



Belize Softball Missions Trip 2010 Report

Once again, another mission trip has come and gone. God continues to amaze us, and he is always right there, on time! This was one of the smallest groups we have taken to Belize. What we lacked in people, we made up for in energy, enthusiasm, and love for the people we went to minister to. This group was amazing to be a part of, and we thank God for the opportunity he has given us, to be a part of something that is much larger than “us”!

San Ignacio & outlying Villages (Cayo District) – Primary Schools

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, our schedule was basically the same; clinic in the morning, clinic in the afternoon, and play a game at night. The schools we visited were in areas our organizer (Patrick) called the “forgotten children of Belize”. These villages were close to the rainforest and toward the northwestern side of the country, near Guatemala. The children that attend these schools live in some of the poorest places we have ever been. The attendees were amazing, hanging on every word and every drill. One of the things we noticed was what a great job these teachers had done instructing the children to behave and be very respectful. During the clinics the sun was always out, most of the time we are in the middle of a field, but amazingly, the clouds always seemed to roll in during the times we presented the gospel to the kids. Its amazing how Gods timing is always exactly right. Over the 3 days of clinics, we had the opportunity to speak to 315 primary school children. 36 of the children accepted Christ as their personal savior. We were also able to give away a New Testament and a pencil bags filled with school supplies to each child, along with a supply basket for the teachers of every school.

Belize Christian Academy – Belmopan (Capital City of Belize)

On Wednesday and Friday, we went and visited Belize Christian Academy. BCA is a private school located in the capital city of Belmopan. BCA is a melting pot of all the many nationalities represented in Belize as well as many dignitaries children from all over the world whose parents are employed by their respective governments’ embassies. Stan Roach was able to bring an incredible message to the High School chapel service. It was an incredible time, as we watched God sit down on this special school and ministered to the young adults. We had a chance to counsel and pray with over 30 students individually. On Friday, Stacy McRae brought a message to the elementary school and we also saw God work in that special service. We thank God for what he has done at BCA and our relationship with them.

Independence (Stann Creek District) and Corazol Town (Corazol District)

On Tuesday and Thursday, we embarked on 2 full day “adventures”. The Team drove for 3 hours, one way, to both Independence and Corazol Town, on two completely opposite ends of the country. Our day started about 8am, and ended about 12pm midnight. We had a chance to visit 1 school in Independence. One of the teachers had been a player we had played against back in 2005. He had been requesting us to come visit them. We spent all day there doing a clinic, eating lunch, and then staying for a scrimmage with the kids. Over 200 kids came to the event, 35 accepted Christ. On Thursday, we went to Corazol Town (within 15 miles of the Mexican Border). We visited 2 schools, talked to 180 kids, and saw 18 accept Christ. We also had a chance to go to their local field and play a local team that night. It was a great experience for them and for us.

By the numbers

2010 was astounding from the raw numbers that we saw; 875 primary school and high school students, 95 players and coaches (adults), and approximately 250-500 people every night in the stands to watch us play. On Friday night, at our “going away” BBQ, there were 500 fans to watch the game and the home run derby. Excluding the fans, we shared with over 910 students and teachers, with 119 “one on one” counseled decision for Jesus. God allowed this to happen with a team of only 15 men and women. Since 2005, we have shared Jesus with over 4860 children and adults and seen over 470 Belizeans accept Christ into their hearts. In 4 years, God has allowed us to share with over 10% of the population of the country.

Moving Forward

2011 is shaping up to be a great year again. The Belize trip is planned for March 12-20, and there is also an October trip being organized. The March trip is during Spring Break for most of our students here in the U.S. We need **you** to be a part of this next trip. It doesn’t matter whether you are a man, woman, or child, God can use you to do great things to impact the only English speaking country in Central America. This trip will feature an opportunity for you to be involved in the life of 500-1000 students and involve yourself in the fabric of village life in another country. We always think that we are going to change others, when the trip itself, changes **you**!