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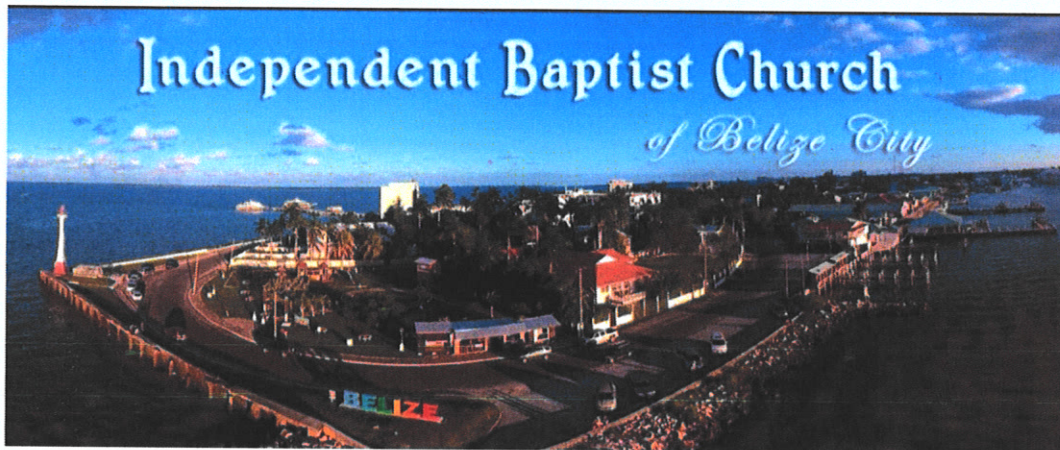
Summer Update 2024

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Dear Friends

Our summer break concluded a couple of weeks ago, and we began our new school year (2024-2025) with five students. It was a busy summer, but we are incredibly grateful to the Lord for the privilege to work full-time in this ministry. He has given us the health and strength to keep the ministry engaged and active. God has also provided for us through your prayers and financial support. May He continue to bless you abundantly for your partnership in advancing His kingdom here in Belize!

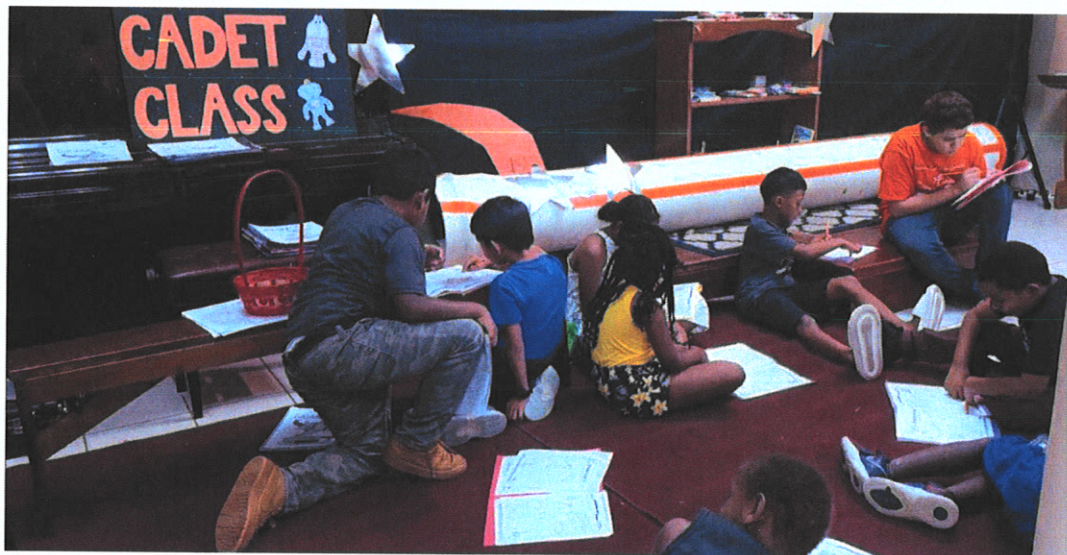
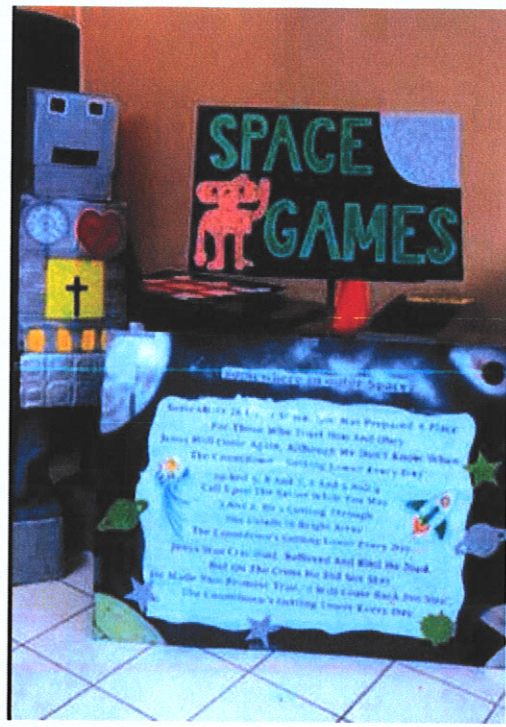
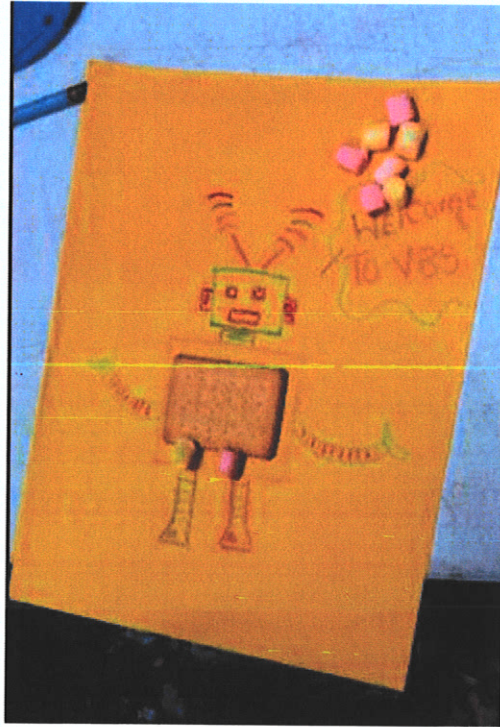
Below are pictures and updates on our summer activities:

[Vacation Bible School \(July 1st - 5th\):](#)



Our Vacation Bible School was a wonderful success! We had quite a number of new visitors to the VBS despite the hurricane threat (Hurricane Beryl) looming for several days prior. Grateful for those who knew about it and prayed for us. The projection had the storm on a straight path to Belize! In fact, we had to cancel Wednesday's VBS so we could prepare our homes and church in the event the storm stayed on its projected path. But praise God, the direction changed! We made up for the missed day the following Saturday. Please continue praying for our children's ministry.





Teen Camp (July 22nd - 25th):



Our teens enjoyed a life-changing experience at camp, with many opportunities provided for spiritual growth. Our theme was: “Jesus, Name Above All Names.” Teen camps are very special; they allow us to separate the church teens from the world and have them focus on Christ, where they grow in faith and enjoy fun activities. We can also emphasize the importance of separating from the world, fashion, and worldly entertainment. For example, girls are not allowed to bring pants; we provide culottes for the camp period, which was a new experience for all but one girl. They experience what we take for granted: morning devotion. Although they are taught the need for devotions in Sunday school, many of them lack the support at home to encourage them or be an example. At camp, we provided a time in the morning for personal and group devotions and had a preaching session every night.





Summer Reading Program (July 14-August 4):



For seven weeks, we hosted a reading program that encouraged children to read while earning points to trade for school supplies. It was amazing to see their enthusiasm for learning and their dedication to improving their skills. More importantly, we had several chances to share the love of Christ through this outreach. Books could only be exchanged after the Sunday night and Thursday night service, so we had a great turn out of families during those evening services. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve these young ones and their families. We are grateful as well to MVBC for the stationary supplies.



Church School (Opened July 19th): Heritage Baptist Academy

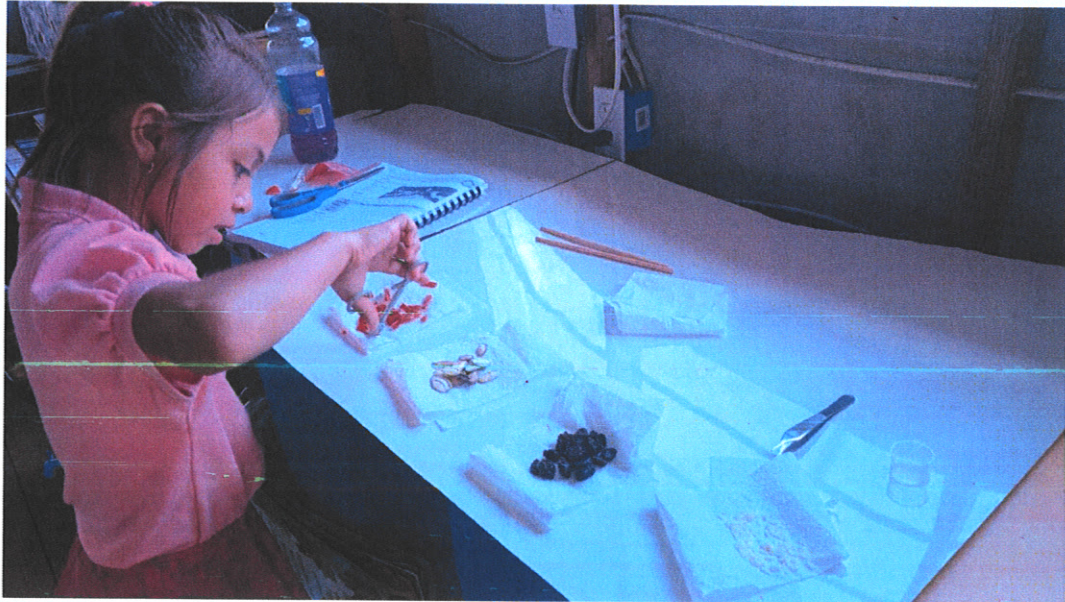


We are excited to announce that our church school opened its doors on August 19th. Please pray for the teachers, the five students, and families as they embark on this journey. We pray that the students will grow in knowledge and their relationship with Jesus Christ. The school is run by full-time volunteers (my wife and Mrs. Sosa),

and I am responsible for the math and science of the high school trio. I am also excited to share that we have a new student Jayla Banner. If you can make connections from our previous updates, Jayla is a little girl who got saved at our 2021 Anniversary service. She would later invite the rest of her sisters; then her mother would come and get saved, baptized, and join the church. Earlier this year, her dad was saved and baptized. Her mom was convicted of the dangers of sending Jayla to the public school (high school). So, after her primary school completion and despite Jayla's objection, Deidra (the mom) enrolled her in our school. Three weeks into our school year, Jayla is already warming up to the new environment, and we already see her developing spiritually. This school ministry is a miracle school that the Lord has made available for our church families. The education standards are high, and our volunteers work to facilitate the classes and foster godly characters that help build a strong Christians.



Science Experiments!!!



Soul Winning Efforts:

One of the most exciting updates comes from our recent soul-winning efforts. Through God's grace, we lead a precious soul to Christ! An older lady from one of the areas we canvassed on a Saturday morning accepted Jesus as her Savior, and we give all the glory to God for this wonderful outcome. She shared with us that although she was raised in the 7th-day Adventist church, on this said Saturday morning, she realized that she did not know where she would spend eternity. This sent a fear in her heart, and she prayed that God would help her. A few seconds after, she heard someone hollering at the front of her house, "Mawning! Mawning!". She asked the Lord if that was Him! At the front of her house, she met Deidra and one of her daughters, who invited her to church the following day. She came two Sundays ago and accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior. It's not always that we get to see the fruits of our labor, but the glory belongs to God, and it was a very encouraging experience.

We also ask for your continued prayers for our work at the Senior's Home in Hattiesville and the Juvenile Correction Center. Both ministries were paused during the summer but have now resumed. Please pray that we remain welcomed in these places and that the seeds planted will one day bear the fruit of salvation.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support as we continue to work together for the advancement of God's kingdom, always remembering that He is with us in every step.

In Christ's Service,

Brother Rigo Blanco



Please pray for the repair of one of our buses. On the last day of camp, both buses got stuck in the mud. Unfortunately, one of the bus's transmissions was damaged in the process of trying to get it out; are currently waiting for a replacement to get it back up and running.