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Hello partners,

My prayers is that you all be doing fine and enjoying a great week filled of God's love and mercy. Maria, Stephanie and Joanna sends their regards to all of you and may the Lord bless and strengthen your life. I appreciate your faithful prayers and wanted to share what the Lord is doing in our ministry.

1. New Members/ new visitors

Prince of Peace is growing and soon we will baptize 5 new members. We have 3 new families attending our church of which one has given their life to Christ. This family is Eliseo and Claudia Linares. They are very committed and willing to serve in the church. Oracio and Rosita Canul as well as Isabel and her husband are visiting us every Sunday. Keep our church in prayers as God is adding to his church those that will be saved. Please pray for this families that they embrace not only the gospel but the vision of Prince of Peace

2. Football club

We have started a sport ministry on Saturdays at 4pm. Our adolescents of the church invite other male adolescents of the community and in that activity they are ministered with the Word of God through sport. Presently we are using the material of Ubabalo(Coaching for Life) which is a discipleship material. Pray for Jeremy who is leading this ministry together with Carlos. He will travel to South Africa for 3 month training as ReadySetGo chose him as the first Belizean to be trained in how to use sport as a mean to make disciples though sport and games. This is the result of the ministry with our kids and his ministry in the city with Belize Camping Experience. Jeremy has a passion for missions and I am glad to see him involved in God's kingdom

3. Women ministry

We restarted the women ministry and so far we have 10 women meeting on Saturdays to study God's word and pray with each other. Pray the Lord continue to bless our women as they continue to serve and minister the lifes of more women in our community

4. Harvest Pres.

Our outreach at Harvest continues although the factor time is a hindrance for me for not living yet at Corozal. But God is using Mr. Lopez family to build new relationships and invite other to our Sunday meeting. We have basically 3 families congregating faithfully every Sunday and we have started a prayer meeting on Thursdays at 6:30pm. Pray for the empowerment of the present believers so that they start taking ministerial roles and be useful in the ministry. Pray for brother Ismael and his family as they continue faithfully serving God as light in the community.

5. Patt Family

Pray for my family as we plan to move fully to Corozal in June 2019. Finally, Stephanie is almost finishing her elementary studies in OW and the plan is to send her to Corozal Community College and transfer Joanna to an elementary school close to where Stephanie will be studying. Maria will be commuting to Orange Walk town daily. Pray for us as we do the necessary preparations and the Lord to provide for our needs. The team from Second Pres will be helping us lay tiles in the Pastoral house where we are partially living now hence we are excited to start that project. Pray for my ministry as it's demanding more of my Pastoral duties hence the reason of moving to Corozal as originally planned.

6. Ministry

Please pray for the upcoming activities

- a. Joint Good Friday service at Cornerstone Presbyterian High School. All Presbyterian churches will be gathered together to commemorate the sacrifice of our Saviour.
- b. Women's conference on the 25/26 April 2019. We will host a National Women Conference organized by the National Women Ministry of the Presbyterian church of Mexico. We will have a guest speaker who will minister these two days to all the women of our churches. We have presently 80 Belizean woman listed for this event and 30 mexicans women missionaries are coming to this event. May this be a blessed time for all our women
- c. For the leadership training that will be imparted in July 2019- The first is "Living in Grace" on July 3-5; "The Coming Kingdom" July 10-12; "Eschatology." July 31 to Aug.
- d. Pray for my leadership as the President of the national executive body and serving as secretary in the Education Commission. May the Lord give me his vision and good health and energy to fulfill my responsibilities.

We give thanks to the Lord for granting Maria and I to travel to Costa Rica this past January and partake of a 3 day conference with MTW missionaries and pastors of central america. I was one of the guest speakers and it was a wonderful experience to share with others what God is also doing in Belize. I was able to attend a training together with Jeremy(my youth leader) in el Salvador hosted by ReadySetGo on how to disciple children with sports and games. It was very nurturing and enriching.

This past weekend we had a pastoral family retreat which was a blessing to spend a day with our leaders and be refreshed with the word of God.

Please continue praying for me and my family and thanks so much for praying for our us and the ministry God has given us. Pray for our faithfulness and commitment to continue extending God's Kingdom in our country of Belize.

Praise God a Presbyterian church at Mercer Pennsylvania (Bethany Pres. Church) who has been supporting our ministry and church planting at Peace of Peace and Harvest Pres by bringing short term Mission teams bought our tickets to travel on July 8-22 to Pennsylvania. They invited me to be their guest speaker in a week teen camp and look forward to enjoy a blessed week together with my family. I will take these 2 weeks as vacation time with my family hence we are excited. Pray the Lord provide the finances for us to get our american visa. I have the american Visa but Maria and my 2 girls do not have. It will cost us \$1,200 belize dollars to apply the visa. Please pray the Lord provide for this need. Any assistance rendered to acquire the Visa is highly appreciated.

Thanks for the financial and spiritual support to our ministry in Belize and for all those years of partnership. May the Lord bless you all and keep using you powerfully in whatever ministry you are still involved. Looking forward to a great time with the team that will be coming the end of June 2019.

In Christ
Pastor Juan



























