

# GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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Ethan & Wyatt doing what boys do best, exploring, hunting, gathering, and using their imaginations to have fun.

May saw us able to spend some time with our grandsons. Here we are fighting off the cold to try our luck fishing.



Cindy and the boys playing a card game while relaxing in the RV. We enjoy hiking the beautiful mountains, exploring and teaching both boys all about nature and the world around us. We are grateful to have the boys with us and be able



to build stronger relationships with them. When they go home though, we are glad for time to rest before resuming work. Bill calls the boys capacitors because they suck out all of our energy then turn it back on us when we are drained out.

## Fire on the Mountain



"There is a fire on the mountain. Get ready to evacuate. Go tell your campers to be ready. Then go to the lake and clear out all of the people fishing." WOW, that sure was an eye opening experience. The forest service started dipping water out of our little lake to fight the fire. 13,000 gallons per load and two helicopters going back and forth. It took 50 firefighters on the ground five days to put it out.

We never did have to leave, which was a good thing. The fire didn't do too much damage only about 15 acres burned and no one was injured while putting it out.

## Blessings from God

Cindy displaying a nice 8 man cabin tent that was thrown away by one of our campers. There is nothing wrong with it and we thank God for the gift. Now people can come visit in our "guest quarters".



We continue to be amazed at all of things we are getting from campers. The items come to us almost like people were reading our wish list.... or is it the Lord providing the things we need. We are convinced it is the latter. Praise be to God.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "if anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it. For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and will then recompense every man according to his deeds.

Matthew 16:24-27

## God Appointments

When we took this position as campground hosts we never considered that we were leaving the mission field, just going into a different one. We completely expected Jesus to bring people to us to accomplish His work in their lives. Some plant, some water, and some harvest, but the Lord brings the increase. And so it is. We never know who, where, or when, so we have to be ready when the Lord does bring someone to us. Here are several situations that have happened this month.

Meet Antonio & Patricia Hoyos. They were having a family get-together/Mothers Day/anniversary party campout. They invited us to have lunch with them and the whole family. What a blessing. Great food, and as it turns out, great fellowship. We soon



found out that we have a lot in common. We talked for hours about how God has worked in each of our lives and how He has grown us and taken us to places that we had never dreamed of. They love the Lord and spoke openly with us about personal things. We encouraged each other and we prayed for each other. Isn't it amazing how close you feel to God's people; even when you have just met them!

Then there was Danny Pretorius and his wife. While Bill was registering them, he recognized their Afrikaans accent and struck up a conversation. During the three days they camped with us, we talked at great lengths about South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and so many experiences that we all had in common. They spoke of fleeing Zimbabwe with nothing more than \$200 and the clothes on their back. We laughed together about animal encounters and stupid mistakes that should have ended badly but didn't. In the end they expressed a deep gratitude for the healing they experienced through reminiscing with us.

On another day, Bill was taking the garbage to the dumpster and met Rudy, one of our campers. He struck up a conversation. What started out as a discussion about ranching and gold mines on Mt. Lemmon soon became something much deeper. Rudy talked of his abusive childhood and all the struggles that he went through growing up. Bill was able to turn the conversation to God and talked at length about God's involvement in people's lives. In the end, Bill prayed for his healing and strength and desire to seek the Lord.

"Are you Bill & Cindy, the missionaries to Belize?" That was the question we were asked one evening while grilling our chicken dinner. Charlie & Lorraine drove up the mountain to visit with us. We have a common friend, Shelly Donnelly, who told them they had to go say hi to Bill & Cindy. What a nice surprise, and a blessing that we got to fellowship with fellow servants.



Last, but not least is Shayne & Desiree. A young couple who came up to play in a disc-golf tournament. We connected immediately and had many laughs as Shayne tried to teach us putting with a disc (frisbee). Please pray with us for these and all those the Lord brings in our path to His Glory. Thank You.

Bill and Cindy  
Thank you so much for getting us up here to Belize. We are so grateful for you and your family. You were so kind to have us at the table and spend some time with us. We can't wait to see you again. A huge blessing to you and the rest of the world.  
Love you both  
Shayne & Desiree