



**THE MIKE LEONARD FAMILY**  
**MISSIONARIES TO**  
**BELIZE, CENTRAL AMERICA**



*“Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.” Psalm 96:3*

Dear Praying Friends,  
 June 2008

*“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” (John 12:32)*

After spending a week with our mission board for annual training and updates, my wife and I took a short trip to Belize. We spent eight days in the country with a definite agenda to accomplish. Belize just recently elected a new Prime Minister, and many things have changed. We wanted to get an idea of how the country was fairing with the new government, and we wanted to initiate the process of our work visas.

Our utmost focus, though, was for the Lord to show us exactly in what village that we are to begin our work. We already knew that we were going to be working in what is called the Cayo District, which is around the capital city of Belmopan. Prior to our visit, my wife and I pleaded with God to reveal Himself to us in a definite way. The events of our trip unfolded as such:

We arrived at the airport on Wednesday afternoon to be picked up by Fernando who is a brother to a friend of ours here in the States. We stayed in a small house on the river about forty minutes west of the capital.

On Thursday Fernando began to express his desire to learn the Bible but had no place to go that was teaching the truth. I suggested that we have a Bible study on Sunday, and we could invite others to come that might be interested. He thought that to be a good idea.

Thursday afternoon I was introduced to a neighbor. When the man heard that I was a preacher, he asked if I could bring them a message from God’s Word. I quickly told him of our planned Bible study on Sunday. The man’s reply was, “What about tonight?” Of course, I replied in the affirmative, and the man said that he would return in one hour. One hour later there were 18 people gathered on our front porch for a Bible study. Three adults received the assurance of their salvation while others had questions about the Bible.

On Sunday evening there were 15 people gathered, 3 of whom had not attended on Thursday. Some of these people came to us throughout the week with problems and questions about life, and we were able to counsel them with the Scripture.

Certainly there are many people in Belize who have not yet received Christ

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as their Saviour, but it is evident that there are yet many others who have trusted Christ at some point but have not had anyone to feed them. These people are eager for the opportunity to grow. They asked if we had to leave and how soon could we return. When we told them that we may come back for a week in September, they assured us that they would eagerly await our arrival. There has already been talk of setting up a tent for church services during the planned week of September.

It is clearly evident that if we lift Him up and cease not to teach and preach Jesus Christ, that He will draw people to Himself and thus build His church on the fact that He truly is *the Christ, the Son of the living God*. There are people in this world that hunger and thirst for truth; we, therefore, must be willing and busy about finding them.

May God be praised for all of you who have a part in making this ministry possible. We are very excited and eager about what the Lord is doing as we are now less than six months away from moving to Belize. We are very grateful for your prayers and monetary support. Praise the Lord that we were able to get rid of our motor home. We also thank Him for safety and many other blessings.

Please continue to pray with us about the following matters:

1. We still need more financial supporters to invest in the ministry that God has given us.
2. We are looking for a dependable vehicle in Belize. We would like to have a Toyota 12-15 passenger van with a diesel engine or a Toyota 4x4. Both features are necessary due to the size of our family and the underdeveloped road system in much of the country.
3. Someone here in the States has offered to help us purchase a bus to transport people back and forth to church. We have decided to purchase one in Belize to keep from paying excessive duty and fees. Pray that God will lead us to the vehicles that He has for us.

Making much of Jesus,

Missionary Mike Leonard



Sunday Evening Bible Study



A portion of the city of Santa Elena

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