



FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER



One Year In Belize

Hard to believe that one year ago on February 2nd, we woke up in Highlands Texas at 4 am. It was unusually cold in Houston at 20 degrees. Two of our children had caught a nasty virus the night before. They were supposed to help us tote all of our suitcases through the airport while I handled the dog.

We made it through security and the plane ride. Some friends of ours that lived in Ladyville at the time picked us up and spent our first night in Belize with them. Needless to say, Joshua spent the first day in Belize in bed still trying to recoup from the virus.

Fast forward a week and we were ready to sign a rental on a home, but it was definitely not what we were looking for. We had passed a home on our prayer walk, a 10 minute walk from the university. I called on it, but they wanted to rent it commercially. Well, to make a long story short. The owners contacted mutual friends and shared that they were moving back to Taiwan and needed a family to live in their home and take care of their 17 year old daughter. This was the same home that Robyn had seen earlier that morning and dreamed of renting. The same home that I had called on earlier in the week. The LORD, and I mean totally, THE LORD opened the door for us to move into a 4 bedroom home that fits perfectly for our family and the ministry. The living room is very large and connected to the kitchen, this allows us to host our Thursday night group. To top off all the blessings, God allowed us to lead Wini, the 17 year old, to the Lord last summer and she will be baptized on February 3rd. We have a great God....

This year has seen our first wreck in Belize. A big truck backed into our parked car. Joshua is almost 16, Tori is a teenager, and Erika is 5. Erika shut the big metal door onto her heel which split it wide open, needing stitches. Two new rabbits for Tori's birthday called: Skyler and Patience. We also have a new watch dog named Stormi, she was necessary after someone jumped our fence and broke into our cars.

Our Thursday night group started with 2 young adults we were discipleing and now has grown to over 50. We have seen lots of salvations and truly young adults hungering for more of God.

Our Church had 13 people attending at the end of March and now we are running over 70 in Sunday celebration. We have seen over 40 salvations, many baptisms, and raising up many, many future leaders. GOD IS GOOD.

Wow!! One year in Belize. Much accomplished in one year but there so much more to be done. I am enjoying the journey with my family, my wonderful church family, and I am excited about raising up relational reproducible disciples. Fulfilling our purpose.

A year ago this felt like a foreign mission field. Today, I call it home.

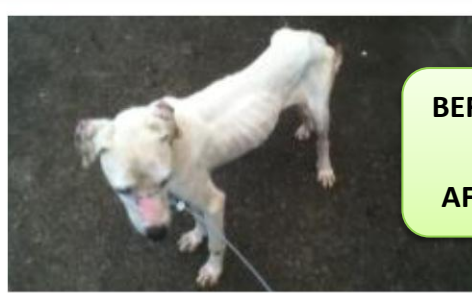
What's Going On:

- 1. T-SHIRTS:** LifeNet Church has our own t-shirts. Just another way to touch our community. Here is my beautiful 13 year old wearing the T.
- 2. FLYERS:** In January we sent out over 5000 flyers (see below) to all the homes in Belmopan. We sent them with the water bill. We have already had 4 families visit the church and many other unchurched families are telling our church members that they saw the flyer.
- 3. VAN:** We are still desperately looking for a 16 passenger van for ministry. Our 12 passenger van is well used and will continue to be greatly used, but the extra 4 seats would make a huge difference. We would also have a church member drive it to pick up folks. My 12 passenger van consistently has 16+ in it already on Thursday nights and Sunday mornings. Please pray the Lord leads us to one.
- 4. PlusTV DEVOTIONALS:** I had the privilege to share a week long devotional on PlusTV which aired every morning across the entire nation of Belize. God continues to give us favor. Pictured to the right is a web version capture of the broadcast. My focus was Colossians 3:1-2, ***If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.***
- 5. NET GROUPS:** By the end of February, our 22 week leadership development training will be complete and we should birth three new NET Groups. Please pray for wisdom as we launch these new NETS. This will bring us to 9 cell groups (this includes the 6 that meet on Thursday night). We really need to begin assimilating our new families into the NETS and begin to disciple all of our new families. Very excited to see what the Lord is doing.
- 6. THURSDAY NIGHT NET GROUP:** Our Thursday night NET Groups gathered to watch the movie: *Courageous*. Wow, what a powerful movie. We had 51 people at our house. That's a lot a young adults in our living room. That night after the movie we had a ministry time and 1 gave his heart to Jesus and about 6 others received ministry and prayer. It was a great night. If you haven't seen the movie – go get it.....
- 7. ROBBED:** Yes, about 4 weeks ago, someone jumped our fence in the middle of the night and stole some things under our carport. They were attempting to steal our van batteries, which are very expensive here in Belize. Robyn woke up in the night and turned on a light and we think that is what must have scared them off. So now we added a security light in our carport and got an outside dog. It wasn't a big deal about what was stolen, it was the peace of mind knowing that robbers had jumped our fence and meant harm for my family.
- 8. GOD CALLED OUT INTERCESSORS THE NIGHT WE WERE ROBBED:** The very night we were being robbed, my brother awoke from a dream of my family in Belize. The dream was about us being in extreme danger. He woke and began interceding for us. I know his prayers stirred up things in the spirit realm and brought protection to our lives. Ephesians 6:12 in the Word tells us that our fight is against a *spiritual host of wickedness in the heavenly places*. How cool is our God that He would wake someone up

1500 miles away to intercede for one of His kids in danger. This expressed once again the hand of God on us hear. That God is looking out for us and protecting us. I love the fact that God is a God of the supernatural. He can move mountains, heal the blind, transform lives and yes, He can wake people many miles away and call them out to intercede for someone in need. **GOD IS A GREAT GOD....**

9. **STORMI:** As I mentioned, we got an outside dog and named her STORMI. Stormi has endured many storms in her short life. We met her about 10 months ago. She lived just behind us. She was very skinny and chained up on a chain that constantly was tangled so that she could not run around. When it rained she would have to lay in about 3 inches of water. About a month ago we notices that she was no longer skinny, but skin and bones. She had open wounds on her body that were not healing due to her extremely poor health. My daughter began throwing food over, which was the only food Stormi got many days. Tori began to pray every day for this dog and that we would be able to take it and rehabilitate the dog. We asked the lady that owned the dog and she said no. So when the robbery happened, we knew we needed to get a watch dog and asked again. A long story short, the family agreed to give us the dog. Once again we see the power of prayer. God hears the heart of His kids. Within a week of us having the dog, you could see her weight gain and her wounds begin to heal. The pictures below show Stormi when we first got her and then after about 3 weeks. Amazing what food and and lots of love can do. Stormi can already bark on command, sit, shake and stay. The following statement was shared by Robyn on our blog and I thought it was pretty cool: *I was thinking about Tori's rabbit and dog...both rescued...one from snakes, one from starvation...kind of a spiritual picture of what God is having us do for the people of Belize. We are rescuing them, restoring what the enemy has stolen in their lives, and helping feed their spirits and make them strong*

10. **TEAMS:** We have three teams scheduled and possibly two more coming this summer. Pray that as they come, God will use them to impact the people of Belmopan. We love having teams coming, they are such a huge blessing to the ministry, but also, they are a huge blessing to our family.



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11. **BUILDING A HOME IN MAYA MOPAN:** This is last, but surely not least. We have a mission team coming in late February. They will build a home for a very special family in Maya Mopan. Maya Mopan is about a 10 minute drive from my house, but two totally different worlds. I live in the capital city, but Maya Mopan is a small village on the outskirts of town. Most of the homes do not have indoor plumbing. If they have electricity, it is run with an extension cord from another home. Hopefully I will show you pictures of the new home next month. They are bringing a team of 10 down and we hope to complete the house within the week. The family is very blessed. Delores, the mother shared with me that this has been her prayer and her dream. She is Mayan and has raised 7 kids (I think that is the number) on her own after her husband died of a snake bite. It is a great joy to serve this family.



Budget Update:

Some of our monthly commitments were just for one year, so we had a few of our commitments end in 2011. I am pleased to announce that God always is our source and has brought on a couple of new partners to make up the difference. There are still a couple of churches that are praying about sowing into the mission here in Belize. Please continue to pray with us that God would expand our prayer support and financial support. Both are greatly needed.

Just a few more pics: (left to right) **(A)** Sara and her husband Jonathan are expecting their 2nd child. They are YWAM missionaries and attend our church. **(B)** Me training Stormi – our fierce guard dog. **(C)** Tori holding a miracle baby born at 31 weeks premature and only 3lbs. Little Chloe is over 6lbs now. Aden and Erika are looking on. **(D)** Me working away in my little home office, sporting my LifeNet t-shirt.



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