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Dear Christian Friends,

**T**hank you so much for your prayers and the encouraging notes so many of you have sent. This newsletter is basically sharing the needs of the Belize Police Department in order to help stop the escalating crime in Belize. Those of you who would like to help are needed; this could include bringing teams to Belize. You may also know of some law enforcement officers who may be interested. The police need help:

1. With needed police equipment (all kinds);
2. To remodel one police station's living quarters and repair others;
3. In offering police training sessions (many are on DVDs - including safety and crime prevention films). Some of the films could be presented at schools and churches. First aid training courses could be held at the mission house.
4. With teams to sponsor and help organize sports for youth. The teams could help with uniforms, showing that the youth are part of a police campaign to stop crime. Also needed are US teams to help sponsor and hold a camp this summer for youth before they get into trouble.

All the above are only some of the needs, but all projects are open to sharing the Gospel. This is an open door for sharing the Gospel to schools, youth, and the community -- both with films and sports.

**Belize Police Inspector Calbert Flowers, who is in charge of the Belize Rural North District** and has become a close Christian friend of mine, has asked me to be on a **pilot program to help stop crime**. If successful, this program could expand to the entire country. After doing a thorough investigation of the needs of the police, I found out how much help they really need. Already we have had 4 meetings at the mission house and appeared on the **TV show Police Linkup** this past Thursday evening. We had the entire 2-hour talk show and have been asked to return for another 2-hour program. It went **all over the country via TV and radio and was also viewed on the Internet**. Besides sharing the needs of the police and the new crime-stopping programs we are initiating, I was able to share the need for prayer – that **God was the only one who could really solve the problem**.

Inspector Flowers has **26 villages** under his jurisdiction, with **9 small police stations** where the policemen also live. He has approximately **85 other police personnel** under him and they are very much overworked, understaffed, underpaid with no overtime pay. For the entire jurisdiction they only have the following equipment:

**One police vehicle (pickup) that runs!** (And when they take prisoners to court or to jail, they are put in the back of the one pickup they have.)  
A second police car that needs repair

**One shotgun**

**Approximately 12 handguns – which they pass around while on duty**

**One radio at the station, and I think they have a radio in the one car that runs**

**NO** bulletproof vests

A few pairs of handcuffs

**NO** emergency lights (flashing blue lights for the cars)

They do have one refrigerator that I gave them. But what is serious, is that they have no coffee pot!

The one police house in Ladyville that's next to the main station is in terrible shape and no one can live in it. This really needs repair. We want to thank Rev. Tim Tam and his ministry for donating and shipping the much-needed furniture for the police station. This was a real encouragement and help to the police department.

Our crime rate is escalating. According to my sources, 10 years ago there were about 740 people in jail. Today we have approximately 1,500. We desperately need help.

There is a **private plane that now flies into Belize monthly, bringing missionaries supplies**. The pilot is a retired 747 captain – James N. Lewis. I shared with Captain Lewis the need for police equipment in Belize, and he said **he could fly down basically any type of equipment, including firearms, and would be happy to fly the equipment down at no charge**. If the equipment is from a police department – such as handcuffs, hand guns, finger-printing equipment and supplies, computers, and other much-needed supplies – Captain Lewis would need a letter from the donating police department with an itemized list of contributions. The items would be shipped to Inspector Calbert Flowers, Belize Police Department. Inspector Flowers would clear all items at customs, and would send the donor an itemized thank you note. The next scheduled flight of Captain Lewis to Belize is at the **end of October**. If you have any items to ship, please notify us at [embassybz@gmail.com](mailto:embassybz@gmail.com) so we can give you the mailing address.

If **law enforcement officers would also like to come down** and help with training sessions in Belize for a couple of days, including bringing down literature, films, and equipment, we would be happy to host them with **complimentary food and lodging while at the mission house**. Training sessions could be held at the mission house. If any law enforcement officers would like to call Inspector Flowers directly, please feel free to let us know so we can give them his contact information. Inspector Flowers could also send a list of additional police department needs; but, as you can see from the above list, they need everything from radios to cars!

And please know that **your prayers are all important**. *"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men ..."* 1 Timothy 2:2-6a.

Thank you again for your involvement in helping us prevent and stop crime in Belize. God Bless,

*John and Judy Collier*

