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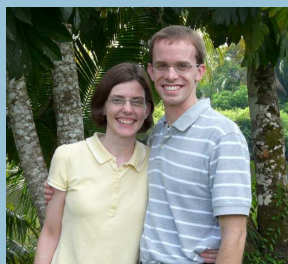
Praises:

- Our home church came here on a mission trip. Thank you Crestway for your visit and for the blessing you were!
- Samuel is adjusting well at school.
- Conversions and baptisms.
- Classes are going great. Course #2 (Old Testament) almost complete.



Prayer Requests:

- For Amie to make some close friends. It has been a slow process.
- For the Lord's guidance as we move ahead.
- For the Lord to touch many lives through ours.
- More of Christ for ourselves and for Belize.



The Great Commission

Jesus' last words to us before His ascension have taken on the name of The Great Commission. They include the following commands: preach the gospel, make disciples, baptize them, and

teach them to obey Christ's commands. (Mark 16:15, Matthew 28:18-20).

Never before have I done each one of those things in the same month. This newsletter has been a

blessing to write because of all the Lord is doing in our midst. I hope it will also be a blessing to read, especially for those of you who have a part in this ministry through your prayers and support.

"Preach the Gospel"



Recently I saw something I have never seen before. It happened one Sunday morning. Guest speakers Herman and Eunice Cob, a Belizean couple, were visiting our church. They taught about what genuine belief looks like in the life of the Christian.

Their message was clear, convicting, & Christ-

centered. The Cobs speak perfect Spanish, so it really helped that our church heard these truths in their heart language. The response to the clear preaching of the word was incredible to say the least. People went to the front to pray and to be prayed for. Through tears, one woman openly apologized and asked for forgiveness over a recent situation. Next, a group of women who lead worship went up to say that they want to do better in leading worship and that their lives needed to reflect

what they sing. After they sat down our pastor gave an invitation and seven people came forward wanting to receive Christ. The service just kept going and going but no one minded because the Lord was moving among us.

If that was not enough, that same day right before supper I went over to help out a student of mine and ended up talking with her son Julio (12). He told me he wanted to become a Christian so we talked about following Christ and prayed together. What a day!

"Make Disciples"

A decision to follow Christ is not an end in itself. It is just the first step in our walk with Him. So I sought out two of the gentlemen who went forward that Sunday to ask if they would like to begin meeting for discipleship. It turns out that two of their friends were so excited at the prospect of it that they

wanted to join the group too.

Now on Wednesday nights from 7:00pm till late we meet in the thatch roof church under generator run lights to talk about God's truth and how to live it out. We are currently studying the book of Luke.

From left to right: Santiago, Jayro, Oswaldo, and Israel.



“Baptizing Them in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit”



Baptism is important. It identifies us with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. It is an outward sign of an inward reality. It is one of the first acts of obedience for the new Christian.

Therefore, I saw it necessary to conduct classes to prepare some of our new believers for baptism. By the end, Santiago, Martalena, and

Gabriela showed a clear understanding of what salvation is, how it is obtained, and what baptism is and is not.

Please pray for them since they are still in the infant stages in their walk with Christ. Each of them seem eager and ready to follow the Lord despite any difficulties they may face.

They were my first baptisms.

“Teaching Them to Obey Everything I Have Commanded You”

My classes for training pastors and church leaders are still going strong. We will be finishing Old Testament Survey in April and will begin New Testament soon after.

One of my students recently said this to Amie in an e-mail, “I am so blessed with Mr. Cohen’s classes. It has been an

answer to my prayers. Thank you so much, because I know that it is not easy for you moving into a new country, new culture, and getting adjusted to all this must have been hard. It is a blessing and an inspiration to see how obedient you are to God’s call.” - Marlem

Another of my students,

Clemente Coc (right), recently wrote, “Pray that I can be a true follower of Christ. That I can carry my cross and be willing to do and be what He wants me to be.” If that is not a teachable spirit I don’t know what is. Thanks for continuing to pray for my students. They still have about a year and a half left.



Kid's Corner



As I’m sure you guessed things are always lively around our household, but a little less lively on weekdays now. Samuel is now attending Living Word Primary School in Boom Creek Village. Though it has no electricity or running

water this school ranks high in it’s academics. Samuel loves it and it has been good for us all. Iva and Levi have become closer since Samuel is not around as much. Levi has really seemed to sprout lately, especially since

those diapers are a thing of the past. Nathanael is growing and we often hear that he is “fat” (but say the ‘a’ as in father). It’s a good thing. Yes, they are all fine and like it here. Samuel said, “Let’s never leave.”

Seen Any Sugar Lately?

Sugar accounts for 60% of Belize’s agricultural exports. So next time you take some sugar with your coffee, use it in a recipe, or see it in the store please pray for us here in Belize.



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