The East and Middle Tennessee Easter Spring Flings are set for Saturday, March 29th so please pray for God's light of the resurection to shine on all who attend!

Mission Statement: **To develop and execute programs and events that share the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ with people living with disabilities, and to connect them to Christ-honoring churches, organizations, resources, and people within their community.**

Programs: **Internships, Outposts, Expos, Life Support Banquets, Big Wheel Deals, Spring Flings, Fall Farm Days, Build A Wheelchair, GymBALLoozas, Jingle and Mingles, Fishing with Friends, Crafting Community, Prayer and Care, Online Bingo, 3 in 3s and Fun Fact Fridays**

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We were so busy on Friday that Saturday was a much slower pace day as most of our mobility items had already been distributed. However, God always provides everything we need and everyone who came received something that would bless them and help them. It was getting a bit tight at the end as the last two gentlemen we saw who were recent paraplegic spinal cord injuries received wheelchairs that we basically fabricated ourselves from all of the frames and parts that we had left. Just enough!

When Sunday morning came we were all getting a little rundown but our devotion that morning was about keeping her eyes on Jesus and keeping going. We only saw a few appointments early as we had to spend most of the rest of the day getting left over parts, equipment and supplies back in our container at the mission as well as set aside for the folks at the local hospital to come pick up. Once all of that was complete we had the privilege of taking food packets, Bibles, Gospel bracelet kits, faith-based kid items, candy as well as hygiene kits to people living in a local village. It was very humbling but also gratifying to be able meet and pray with so many people right where they live. The scenery was beautiful and it was fun to see some horses and chickens. While only about half of the people there had electricity and even less had running water yet they were so gracious and thankful for the good things that God had given them.

This was a great ending to our mission work as Sunday we all boarded planes and prepared for first world reentry. We learned a long time ago that there are third world problems and first world problems. Most of us deal with first world problems on a daily basis which can be very complex, stressful and often made into things that are bigger than needed. However, third world problems like they deal with and Belize are often simpler but more serious, less complicated but more difficult to solve because of less resources and can definitely put things in perspective. So, every year when we return to the United States there is a bit of adjustment for a few weeks on our perceptions and perspective. Fortunately, God is bigger than both our first world problems and the Belizean third world problems. He is the answer for whatever problems we are facing and He is more than capable to fix things and make them right. Just look at the cross. If you have Jesus, you have everything you need... and really more. :-) That's why our number one mission is to give people Jesus. Once you have Jesus, your pathway home to be with Him is secure and He is with you always to take care of you until that day.

