

The Brockintons in Belize --- September 2016 Newsletter



PARADE: September 21st is Belize's Independence Day. This is our 6th year to be in the parade passing out nearly 7000 waters to those watching. It is just another way to be out among the people and loving like Jesus. Last year, we only passed out 4000 waters due to the heavy rains, but this year was perfect. It's an exhausting day, but very fulfilling. It's one of Tori's favorite days of the year.



THE BUILDING UPDATE: We have made great progress in the month of September. The slab is finished, septic tank is in, and the walls are going up. Woop!! Woop!! Next : upstairs walls, second floor (the most expensive part--about \$50,000), electricity, etc.... We still have a ways to go but we have made some good progress. We just need funding for it.



WHY WE ARE HERE: Unfortunately, with the holidays, also comes with lots and lots of drinking. The next three days after September 21st, Robyn and I ministered to the multiple families dealing with the consequences of people in their lives.

- Before the parade I was attempting to find where our float should be within the parade, so I climbed up to the window of the Big Rig driving for the Ministry of Education. There were three Rastafarians in the cab and the cab was filled by the smell of marijuana. As I asked the driver where we should line up, I immediately noticed the almost consumed joint between his fingers.
- We ministered to a wife whose husband pulled a gun and threatened her, in front of their kids, due to his drunkenness.
- We ministered to a family in our church whose brother was knocked down by a drunk driver. He was in a coma in critical condition. He has since passed away.

- Another wife spoke with us about her husband's drunkenness and struggles with what to do.
- Another man was stabbed at the Belmopan celebration after the parade.
- And just last night, police found the body of a man who had disappeared from the celebration. His wife works for the city & is suspected in the murder.

All of this happened on **Independence Day**. It reminds us of **WHY WE ARE HERE**, to be the hands and feet of Jesus, to be light in the midst of darkness. To raise up a church that will lead people from hopelessness to hope.

DISCUSSION ON ADOPTION: Robyn and I had the privilege of being interviewed about why adoption is so important. →

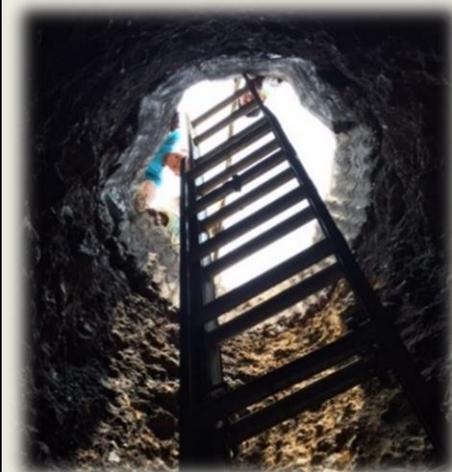


OUR BUDGET: Please continue to pray for us as we have not been able to raise the funds that we lost in 2015. Our budget is supported by individuals and churches and we must raise 100% of our own budget. Unfortunately, we have discovered that it costs about 30% more to live here than in Texas. Internet is double, electricity is double, most foreign groceries or supplies is about 30% more and add the continual mechanic costs due to the bumpy roads. Pray that additional churches and individuals will catch the vision and expand our support. Foursquare churches have the option of designating a portion of their missions giving directly to a local missionary. If this is of interest, please let me know.

FRIEND DAY: October 2nd, is LifeNet annual FRIEND DAY. A day we challenge our people to reach out to their unchurched friends. It is historically our largest Sunday of the year with nearly 300 people. Pray for our people to go the extra mile to bring their friends to FRIEND DAY. Please pray that many will find Jesus. Below is a link to our FRIEND DAY COMMERCIAL we made for Facebook. It's really funny: https://youtu.be/V_llv-vuJ8A



FINISHED THE FIRST WATER WELL: It taken us over a year, but we are finally finished with the well that will supply water for three families to wash, shower and have a modern toilet. Our gratefulness to Grace Covenant for providing the funds to make this happen. We are partnering with another ministry to dig a 125 ft deep well for drinking water that should supply the neighborhood and over 100 people.



CHURCH PLANT: Please continue to pray for us as we make plans to plant a church in Cayo, about 45 minutes from Belmopan. We have a lot to figure out and how we will navigate and not exhaust our wonderful leaders. In fact, that's another prayer need.

CHURCH PLANNING

Many of our young leaders fill many hats within the church and that is beginning to exhaust some of them. Pray that we are able to expand our leadership and utilize more people within the church.

LIFENET: LifeNet has been exciting in 2016. Our attendance is continuing to grow. We've seen 24 salvations and 12 baptisms this year with several more needing to be baptized.



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