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Ministry in March

Please be in prayer for the 18-member missions team ministering in San Ignacio, Belize, from March 25-April 1. The group consists of 13 people from Emmalena, KY, and five individuals from across the United States. They will be painting San Ignacio Baptist Church; leading VBS, youth and adult Bible studies, and church services; and ministering at an orphanage and children's home.

A Look Ahead: Where Does PPM Minister in Belize?

Praying Pelican Missions is often asked where we work in Belize. Our response is "all over" and includes the following cities, towns, and villages: Orange Walk, La Democracia, San Ignacio, Belize City, Armenia, San Martin, Hattieville, Bermudian Landing, Crooked Tree, Sand Hill, Maskall, Dangriga, Santa Elena, Valley Community, Biscayne, and Belmopan.

Praying Pelican Missions is truly blessed by the villages and churches we minister alongside in Belize. As we look ahead to ministry in 2006, we look forward to continued relationships with many churches we have worked with in the past, and are equally delighted by some new churches and communities we will be partnering with. We are always amazed by the openness of the pastors and church leaders who welcome in our groups and partner with us in ministry each year; it is a glimpse of what the church on earth should look like—believers of different races, denominations, economic backgrounds, and experiences working together for God's glory. May God continue to guide and direct Praying Pelican Missions as we plan and seek guidance on the best places and churches with whom to partner in ministry each year.

Orange Walk...A Glimpse of One New Partnership for 2006

By Jason Pfingsten

As my brother Matt and I stood in the yard of a small, poor church in Orange Walk, Belize in early February, our hearts were touched by our newfound friend, Pastor Angel. Pastor Angel is a man who works a full-time auto body job in addition to a full-time pastoral job, with very little pay. As we shared with him the recommendation we had received from a pastor friend of ours to bring a mission team to work with Angel's church this summer, he was filled with joy. We were greatly humbled by this pastor who, like so many others in Belize, was so willing to open up his church and the lives of the church body to complete strangers for God's glory.

Pastor Angel's church hasn't had a team come and work with them in numerous years. We could tell from his heartfelt description of the church's vision, history, and current state that this is a wonderful church with many needs that Praying Pelican Missions would be honored to partner with. Pastor Angel explained the need to repair the very small Sunday school room that has a leaky roof and no benches or chairs on which to sit, his interest in partnering together in church services and Bible School, and the need for Sunday school teacher training. We are excited to help make these things happen in 2006, but equally humbled to have the opportunity to work alongside a pastor who is striving to make a difference in people's lives with his limited resources and time.

Praying Pelican Missions looks forward to a partnership for many years to come, for ultimately we and our participating teams are the ones who are truly blessed.

Update: Belizean Men's Bible Study Flourishes

Recently we brought you the story of Mt. of Olives Baptist Church from Duluth, MN, and their missions trip to Belize in summer of 2005. One of the ministries that Mt. of Olives Baptist organized was a men's Bible study in the remote village of Valley Community. It was the first men's Bible study in the history of the church and has continued to grow and flourish after Mt. of Olives left.

The Bible studies that started the week of the mission trip with just a few men are now drawing 14 men in attendance each week! In addition, four of the men in the study were baptized this past winter and are growing as leaders in the church. Alvis, the pastor of Valley Community Baptist, reflected recently that the starting of the men's Bible study has been a huge blessing to the church and an encouragement to him after years of faithful service. They are also excited to have another Praying Pelican Missions team come back this summer and continue to partner with them in ministry. To God be the glory for the great things he is doing in villages and churches across Belize!

On the WWW

Have you visited the Praying Pelican Missions website recently? Go to www.prayingpelicanmissions.org to see all that is available. Watch a video online, click through photo albums, sign up for a trip, view a sample itinerary, make a donation with your credit card, read testimonials, and even view *The Pelican Briefs* newsletter online! We offer a full-service website to make going on a missions trip with Praying Pelican Missions as easy and accessible as possible.

Prayer Requests

Please pray that:

- The leadership of Praying Pelican Missions would have wisdom and guidance from the Lord as to how to make the greatest impact for Christ in 2006.
- The upcoming spring break missions team would be safe and healthy as they travel and minister in Belize.
- The Belizean men's Bible's study in Valley Community would continue to grow and draw many men to Christ.
- Partnerships with new churches in 2006 would result in changed lives for both Belizeans and Praying Pelican Missions team participants.
- God would continue to prepare the hearts of those participating in 2006 mission teams so that they would be open to his leading and opportunities for ministry.

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