

# CHRIST

in Belize



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## GREETINGS FROM BELIZE!

Soon we expect to celebrate a blessing on the Belize mission field that we have been anticipating from the very beginning – our first Lutheran church building! We’ve successfully established the legal entity in Belize that we’ll be using to purchase the property, found the property that we want to purchase in Seine Bight, came to agreeable terms with the seller, obtained a clear title, and are now officially under contract! Praise God! Despite the many challenges we’ve experienced hopping around from one temporary meeting space to another the past few years, not having a place to call our own has taught us many things: patience, flexibility, and especially the important truth that God’s Word does not depend on a physical building to do its work. Soon, God willing, we’ll be experiencing the earthly blessings that can indeed come with something as simple as a building, including shelter from the elements and an added sense of stability and legitimacy in the village. We pray that we never forget our former blessings as we enjoy our new ones. The property is currently just an overgrown, empty lot. Once the paperwork all goes through we can begin tending to it, utilizing local labor as well as short-term teams of Lutherans from the U.S. Once cleared and leveled our plan is to put up a prefabricated, two story structure on the lot. The lower level is to be a large, open space that we will use for worship services and other meetings while the upper level will be a small apartment for missionary use as office space and overnight stays.

**STAY TUNED FOR REGULAR UPDATES!**



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# PRAY

-FOR NO HICCUPS AS WE FINALIZE THE PURCHASE OF OUR FIRST PROPERTY.

-THANKSGIVING FOR PASTOR MEISSNER'S SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION.

-FOR PROTECTION FOR ALL OF BELIZE DURING HURRICANE SEASON.

WE HAVE A NEW, PROFESSIONALLY MADE PROMOTIONAL VIDEO COMPLETELY DEDICATED ENTIRELY TO THE BELIZE MISSION. IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN IT YET, FIND IT AT OUR WEBSITE AND WORK WITH YOUR PASTOR TO GET IT PLAYED FOR YOUR CONGREGATION OR SMALL GROUP.

# PROMOTE

A few months ago, after developing a few stronger relationships with some local Belizeans and a Lutheran couple from the U.S. living in Belmopan, I thought, "Why don't we start a worship service in our new home of Belmopan at Pastor Burch's house and just see what happens?"



So we set a date and very casually spread the word with a handful of our contacts. We were thrilled to have over a dozen people in attendance the very first service. Since then, in just a few months' time, it has steadily grown so that it has now more than doubled in size. Please keep this new mission site in your prayers. God knows what will come of it.



*Meet Shelby Senger, a two-month intern at our mission this Summer from the U.S. We're so blessed to have her with us!*



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