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# FARLEYS' NEWSLETTER

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## REPENT

One word sticks out above all when it comes to our relationship with God and others. The word is repent. The common Hebrew word for repentance found in the Bible is "sub." It is found over 1,000 times in the Old Testament alone. Of the 164 times this word is used in "covenant context" it indicates turning from evil to God. Period. Just turning away from one and turning to the other. It is that simple. So simple, I was disappointed when I discovered it. I really had wished the definition for repentance would have been "to cry out, "to be sorry for," "a heart felt emotional remorse." But that word "naham" in the Hebrew is found only once in the NIV and only three times in the NASB. So, what is the lesson here? We don't need to end up in a wreck, lose it all, and then repent.... taking years to rebuild. Just turn from evil in our lives and turn towards God. Start walking towards God now and don't look back. Sometimes we discover something amazing in the Bible and sometimes it is just something simple, we did not know. It's called truth.

## ...That you may proclaim the excellencies of Him

One of the amazing things I get to do in life as a missionary is to see lives changed. We have recently been blessed to have five new converts baptized and to see change come to the lives of those seeking God. We have



seen satan attack new believers and rejoice in the fact that he would feel threatened by those being born again. Please pray for these new converts and a church that is growing in spite of ourselves.



Every year we have several youth or young adults serve the summer mission teams as interns. One of those interns, Denmark Jacobs of Jacintoville, will become my apprentice for the next twelve months. Please pray for Denmark as he will travel with me, be my on-road accountability partner, learn to drive/get his license, serve in various capacities and in this case; preach to the youths on Friday nights. We had (95) in attendance that week.



Terri Fowler led a special needs team and our ministry went to new heights this month. This team did the first student assessments ever, conducted a full day teacher seminar (lunch included), hosted a back to

school bash and had numerous meetings with ministry of education. Thank you Kingdom Mobilization for a great week!



## Finally Back Home

Over the years we have had several home churches. We could have never made it without Dogwood and West Oaks/River Bend. We have recently found ourselves back home on that front. I (Bob) started at Norwood Heights when I was twelve years old. Rhonda and family had been there for a few years before me. We barely knew each other in those days. Then as Rhonda was about to graduate university I was surprised to see her in a whole new light. I am thankful for every moment I have spent with my marvelous wife of 34 years. It would now appear we have come full circle and are back at the church where we started in 1969, with folks we have known our whole lives. Our moms still attend there. Thank you, NHBC, for taking care of our finances and holding the rope for us in the field.

## Building in progress and a Bible College soon to start...

Scripture tells us to be cheerful givers. We have definitely been blessed by supporters desiring to help finish the Belize Bible College classrooms building. In our last newsletter we asked for (50) supporters to give \$500 each. Well, the Lord blessed us with eight supporters that gave enough for the project to get closer to completion. Thank you, Lord, for touching the hearts of these folks for making our progress possible. We recently poured the cement floor and are presently building the walls. If you'd like to donate towards the finishing stages of the classroom building see giving information below. I will keep you posted of new progress.



Joe Souza and his team from Founders Baptist Church, Spring, Texas, ministered in Crique Jute village. In spite of hurricane Earl coming ashore in Belize, the team had a dynamic week of vbs.



Happy Birthday Hannah!

**What's new?...** birthday party, drivers license test, learners permit, and the coveted letter from Sissy (Meredith). It is official: Hannah is now 18 years old. That little football I used to carry with me everywhere I would go when we first arrived in Belize is now a young lady. Happy Birthday, Big Girl!



Donate through Paypal on our website: [www.belizetrainingcenter.com](http://www.belizetrainingcenter.com)

### Special Need

Freight and duty on bus coming with school supplies will be about \$4500 US.

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