

The Harris Herald

From your Missionaries to Belize, Central America

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Romans 15:30 - Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;

Dear Praying Friends,

It is hard to believe that we have been here for four months. We have been settling in just fine. We have exciting news! For the last four months our family has been driving about an hour and 15 minutes to and from the church we have been assisting. We have been doing that for both Saturday visitation and the Sunday morning service. Gas here can be pretty expensive. God had a purpose for us to live in Orange Walk Town; however, we feel as if God's plan for us here has been completed. After much prayer and seeking godly counsel, we have decided to move closer to the church we have been assisting in a nearby village named Hattieville. We have found a new house for our family to rent for the same amount that we are paying now. This will allow us to get involved more in the ministries of the Independent Baptist Church of Belize City.

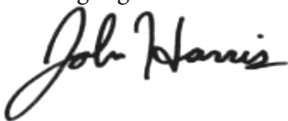
We are very thankful for the Whitecar family. They have not only been helpful to our family but they also opened up their ministry for our family to serve before we launch out to plant a church. Our family has in some capacity been involved in the planting of two church in the Chicago land area; however, we are finding out that starting a church in Belize is quite different.

I have been privileged to serve in the prison ministry of the church. After the prison services we have the opportunity to speak with the inmates and answer any questions they may have. Soon I plan on ministering and holding a service on my own. Unfortunately, because the Belizean people are involved with ecumenicalism, it may take some time before a person may realize that accepting Jesus by faith is the only way to Heaven. But we believe in the power of the Gospel and have full confidence the Gospel will penetrate the hearts of the Belizean people. Pray for an inmate named Chris who is supposed to be released in the near future. He has been attending the services before I even started and he wished to turn his life around.

Our family also is now a part of a van route that we oversee for the time being in the largest village in Belize named Ladyville. While passing out literature and New Testament Bibles we have seen some very good prospects. We ask that you will please pray for both Kirk and Joshua to attend in the near future. Robin has been assisting in the children's Sunday school class, and our children love the fact that they now are a part of just one Sunday school class. They are finally becoming more stable, and they are happy to be on a set schedule in which deputation did not offer.

Brethren, I ask you to please pray for the people of Belize. Please pray that we can do our part to «punch holes in the darkness.» In order to do so it will take the power of the Holy Spirit and the prayers of God's people.

Serving together with servants' hearts,



John & Robin Harris
Zechariah, Madalyn, & Kaitlyn

PS: We want to praise the Lord for answering our prayers concerning our missionary work permits. We received our letter informing us that we have been approved. We must renew our missionary work permits annually; however, next February my family will be eligible and we will apply to become residents of Belize. Thank you for praying with our family.

PSS: Please pray for our upcoming VBS, we are conducting it differently this year. It will be each Sunday for seven Sundays. The dates are June 18-July 30. Please pray for souls to be saved.



Road Block!



Zechariah and Madalyn befriending children while on visitation



Zechariah singing in the Easter Program



Belize Fact: Belize's Black Howler Monkeys, locally known as "Baboons" are one of the top 10 loudest animals in the world!



Sadly, while surveying remote villages we would see signs of false witnesses.

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