



Pr. Herb Burch serving as LCMS Area Facilitator for Belize, Honduras, Guatemala, and Venezuela with his beloved rib



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Prayer requests:

Planning for home service in Sept, Oct and Nov. Safe travel as we visit missionary friends and reconnect in the U.S.

Venezuela:

Disaster training for Venezuelan Lutheran pastors in October; support to their afflicted churches & members.

Honduras:

For our missions in Honduras, first FORO in Tegucigalpa 15-18 Sept. to raise support and awareness.

Guatemala:

Thanksgiving as CONLUT partners in our mission efforts in Honduras. Pastoral training scheduled in November.

FROM VBS TO BACK TO SCHOOL

It seems like just a blink since we did Vacation Bible School in San Pedro on Ambergris Caye with members of Resurrection Lutheran of St. Louis...

But last week, Elizabeth Meissner and Shelby Senger put together all the school supplies the kids in our little congregation in Banana Bank will need for the coming year. We dedicated them at the close of our service and had each child come up to claim his or her backpack. Just like Christmas, they delighted as they unpacked the colorful notebooks, folders, pencils and markers. Just like in old days, we had each child put her or his name on the materials. They also need uniforms, shoes and the like to round out their school needs. We will leave some of that to their families.



Giseli Coc inspects her backpack, folders and notebooks after church

Markie, an old hand at teaching, sat down with some of the older students to check their reading. She found out that one of the boys, who will enter third grade has been faking it for the last several years. He listens to what the other students say when they read, and repeats. A second young man found that with some standard prescription reading glasses the words seem a lot clearer.

Clearly, they need some coaching, and we will use Bible Stories, Arch Books and their weekly bulletin inserts to help them come up to speed.



"The Billy Graham of Belize"

That's what Rev. Dr. Sam Gomez of Irvine, CA called Roldan Rios when we were talking at the National Hispanic Convention. Roldan, a Peruvian transplant to Belize has a Christian broadcasting station in Orange Walk. He has taken several classes through our extension program and wishes to start a Lutheran Church in Orange Walk. Praise the Lord!

BURCH BELIZE BULLET

Student Intern learns about long-term life on field



Shelby Senger, a junior at University of Chicago came to practice her Spanish for two months. Living with missionary families Burch and Meissner, she learned

the challenges of daily life in Belize.

Besides practicing Spanish, she cared for children, participated in Vacation Bible Schools, painted a mural, and much more.

We pray this experience will help advance her future plans to work in the foreign service. Thanks, Shelby

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Vacation Bible Schools

We opened new mission sites in San Mateo on Ambergris Caye and in Riversdale on the Placencia Peninsula through vacation Bible schools. Teams from Belize Mission Society joined hands with our LCMS missionaries to share the good news about Jesus Christ. Through coordination with Holy Cross Anglican School in San Mateo and a generous LCMS member, we brought a fun filled week to children who live on the edge on reclaimed land next to the most popular tourist destination in Belize. In Riversdale, children eagerly joined in the songs and Bible stories on the beach. We spread vinyl tablecloths on the sand and pine needles to provide places to sit, color and paint. Nothing fancy, just old fashioned fun.

