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Spring Showers of Blessings on Belize



Our eighth annual mission trip and Outreach in Belize this February was another God bless success. It was a quick adventure but many were blessed in Jesus' name!

It started on Wednesday, February 19th when we had team members leaving from California, Tennessee and Florida to go to Belize. Everyone had early flights but our four folks from Tennessee also had some morning snow coming down. However, God made a way and while the flights were delayed a bit they took off to make their connections. The delays did make it a bit tight with team members from not only Tennessee but also Tampa running through the Miami airport to make the flights to Belize before they took off. As always, God was faithful and held the doors open just in time for them to make the connecting flights. So, everyone on our team except for our friend in California made it to Belize on time.

Once we arrived, we were taken to the Hearts of Christ mission about 2 hours inland where we distribute our mobility items and medical supplies. Everyone got settled in, unpacked, had a home-cooked meal the Belizean way, our first team meeting to get organized and even a special "Blessing of the Hands" commissioning service. The service was especially meaningful as it helped us all get centered on Christ and the work that He had set before us after our day full of going from snow to sunshine. Our final team member from California even made it just after we finish the service but as all the items were still in place, we were able to include him so that everyone was able to participate. It really was a sweet time as His purity symbolized by the washing of the water and His peace from the blessing read washed over all of us preparing us for the week ahead. There are many great verses and words used during the service but my favorite was Psalm 90:17 which says "May the favor of the Lord God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us - yes; establish the work of our hands."

Everyone was extremely tired that evening so we all went to bed early but got up early as we had lots to do on Thursday to sort, organize, clean, repair and get things ready for our appointments the next day. We also had to separate out a large group of items that we designated to donate to one of the three hospitals in the country which was a non-profit organization. This is one of the toughest days as so much equipment has to be moved and prepared for those coming to receive items they need. However, as we do each day while we are in Belize, we started things out with a devotion and some praise and worship before going over specifics and plans for the day. This always is a great way to get us focused and motivated remembering that the joy of the Lord is our strength. :-)

We had people waiting outside of the mission early on Friday morning but stuck to our schedule of fitting people for appropriate mobility items and distributing medical supplies at 9:00 am until about 6:00 pm which included giving every family that came a five gallon bucket for their use that was filled with a food packet, Bible, Gospel bracelet kit, faith-based kid items, candy as well as a hygiene kit. We were able to take a 30 minute break for a quick lunch but it was a long day with lots of people and lots of smiles. The work was hard but the blessings always outweighed the efforts. That's the way God's economy works! We are blessed to be a blessing but God always pours out the blessings back upon us so that our cups are overflowing.



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