

# FARLEYS' NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2016

## An Incredible year...

**Looking back**, 2016 was a great year. Much was accomplished. The Belize Training Center hosted 32 visiting mission teams, 253 guests from abroad, and 8 Belizean functions with 530 indigenous guests.

**"LIT en Belice"** taught 255 students in 9 different schools across Belize. This exciting two-year Spanish Bible course continues to grow. There are now more LIT students in Belize than in Guatemala.

**The Farleys** took the month of May off in Texas and conducted 33 meetings, 3 meal meetings, and several church services.

**Yemeri Grove Christian Church** is growing rapidly and baptized 12 new converts, disciplined two groups (10+12) and is averaging 100 in service on Sunday mornings.

**The Belize Bible College** Classrooms building is about 80% complete and still under construction.

**A 70-passenger school bus** will be delivered before the end of the year. *We have much to be thankful for and can only give God the Glory He deserves.*

**Youth night** continues to amaze us. Kenroy Edwards spoke this night about "receiving the Word and not letting it fall to the ground." Every fourth Friday night the youth are responsible for service with skits, leading worship and preaching. These young men and young ladies have done a fantastic job of serving this year in various capacities. There have been as many as 95 in one service that normally averages in the 80's. Job well done!



**A Thanksgiving celebration** was a great time to welcome a new mission family, Jon and Jessica Reed and daughters (far left). Friends, family, and some fantastic food was enjoyed by all. The visiting was the best part!

## Fragile, handle with care...

John 15:5 says **"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."**

When we first read this Scripture we might visualize an attached (abiding) branch much like a thick limb bending low from the weight of much fruit. The amazing discovery in this Scripture is not found in the word "abide" but in the understanding of what a branch looks like. The Greek word used here for "branches" (#2814- **klema**) means **"a shoot"**, a young twig, fragile, "as the shoots of the vine" is more accurate word usage. A young twig so fragile; the root word for a **klema** is (#2806-**klao**) meaning **"to break."** In our lives as "branches," everything we think of as a disadvantage, disqualifying trait, disgusting mark, poverty, weakness, or sickness only gives God the opportunity to manifest HIS superiority over circumstances, brings glory to Himself, and perfect care for His children... when the way forward looks impossible. **"And He said to me, My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect (#5048- "to finish") in weakness."** *II Cor 12:9* Take this opportunity to step out in faith, looking only to the author and finisher of our faith. **HE IS ABLE...**



# Partners Needed

## We need your help!

The Belize Training Center ministries are supported solely through individual and church contributions. *God has called us to this work and we believe He will provide through partners who give as sacrificially as we do. Our family lives by faith and does not receive a salary from nor are we on staff at any institution.* Over the years we have used visiting mission teams to introduce us to new churches as well as to get much more work done in the field. We have hosted more and more teams each year but a growing trend we notice is churches sending teams are not connecting as monthly financial partners. From monthly donations the BTC pays Belizean salaries for maintenance & improvements to the facility, pays utility & repair bills, maintains vehicles for teams and other use, and funds special projects. We have also recently lost \$1,500 (two large donors) in monthly support due to budget cuts and are in great need because of this shortage. If the Lord is leading you to support this ministry by giving monthly, please do.



**Teachers Reaching Teachers Globally** ([trtglobally@gmail.com](mailto:trtglobally@gmail.com)) is a team from Ft. Worth, Texas. Sallee Clark and team will be here this week conducting an approved Government of Belize Principal Teachers' Seminar. Christian Teachers teaching Belizean teachers Godly school management and bringing honor to God.

**School Supplies.** Last spring we put out a request for school supplies to be donated. Thank you to those who diligently sent boxes of supplies to schools here in Belize. Our ministry delivers school supplies to Government Schools, makes connections for upcoming seminars, conducts surveys, and encourages classroom teachers. We use collected data for teams and others desiring to help schools with special projects.



**The Belize Bible College** is in the same condition as the classrooms building. Unfinished. We are in need of financial supporters to finish this building. It will take approximately \$15,500 USD to finish the classrooms building. Classes began on September 12th and stopped on October 24th, 2016 due to additional paperwork needing to be turned in to the government. With our application now complete and approved; the District Education Council will come and inspect the facility on Tuesday, December 13th. before re-opening in the near future. We deeply appreciate your patience and prayers through this start up process. A lot was learned in those six weeks. We now know we will need at least \$1,200 in additional operational funds per month for the college, we need more than one professor, and we need some serious partners willing to dig in and serve in this area. During the start up process new people did get involved that provided tremendous help with accreditation and web pages and a future professor is coming to Belize in January to look at the project. The start up also stirred interest in future students.



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### Immediate Needs:

Classroom Building  
Completion: \$15,500  
Ministry Debt: \$8,372  
Bus Delivery: \$3,500  
Additional Monthly:  
\$1,500

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