

C. A. Outreach Ministries, Inc. – Thanksgiving 2009

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Dear Family and Friends,

Even in these hard times, we have **so much to be thankful for . . .**

JOHN – DISCIPLESHIP & TEACHING: The men's discipleship program, that **Pastor Steve Sohns of Houston** began, is developing some very strong Christians and we are seeing some life changes in these men. **Pastor Sohns flies to Belize several times during the year** to work personally with the men for two or three days, and there are about **25 men of the men who meet at the hotel each Monday night** to study God's Word and learn how to share it [II Timothy 2:2]. **John is the speaker each week in Pastor Sohn's absence.** The classes have been so enthusiastically received, that John is now planning to begin a similar program in Belize City. On Pastor Steve's last trip, he held a **3-night seminar in churches on the cults**. The people were really eager to learn about false doctrine which is very prevalent here.

John has been a major speaker at several police functions and is the **chairman of the Peoples' Coalition**, to **help the Ladyville police department**. There is still a **need to get to Belize a lot of the police equipment and uniforms** that have been donated in the States. The source we had has not come through for us, and all the equipment and uniforms are very much needed. We do appreciate all the people who have helped get these items donated.

In addition to John's teaching the men's discipleship program, he has been asked to **speak at several churches** in the Belize district. John has **finished the writing of his second book** (A Christian novel based on the lives seven people) and hopes to have it edited shortly.

JUDY -- MUSIC: Judy has been asked to **help start a new inter-denominational choir in Belize City**. This Saturday she will be dividing the singers into parts and doing a workshop on singing fundamentals. Plans are underway for our annual **Sharing Christmas program plus a night of Christian Christmas movies and caroling**. It looks to be a wonderful program again this year with **caroling accompanied by professional musicians**: a classical guitarist on **December 11th** (movie and caroling night) and a violinist and flutist on **December 19th** (Sharing Christmas program). **Gifts or food for those in need** is the only the entrance fee. These items are divided among each participating church and group which, in turn, shares it with those in their neighborhood. We share Christmas together then with the less fortunate.

LIBRARY: Susan Gibson, who set up the categorization of our Christian library, returned to Belize and helped **renumber all the books**, also **adding the audio teaching tapes to the system**. This library is a tremendous help to pastors and teachers of all Christian denominations in Belize. And now the **men's discipleship classes** are taking advantage of it. There are lots of teaching materials and the library is strengthening.

The library's audio/visual library is very popular. Several **Josh MacDowell teaching video series for youth** were donated this past spring by **First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo (thank you Susan and Ginger Hagan!)** and have already been **used by two local high school counselors for Bible studies, religious and counseling classes, and for seminars** for the entire student body. The material is a blessing to all who use it. Pastors are also beginning to check out the series.

Christian DVDs are regularly checked out for use in churches and schools, as well as shown **free of charge at the mission house auditorium**. Last Saturday night a **large youth group** came to the mission house to view the Christian movie "Second Chance". Everyone really enjoyed it.

Additionally through the library, **costumes** from Judy's previous Christmas and Resurrection programs have been made **available for church and group use**. They have already been **used by several churches as well as the YWCA** for a Miss Christian Citizen Belize City Pageant.

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION: Please take note of our new e-mail address and phone numbers:

E-mail: embassybz@gmail.com; Home phone: **011-501-225-4444**; John's cell phone: **011-501-671-3333**.

NEEDS:

TEAMS FOR RIVER MISSION HOUSE: We are trying to finish our new **mission team house** on the Belize River. It's ideal for our **mission teams and Belize Bible conferences**. It has a **beautiful setting with large trees**. We are laying the tile now for the **conference room** where we **can seat 50 people** and show **movies**. And the screen can be used for computers to show graphs and charts for Bible studies.

We're needing **teams to help finish this part of the building and to help on six of the rooms** that would be used for **bedrooms**. Two of the rooms will have four bunk beds that would sleep eight people each, and the other four rooms would each sleep four persons. They all have private baths with large showers. Some team members would be doing **painting, others building bunk beds, hanging doors, tiling the bathrooms**, and of course, there's always a need for help with **cooking, washing, and getting everything ready for the mission conferences**.

We have several **groups who would like to start using the new mission house for Bible conferences and small church retreats**. We have room for expansion and the **setting is quiet and peaceful**. Across the river we often hear the **howler monkeys** and yesterday we saw a **porcupine** in the tree. There are several **large iguanas** and birds of all kinds. Judy and I saw some **ten to twelve hummingbirds** in a tree by the pool. The tree has some sort of fruit on it that the hummingbirds really like. We've seen many **parrots, parakeets, and toucans** as well. The **swimming pool has been completed** as well as an enclosed kitchen and dining room next to a two-story concrete boat dock. The dock is ideal for fishing and a **good place for a quiet time and group outdoor meetings**. We think future teams will like and enjoy this beautiful and peaceful setting.

PRAYERS, DRIVER, BOAT REPAIR: We have **one small fishing boat** already here **in Belize that needs a little repair**, and we have a **24' pontoon boat (and the use of a truck to pull it) in Orlando, Florida**. We need to have the pontoon boat brought to Belize, if anyone would be interested in **driving it down as a mission project**. It would also be **packed with needed donated supplies**.

We appreciate your prayers on these matters and if anyone would like to **help on the mission house, repairing a boat, driving a truck and boat to Belize, or helping with finances** on any of this, it would be deeply appreciated and very much needed.

May this **Thanksgiving be a joyful time** for you and your family as you celebrate the **Lord's goodness and faithfulness**.

With Thanksgiving for and in Him,

John, Judy, Family, Staff, and Board