

# C. A. Outreach Ministries, Inc. – February 2008

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*Dear Friends in Christ,*

American Airlines brought a man over to the hotel who was so drunk he could not get on the plane. His language and conduct were rough. We took him in, fed him and gave him a room. He was so drunk he couldn't find his room. He wanted to use the phone so we dialed the phone for him. He was talking to his uncle and I couldn't help overhearing how he closed the conversation: "Uncle, I'll see you in hell." The next morning he was sober and I asked him if he would like a cup of coffee. He said yes, so we went over to the dining room. I mentioned I heard him say to his uncle that he would see him in hell. "You don't really want to go to hell, do you? How would you like a new life?" He said, "I need a cigarette." So we went downstairs, sat in front of the hotel, and while he was smoking his cigarette, I shared some stories from the Gospel. This 32-year-old electrician from the States bowed his head, took my hand and asked Jesus to be his Savior. When he looked up, I could actually see a change in his eyes. We went back upstairs and I introduced him as my new brother to some Christian friends. Susan Gibson gave him a big hug and said, "**Welcome to the family.**" I gave this young man some homework before he flew back to the States: to find a good Bible church and have a daily quiet time reading his Bible and praying. We had two other young men that also made decisions. We ask your prayers for these three young men.



Above center is a picture of missionaries and church workers who came for **Thanksgiving Dinner** and fellowship. Over two hundred people filled our auditorium for our **annual Sharing Christmas program** (left), and enjoyed music, ballet, and drama in honor of Christ's birthday. It's wonderful to see the different denominations get together for Christian fellowship.

**George and Daniel Assi** (right) have been with us for over six months. We are now their legal guardians and have gotten them back in school. They are studying, memorizing scripture, attending church, and feel like they now have a purpose and goal in life. These are the two young men we mentioned in our last newsletter who had been in two orphanages and had recently been put out of their house by their alcoholic father. We have helped them but they have been a real blessing to us too.

Judy is very active in the **music program** of a small local church and is playing piano for the services. In addition, she is teaching three members of the church to also play the keyboard for the church.

In January, for the seventh straight year, we were especially blessed with the **Cursillo team from Iowa** who came to minister spiritually to prisoners and the Belizean people. We're so thankful for their devotion, follow-up work and the many gifts they brought the people.

**Bobby Steward**, one of our very active supporters, made another trip to Belize. Along with being excellent in maintenance and repair, Bobby uses his chiropractic work to share the Gospel. Not only does he help relieve people of physical pain, but also frees them from eternal suffering. He came in one afternoon, smiling as he always does, and said, "I led one of your neighbors to the Lord." This young girl was in the house of one of the people he was working on, and was one of several people he led to Jesus. Bobby was also a real blessing to a Mayan pastor who came up from southern Belize and spent three days with us where Bobby could work on him daily. We thank God how he uses our everyday talent for His glory.

**ELECTIONS:** The UDP, the Belize opposition party for ten years, won a record landslide (80%) victory. They have promised to be transparent, honest and serve all the Belizean people. We do ask your prayers for the much-needed reform and financial recovery that they have before them. The new prime minister has the biggest challenge that has ever faced Belize.

We're thankful for all those who are purchasing the book *Two Minutes to Live*. It's on the Internet now and pops up when you put in "**Two Minutes to Live Collier**". The response has been very good and we're hoping to publish wholesale copies for half price in orders of 25 or more. The other half of the selling price can be used for church mission programs.

**NEEDS:** We are still in need of staffing—both long and short-term to help with the mission house, construction program, trade school, library, discipleship trading, and teaching and working in the local schools. This can be from a week to a year or more. Please pray about this and tell your friends. Again, may God's richest blessings be upon each of you. We covet your prayers and would also like to hear of your needs so we may pray for you also. In Him,

*John, Judy, John Jr., George, Daniel and Happy*