

## October 2022 Newsletter – J<sup>4</sup> Is Getting To Know Belize

**"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength." - Philippians 4:12-13**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We moved from Berthoud, the Garden Spot of Colorado, to Belmopan, Belize, the Garden City. Belize is a melting pot of languages and cultures. While English is the official language of the country (being a former British colony), conversations also take place in Spanish and Mayan languages.



We are getting settled in our cozy *apartamento*. We live 15 minutes north of Belmopan on the beautiful Camp Concordia in the Banana Bank Ranch Residence and next to the Belize River.



God's work is so obvious in this dark corner of the world, but there are three LCMS churches shining Christ's light across Belize that we are excited to be partnering with! Good Shepard Lutheran Church is in the small town called Valley of Peace, Christ Lutheran Church is in a small village called Seine Bight on the coast, and there is a thriving home church up north in Orange Walk. We have visited Good Shepherd Lutheran and Christ Lutheran

so far and have already begun to cultivate relationships with the congregants.



The weekend of Oct. 1-2, we were blessed to host and help the Belize Mission Society with a two-day eyeglass clinic at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! More than 160 people came to receive a basic eye exam, glasses for distance and/or reading, sunglasses for those working outside, and spirit-filled conversation. The numerous smiles of delight were beautiful! "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light." - Matthew 6:22



We are busy preparing for several visitors here at Camp Concordia next month. Our mission leaders in Belize, Pastor Herb and Markie Burch, have been working hard for years to reach this point of hosting groups of people to stay for conferences and educational seminars - and that's exactly what we're doing in the month of November. Camp Concordia will host the bi-annual Belize FORO meeting and the Annual Short Term Team Conference. What is a FORO? Find out here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKLS9dTHqIM> We pray for our team as we configure final details, prepare food, and hope that the Lord will bless the time,

fellowship and conversations.

We've only begun to learn of the diverse cultures of Belize, and we know continued engagement is crucial in the Lord's work for us here. Justin is already juggling between photographer, videographer and chauffeur. Jordan is preparing ESL lesson plans and beginning work on various financial projects. Both of us are enjoying watching our "Cutie Pie Malachi" grow and take in our new home.

We thank you for joining us in this journey and we look forward to continuing to share the great news of our Mighty Lord and Savior serving these dear people.

As we are all one body of Christ, we would love the opportunity to pray over your joys and sorrows. As always, please respond to our newsletter with any prayer requests you may have so we may take them to our Mighty Lord.

#### Specific Prayer Requests:

- Logistics for the upcoming team meetings to come together
- Increasing comfort when conversing in Spanish
- Continued prayers for those dealing with the aftermath of the recent hurricanes and tropical storms
- Prayers of thanksgiving for all of YOU covering us in prayer



*Jordan and Malachi picking tangerines 100 yards from our apartment!*

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We look forward to sharing how God will shine his light next month!

Vivit,  
J4 - Jesus, Jordan, Justin & Jamie Malachi

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