety, and unconditional love.