



# The Brockintons in Belize

## 2014 January Newsletter



1. **LAND:** Yes, yes, yes!!! – We own land. It was a long process, but we own our own land for the church. Now we are designing the building and hope to lay the foundation this summer. Hopefully in February I can show you the designs. We hope to have teams come to help us build this over the next two years.

2. **VISION:** Our leaders met in December to discuss our goals for 2014. I am so proud of our leadership at LifeNet. Our small denomination here made up of four churches in Belize, we are registered in Belize and have a charter on how to function as a denomination, but there are no rules of how to operate the local church. Our leadership sat down to lay out some “rules to govern the local church”. We hope these guidelines are adopted by the other three churches to establish some checks and balances in regards to the pastor’s role and how he interacts with the leadership. The guidelines also establish the criteria for a budget and the accountability for those funds. Here are our goals for 2014:

a. How many Net Groups?	Goal: 17	Currently: 13
b. Sunday Celebration to average?	Goal: 225	Currently: 180 for the year. (Nov-Dec - averaged over 200)
c. How many Saved, Baptized, Filled With HS?	Goal: 75, 50, 50	Currently: 73/39/38
d. LTT: Our Leadership development?	Goal: 30	Currently: 33 going or completed
e. Building on land	Goal: Laying the foundation & roof	Currently: Just the land.

3. **NET NOEL / GIFT BOXES / CAROLING:** Christmas was soooo busy. The everyday issues of ministry keeps me so busy and to top it all off with a very difficult issue I will address later, dealing with buying the church property and working through ministering to Henry’s family (the young man with Leukemia) – life is very very crazy...but ministry has been fruitful.

a. We had the privilege, with help from ministries in the states, to bless over 175 kids with gift boxes for Christmas in three different locations.

b. Our Thursday Night Nets that meet at my house all went caroling on a hayride before Christmas. Caroling is not a Belizean tradition and nor are hayrides – so this was new to most of the young adults.

c. **NET NOEL:** 6 of our 13 Nets blessed us in song, dance and skits. One person told me it was the best Church Christmas Pageant they had ever seen. We were packed with 273 that came to celebrate with us.

Gave every family two handmade wooden crosses. One to keep and one to go out and bless someone in the community. We had songs in Ketchi, dances from our Mayan Net, songs in Spanish and skits in Creole. Four of the children read the Christmas story to the congregation. What a powerful Sunday.



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4. **BUILDING:** Pray for us as we begin the process of building this year. Designs are being drawn right now. This should be finished by February. We hope to lay the foundation for the first floor and erect the roof in 2014. In 2015, we will build the wall, pour the second floor and begin the interior. Pray for financial provision and teams to come and help build.

5. **URGENT PRAYER:** **My family is dealing with a very difficult situation.** I cannot share all the details, but last month I shared a little on this issue. A young 19 year old lady in our church chose to leave her home and move in with another family from within our church due to the turmoil in the home. This was not a church decision, rather this was the daughter's decision and the members of our church chose to care for and love a young lady in need. The mother has turned all her anger on to me and the church. She has expressed through Facebook, text messages and personal conversations that she will spread every possible slanderous gossip she can think of and she has acted upon her threats. Her texts to me are extremely vile and hateful. I have met with her on three different occasions (with others present) due to this issue with no resolution. She has threatened to bring harm. Her only resolution to this matter is for her daughter to return home and until then – she promises not to relent. The daughter has attempted to convince the mother that this is her decision and the church has not played a role, but nothing has seemed to change her mind. The mother has Facebooked my children, she has texted me almost daily with hateful and vile words. We have had two other pastors involved, but nothing has changed. The police have deep concerns, but realize that if they arrest her that will just inflame the situation and the **prosecution rate in this nation is only 7%**. The US Embassy says if you are in danger, leave – thanks. I have sought counsel from my leadership from within Belize and outside of Belize. To be fully truthful – this has been the most difficult issue I have ever addressed in over 20 years of ministry. This has been a heavy weight upon our family. We realize that the right decisions at times come with negative consequences. We choose to serve the Lord and we choose to minister to hurting people – even if it means walking through very difficult waters. We fully are aware that we should cast all our cares of Jesus – that our battle is not in the flesh, but preaching that and learning to walk in that state are two totally different realities. We have days we spend with Jesus and wake up victorious and other days that we feel defeated. The church is aware of these issues and we continue to grow weekly. We also realized that we have “ticked off” the enemy and he is attempting to wreak havoc on our lives. **We truly believe that God will have the victory and that something POWERFUL will come from this.** That said --- we need your intercession like never before. Please bombard Heaven on our behalf. Please fight with us in the spirit. Please – pray for breakthrough. Pray the enemy's schemes and tactics would be revealed and defeated. Please pray for our family's safety. As I said from the beginning – I have only shared with you just a small portion of the issues we are dealing with. – the issues are much deeper and difficult. Please be careful to even share this on Facebook. **Thank you for PRAYING....**

5. **OUR BLOG:** If you have never read my wife's blog, you have missed so much. My newsletter highlights the facts of our mission, but her blog communicates the emotions of the journey. <http://brockintons.blogspot.com>

6. **HENRY** – Henry is the young 12 year old with AML (Leukemia). He came home for Christmas, but traveled to Guatemala City on Christmas Day for treatment. He will need a bone-marrow transplant which can only happen in the states. This young man needs a miracle.

7. **MINIBUS:** We have three vans that pick up people for Sunday mornings. The vans get tremendous wear and tear from the rough pot-hole filled roads. One of the vans is a 12 passenger 1999 L300. I bought it for \$2500 and put another \$5000 into it to make it drivable, but it is always in the shop – at least monthly. Last month, I put another \$600 fixing the glow plugs and the alternator and a new battery. It drives a minimum 6 runs back to Maya Mopan to pick up people for Sunday. I am currently believing for a diesel minibus that will hold 21 passengers. I would then sell the L300. Pray that I can find one and have the provisions to purchase the van. I would assume the van will cost between \$5000- \$10,000US.

8. **TEAMS:** We had a team in December putting on a roof of a needy family and ministering at the church. In February I have a team of 30 coming to build a house, and do lots of evangelistic outreaches.

9. **MARLA'S AND FOSTER CARE:** One of the highlights of ministry here is ministering to 18 girls from Marla's House of Hope, a Children's Home in Belmopan. The girls attend LifeNet, as does the house mom and some of the staff. Robyn mentors the girls on Saturdays. We love ministering to these girls. It is such a joy to watch them come to the Lord and mature. They are so hungry for authentic Christianity, rather than religion. Along these same lines – Robyn and I have officially become foster parents. We currently take a young lady, Kailey, from Marla's for weekends and we have had her through the Christmas holidays. We will share more in the coming months. How this all started is truly a powerful God-story.



10. **ERIKA TURNED SEVEN:** Our youngest turned seven years old. We surprised her and a couple of friends with a day of horseback riding. Everyone enjoyed it sooooo much.



## Budget Update:

*October, November and December – we met budget. Thank you for your partnership with us on the field. Your financial gifts allow us to serve here the wonderful people of Belize. Over the last year, our support has declined a little. Our finances are still healthy, but I definitely see the need to add support. For those who are not partnering with us financially, please consider a monthly support of \$50, \$100 or more to sow into the work here.*

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