



GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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Laundry day

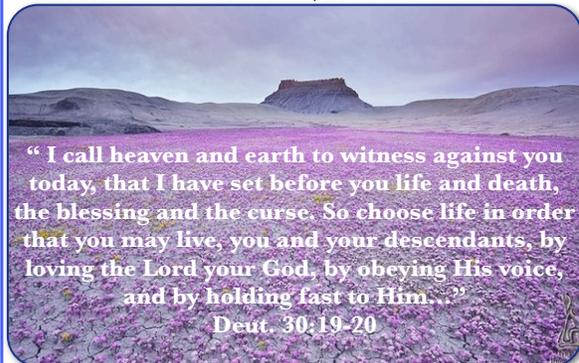


Don't you just hate it when your dryer breaks in the middle of doing the weekly laundry? You would think that these hardwood posts would last longer than the six years they were in use. Rain, wind, insects, and time are all set against them. So, out into the woods with a machete to harvest some new posts. Strip the bark (to prevent bug damage), dry the posts, and install them in place of the old ones. Just another aspect of mission life in the Belizean rain forest.

We are all living in a world of constant decay followed by renewed life. It takes the death of something or someone to provide life for those coming after us. In the rain forest, it is played out before our eyes every day. The mighty hardwood trees fall to the earth, the termites and fungus immediately start devouring them. The rain helps in the process and leaches the nutrients back into the soil, feeding the seedlings that came from the fallen tree. The tree that fell left a giant hole in the forest canopy and that hole provides the sunlight needed for the seedlings to grow.

In our spiritual lives we need to die to ourselves and seek the regenerated life offered by the death of Jesus Christ. His death is the only way to achieve eternal life. This physical body, like the mighty hardwoods, will fall and die, returning to the earth from where it came. Our life needs to be pointing others to the eternal Savior. When our absence provides a big hole, will it be one of life giving light or one of constant sorrow for what should have been?

We have the ability each and every day to choose the path of life, love, righteousness, and dedication to Jesus Christ. It is a gift from God that we have a right to choose. He will never force us to accept the Savior, or His will.



"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him..."

Deut. 30:19-20

October 18th we were blessed to receive four visitors to our mission base. They were here to scout ministry opportunities in Belize. The Lord led them to us and we had a great two days of fellowship, intense dialog and getting to know each other.

We shared with them a candid perspective of the condition of the Belize church and its people. We were able to discuss ideas and thoughts that might prove to be beneficial to the spiritual growth of the people we are in contact with.

They were also praying for the Lord to reveal His will for their church, *Kineo* and how they could minister in Belize. Please join us with them in their prayers for God's will in Belize and the ways in which He wants all of us to reach the people of Belize for His Kingdom.



Anita, Bill Cindy, Susan, Don, & Med

As a side note we were extremely blessed to be able to talk with Americans. Being outside of our culture gets lonely at times, and having the opportunity to discuss the things of "home" was a great stress reliever for us. They are Godly sincere brothers & sisters in Christ and we have a genuine connection with them that can only come from Jesus.

Thank you for taking the time to come see us.

In Other News

- Kwipaya has had her puppies. She has 6 fat, healthy, beautiful puppies.
- A recent cold front has brought cooler weather and that is a great blessing. We actually got cold last night, & pulled up a blanket.
- We continue to lead the second "Experiencing God" class. Pray for a genuine attitude of dedication to the Lord for those in the class.

We are hoping to return to the U.S. in the spring of 2013. It has been two years since I (Bill) have been back and we would love the opportunity to rest and see family and friends. We would also like to be able to do some deputation and sharing with churches about the ministry here and how they can be involved.