

OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER



The Season
of Harvest

Budget Update:

Greetings from Belize. I hope this letter finds you doing well. We have been in Belize for 8 months now. It is hard to believe. Time flies.

As a missionary, fully supported by multiple churches and individuals, it is important that we seek your prayers as we look to our budget for 2012. October is when many churches consider their budget and mission giving. Below is a short explanation of our 2012 needs.

In September's newsletter I shared that: *Our monthly commitments are a little under our budgeted needs, but one time gifts are coming in to make up the difference. For example, July funds were \$905 below budget, but a one-time gift made up the difference. We are praying for 2012 that our budget would be met by monthly commitments from churches and individuals. We are believing the Lord for about 10 more churches and about 10 more individuals that would include us in their monthly missions giving. We know the Lord has called us here and know He will raise up partners to continue to meet our monthly commitments here.*

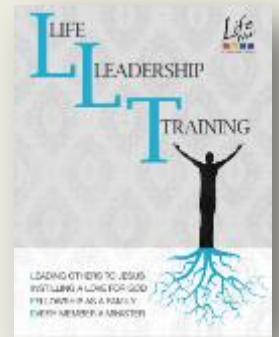
When I researched Belize on the internet it spoke about the cost of living being cheaper. In reality, the cost of living here is about 20% more than the US according to another missionary agency I spoke to. Gas is nearly \$6.00US a gallon, electricity is .21 a kilowatt which is double US rates, the internet and phone services are nearly double US rates. It is amazing what some things cost. For example, we were going to buy a medium size ice cooler, the cost was over \$100US and that was for a generic brand. The name brand coolers were \$150-175US.

God is blessing us here in Belize. Our goals are to plant a church that will raise reproducible leaders to go out and plant other churches. We planted LifeNet Church seven months ago and are seeing people saved, baptized and discipled. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Season of Harvest

October is the *season of harvest* and we are experiencing a harvest. God is so good. I have so many great things to tell you about.

1. LifeNet Church is seeing visitors every Sunday. We are **growing** and the people are excited to see all that God is doing.
2. We started our 2nd **Net Group**, actually it is a leadership development group. We have 12 future leaders coming. 6 of the 12 are young adults in their 20's. I am so excited to see what God is going to do. We will meet for 22 weeks going through the LLT, to equip in doctrine, how to lead a Net Group and leadership principles. We are building **reproducible disciples**. When we are finished, we hope to birth 3-4 new Net Groups.
3. We **baptized** 3 more people on September 25th.
4. Our **Thursday Night Net Group** with our young adults is going great as well. It's a great time of challenging them to dig deeper & to reach out.
5. This is a great **season of harvest**. I cannot wait to see what the next few Months will bring.
6. I am beginning to **minister** more around the country. In October, I will minister at a pastor's conference in Belize City. In November, I will minister to about 40 young people in Cayo and in December, I will minister in Belize City at St. John's College.
7. Thank you for interceding for us. It is greatly appreciated.



Prayer Needs:

1. **Financial Partners:** Pray for us as we seek to expand our financial partners. We are so grateful for the financial and prayer partners we have now. I send this newsletter to over 500 churches and individuals who desire to intercede for us regularly. Trust me when I say that we feel your prayers.
2. **Reproducible Disciples:** Pray for continued church growth with new Believers being raised up to become reproducible disciples.
3. **Leaders:** Pray that we would be great stewards of those God has entrusted to us and raise up powerful leaders. Leaders to touch this nation for the gospel.
4. **Safety:** Over the last 8 months we have met such wonderful people in Belize. We love the people of Belize. We also see the moral decay of the land, primarily the fatherless homes. Fatherless homes leads to all sorts of societal issues – gangs and drugs to name two. To the public, we are seen on the streets as tourists and therefore somewhat of a target on our back. Over the last month we have had a few eye opening experiences that reminds us of why the Lord has called us here. Belmopan is much safer than Belize City, but there is crime, gangs and an abundance of drugs here.

Other Happenings:

1. September was a month of **national celebration**. September 21st was Independence Day. There was a Christian parade and celebration where over 3000 gathered on the National Assembly to celebrate the nation's independence and celebrate the Lord. It was a great night. At midnight was a beautiful **Fireworks** show. On the 21st, there was a huge parade around the Ring Road here in Belmopan. It was extremely hot in the middle of the day, but a great celebration none the less.
2. **Wini**, the 17 year old that we are guardians to, joined with two other young men in our church to sing an originally produced song for a local competition. The song turned out excellent. They performed it before the **3000 people** at the night celebration on September 20th. They named their group: LifeNet!
3. **George Price**, the first Prime Minister of Belize and regarded as the "**Father of the Nation**", passed away on September 19th, two days shy of the nation's 30th birthday. Our Church meets in a rented room at the George Price Museum, so Sunday, the 25th, his body was held in state at the building and we could not meet there. We decided to make lemonade out of lemons and rented a conference room the Belmopan Hotel and conducted our third **Baptism** there.
4. Josh, Tori and Erika experienced their first dentist in a foreign land. Not bad at all. The dentist said they all look good.
5. One last note. I heard someone say this recently and it captures the reality of why we are here. ***Belize is the most evangelized underdisciplined nation on earth.*** So, so true! Belize has had so many crusades and revivals and there are so many people that have raised their hands 10 times for salvation, but there is no discipleship. Discipleship is the greatest weakness in the church here. God has called us here to raise up not only powerful disciples, but reproducible disciples. In many ways it is harder than unreached nations, because these folks have heard it all. They understand the religious lingo, but no one has ever showed them how to walk it out. This is a very religious culture, but "religious" does not always equate to true Believers. Prayer for us as we raise up truly powerful reproducible disciples.



George Price



MINISTRY TEAMS

MISSION TEAMS: Pray about coming to Belize in 2012.

Looking for teams of 5-15 people. We are hoping for 4-5 teams in 2012.

Here some benefits of a short term mission's trip:

- You are coming to bless a nation, a community and the us (we love it when mission teams come), while helping them expand the Kingdom of God.
- Your members will catch the heartbeat of God for missions and they will never be the same.
- It will further strengthen the partnership between your church and the mission here in Belize.



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Pics of baptism and some of the independence parade



Pics of George Price funeral - a nationally huge event. 1000's attended.