



# THE PELICAN BRIEFS

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## Mission Possible

*"This trip has helped me realize what an impact short-term missions can have on people. It has changed my perspective on life because I know that if I just follow God's leading then He will help me tell others about Him."* -Erik

Like for Erik, the first two trips in June were a time of amazing ministry for more than 50 people who traveled to Belize on a Praying Pelican Missions trip. June 11-18, 32 people from Edinbrook Church (Brooklyn Park, Minn.), returned to Belize after a summer 2004 mission trip for a powerful week of drama ministry. June 18-25, 22 people from High Street United Methodist Church (Springfield, OH) and West Lakes Assemblies of God Church (Long Lake, MN) as well as a few individuals from other churches spent the week in a variety of ministries. Below we offer a glimpse of the ministry offered and lives impacted.

### June 11-18 Trip

2 Dramas. 13 Performances. Hundreds of Lives Changed.

June 11-18 found the mostly teenage group from Edinbrook Church performing "The Puzzle" and "The Champion" all across Belize. "The Puzzle" focused on God's love for us and how He can be our friend. "The Champion" told the story of Jesus' ultimate defeat over Satan as a result of His sacrifice on the cross. Hundreds of people received Christ as a result of the group's ministry.

Performance venues included schools, public parks, churches, and even an old folks' home! The schedule was demanding with two to three performances every day, which included inviting people, setting up lights and sets, costuming, performing, and tearing down for each performance.

*"Performing 'The Champion' and seeing people's response to 'The Puzzle' was amazing. I have come to appreciate more who God is and the wonderful world He has created,"* comments Sarah.

Breanna concludes, *"This mission trip was absolutely amazing. It made me realize how amazing and powerful God really is!"*

### June 18-25 Trip

*"This mission trip blessed me unbelievably...I have truly developed a love for the Belizean people, their love for family, and their relaxed welcoming ways."* -Sharon

Sharon sums up the June 18-25 trip well—lots of time spent in interaction with the Belizean people! While in Bermudian Landing, the group facilitated four days of Vacation Bible School with 75 kids, three revival church services, and sports ministry. The group also visited old folks' and children's homes as well as painted the ceiling of a church in Belize City. While inviting people to VBS and the church services, the participants got to spend quality time with the Belizean people and see them in their home environments.

Angela Hines, children's and youth ministries director at High Street United Methodist, gives her view of the trip: *"This trip was excellent, more than I expected! I met the Spirit in the most real and tangible way I have ever experienced. This missions experience has given me much-needed energy for my ministry as well as a needed reminder of the beauty of the church. I was definitely reminded of how majestic the Lord is and how precious my relationship with him is."*

Another participant, Buffy, concurs: *"This mission trip to Belize with Praying Pelican Missions has changed my life forever. It has energized and strengthened my relationship with God."*

Bess sums up the spiritual impact of the trip: *"After this trip, I now see my walk with God through a new set of eyes. Where before my eyes were murky, it's as if God came down and gave me contacts that cleared up the uncertainties in my faith and walk with God."*

Praise God for the things he has done through faithful servants like these!

## Become a Prayer Warrior

Scripture tells us in Romans 12:11-13, "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need."

In order for Praying Pelican Missions to continue forward in its life-changing mission, we need your faithful prayer support! Would you consider being a Prayer Warrior? All we ask is that you commit to praying for Praying Pelican Missions on a frequent basis. To indicate your interest, please send an email to Jen Diehl at [jdiehl@prayingpelicanmissions.org](mailto:jdiehl@prayingpelicanmissions.org) with "sign me up" in the subject line. As a Prayer Warrior, you will receive twice-monthly specific prayer requests via email.

## Passport to Ministry

One of the most common questions we receive from people considering a Praying Pelican Missions trip is, "Is it safe to travel to Belize?" While our answer is always a resounding "YES—as long as you take the appropriate cautions!" we are now offering all those participating in a Praying Pelican Missions trip additional protection.

Through Brotherhood Mutual, we have purchased an insurance policy for each and every participant on our trips. Passport to Ministry combines different types of insurance protection and travel assistance into one policy—an exceptional package of medical, personal, travel, and security assistance services. And this is at no cost to participants, representing one of the many values of a Praying Pelican Missions trip.

Prior to leaving the country, team leaders or individuals traveling without a team receive a kit, including a travel ID card for each participant providing instructions on how to report medical, personal, and travel emergencies; instructions for accessing pre-trip benefits including pre-trip medical referral information and embassy/consular information; tips for travelers; important claim information and a claim report form; a Passport to Ministry brochure; and phone instructions for accessing an English-speaking phone operator. Praying Pelican Missions participants can travel and do ministry with confidence knowing that they are well-protected!

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## Two Trips Remain

Nearly 90 people are still preparing for the life-changing experience of a Belize missions trip this summer. Please continue to pray for the following groups as they leave.

July 30-August 6 Mt. of Olives Baptist Church (Duluth, MN) =  
**27 Total**

August 6-13 Morningside Lutheran Church (Sioux City, IA), St. Croix Valley United Methodist Church (Lakeland, MN), Hope Community Church (Raleigh, NC) + 11 individuals  
**= 59 Total**

## Spread the Good News

Do you know of a church or ministry desiring to use their God-given abilities to spread the Good News? If so, we ask you to spread the good news about Praying Pelican Missions! 2006 marketing materials are now available, including postcards, brochures, posters, and DVDs. Contact Praying Pelican Missions at [info@prayingpelicanmissions.org](mailto:info@prayingpelicanmissions.org) or (218) 310-3104 to request materials for yourself and/or your church or ministry.

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## Prayer Requests

Please pray that:

- Praying Pelican Missions participants will experience safety in travel as they serve in various parts of Belize
- Ministry will be performed in such a way that lives are impacted for the long term
- People of Belize will have a hunger for the Word of God
- Leaders will have the flexibility and wisdom to deal with the ups and downs of the mission field
- Americans and Belizeans alike will come to know Christ as a result of the missions experience
- God's name will be continually uplifted and glorified by participants
- Ministries across the country would be drawn to Praying Pelican Missions for a potential mission trip to Belize in 2006

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