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Summer of Ministry Continues

Participants and Belizeans alike continue to be impacted through Praying Pelican Missions trips during summer 2005. Below are highlights from two recent trips.

June 25-July 2

Lakeview Covenant from Duluth, Minn., brought 25 participants to work in the village of La Democracia. Throughout the week, they did construction, VBS, a women's parenting ministry, sports ministry, and two evangelism services. This is part of a continuing ministry in La Democracia as Lakeview Covenant desires to build a long-standing relationship with the village.

Installing windows in the church building helps near the completion of the first church ever in the village. The women's ministry paved the way for a men's ministry for summer 2006. In addition, the one-on-one relationships continued to grow and flourish.

Here's what some of the participants had to say:

"This trip has made me realize that I need to focus on God more and trust in Him more." —Ann Hengel

"It has made me realize how important it is to be ready to share our faith with people who cross our paths." —Mimi

"This trip has opened up my eyes to how people from this country live, and that God still works in places where He isn't always evident." —Erik

July 2-9

The first week in July found Praying Pelican Missions participants in Dangriga, a city in southern Belize. The 14 participants—which included Faith Alliance Church in New Bremen, Ohio, as well as five individuals from across the country—ministered through VBS, sports ministry, door-to-door evangelism, and an adult Bible study.

Highlights included more than 150 VBS participants by week's end. In addition, the adult Bible study was greatly appreciated by the church in Dangriga and will be used as a springboard for training leaders in Belize.



Here's what some of the participants had to say:

"This trip has impacted my life in a variety of ways...the drive to serve God even more has been energized." —Mitch

"I will definitely be more selfless after truly learning that God is all I need." —Stephanie

"It has made me realize that I should be a missionary everywhere I go, all the time, no matter where I am or who I am with." —Kay

Tentmakers: Partnering in Ministry

Praying Pelican Missions has formed an exciting and strategic partnership with Tentmakers, an organization whose mission is to provide Christ-centered, transformational leadership training to sharpen skills for stronger lives, families, vocations, and ministries. Based in the Twin Cities, Tentmakers is a training organization that delivers practical, Christ-centered leadership and life skills training. Founded in 1979, Tentmakers has trained and equipped more than 10,000 individuals.

Many of Tentmakers' life-changing principles are used by the staff of Praying Pelican Missions in training participants for the mission field. In addition, the two organizations promote one another as great opportunities to further their spiritual growth. Every Praying Pelican Missions participant receives a Tentmakers training at a 20% discount for one year. Likewise, every Tentmakers graduate receives 20% off their next Praying Pelican Missions trip.

According to Dick Amundson, founder and president of Tentmakers, "We are excited about our partnership with Praying Pelican Missions. I enthusiastically encourage people of all ages to invest eight days of their time to serve and grow by helping to fulfill the Great Commission through a Praying Pelican Missions trip. You will be changed forever!"

For more information on Tentmakers, visit their website:
www.tentmakerstraining.org

Changing Belizean Lives: One Woman at a Time
VBS. Sports Ministry. Construction. Music. All these activities are synonymous with mission trips. But a women's parenting ministry? Now this is a whole new concept! God laid on the heart of Pat, a

Lakeview Covenant Church (Duluth, Minn.) member, to do just that in the village of La Democracia in summer 2005.

Having ministered in the village in a previous summer, Pat saw the obvious need to support the women of the village. Women of Belize are often the heads of the household and the most consistent presence in their children's lives. This is a big burden physically, emotionally, financially, and spiritually since the women are alone all or most of the time. Numerous children are born out of wedlock, compounding the problems at home.

In gathering a group of women from Lakeview, Pat and her team members prayed and thought hard about what parenting topics they should address. They desired to share their hearts and struggles as moms—not tell the Belizean women how to parent. But most importantly, the group desired to leave them with a spiritual component about how God was the ultimate role model for parenting. The topics ultimately ranged from love and trust to obeying and forgiveness. According to Pat, "We found less differences between us and the Belizean women than we expected. God was leading us each day as to where we needed to go."

The format for the parenting time included a large group devotional/teaching, praying, working on a memory verse, and a craft. A prayer journal was sent around for the Belizean women to write their prayer requests so that the Lakeview women could pray for them specifically when returning to the U.S. In addition, three different devotional books were left with three women leaders in hopes that the ministry could continue after Lakeview left. On the first day 9 women showed up; on the last day 20 women showed up!

Thankfully, Lakeview is ready to continue their ministry in La Democracia next summer with a similar men's ministry. You can pray for the village that nonbelievers will move forward and not be afraid to take the step toward salvation—even if it means a significant change in lifestyle.

What was the biggest reward? "There is now a group of women in La Democracia who have a heart's desire to come together, know the Lord, and are ready to raise their children in the ways of the Lord," says Pat. "These women are hungry for fellowship, teaching, and regular discipleship." Praise God!

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 or (218) 310-3104 to request materials for yourself and/or your church or ministry.

Prayer Requests

Please pray that:

- People impacted by the summer's missions trips will continue to grow in their faith and share their love for God with others
- Belizeans will be encouraged by the continued prayer support of the American participants
- Those looking for a life-changing missions experience in 2006 will be drawn to Praying Pelican Missions through the web and other marketing materials
- God will give the leaders of Praying Pelican Missions wisdom in discerning His plans for the future growth of the organization
- Churches will grow and be changed by the experiences of the mission participants of the past summer
- God will continue to build the church body in Belize

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