



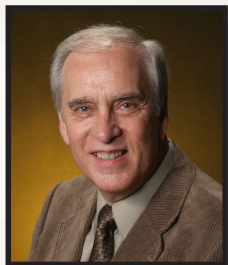
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**"This is a time to pray for our nation because we are living in perilous times."**



**Former President Donald Trump is assisted by security personnel after gunfire rang out during a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, on July 13, 2024.**

Pastor Robert Jeffress, First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, said Saturday evening, "The attempted assassination of President Trump is evidence of the reality of evil in the world. We thank God for protecting the life of this courageous leader who is a warrior for truth and the friend of Christians everywhere."

Pastor Jack Graham of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas said, "We are so grateful to God for His protection of President Donald Trump. The Secret Service did their job, along with law enforcement and we are appreciative." He added, "But we know the hand of God was at work in this and his angels supernaturally protected Donald Trump. This is a time to pray for former President Trump and his family, as well."

Pastor Jesse Bradley of Grace Community Church in Auburn, Washington, said, "America needs Jesus right now, political violence is not the solution." He went on to say, "the next four months will test America. God is faithful to guide and provide. Jesus has an indestructible hope that is available to everyone. This is our moment to stand up and make a difference. May God heal our land."



Spanish Lookout, Belize - What a perfect evening for a good 'ol Saturday Night Sing-spersion. Have you ever been to one? This event took place on June 19, a wonderful evening in Countryside Park under the pavilion on the lake front.



This was our third ministry event and third venue in the Mennonite community of Spanish Lookout, but this was different, it wasn't a concert format but rather a sing-along with the congregation and various groups participating throughout the evening. It was a glorious time of singing some of the hymns and Gospel songs of the faith, which have been sung for generations. The song choices were full of fundamental teaching of scripture, including songs of joy, assurance, hope, salvation and testimonies, such as, There Shall Be Showers of Blessing, Jesus Saves, There's Power in the Blood, My Jesus I Love Thee, Just A Little Talk With Jesus, and much more.

It was a unique experience in that we had 6 different groups singing throughout the program: the Kenneth Dueck Family, Alvin and Michelle Hein, The Cayo Community Singers, One Accord Male Quartet and Lyell Banman. Their participation was something different for the community and brought a sense of unity. The Spanish Lookout Community, over the years, has experienced a stark separation between the churches, and music has been a contentious point of division.

Our ministry's intent, in part, is to bring people, young and old from approximately 20 churches in a community of ca. 3,000 residents and surrounding communities, and learn to sing the praises of the Lord, from the heart, together in one voice. Please pray with us as we continue to develop this ministry in Belize.

***Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.***  
Ephesians 5:19





# Summer Camp 2024

## IT'S HERE!



by Callum King  
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I'm writing this short message on the last night of our third week of summer camp. In total, we will have 9 full weeks of camp this year plus a couple of weekend camps. It's very peaceful in the camp just now as all of the children and leaders are in the barn for the last teaching and worship session of the day. I'm currently on the opposite side of the camp to everyone else taking care of a young Ukrainian refugee who has special needs as he plays on the obstacle course. Because of his special needs it's difficult for him to integrate into the program with the other kids. The sun is going down over the trees.



This week we have put together children from a number of different places and backgrounds. We have two groups from two different children's homes; a number of children who are in foster care; two groups of kids from two local villages; and a group of 12 Ukrainian refugee children who live in Arad. With a few exceptions most of the kids fit into the 6 to 12 age bracket. Leading the camp this week is our long term partner organization, 'The Grain Game', led by Chip Riley from Alabama along with a group of ten young Romanian leaders. It's been a challenging camp for all of us for several reasons.

Firstly, because of the heat - *the temperature has been almost constantly over 100 degree Fahrenheit for the past 3 weeks* - but also because the average age of the children is much lower than a lot of the leaders have been used to working with in the past. A number of the children also have mild special needs - adding to the challenge. However everyone agrees that it's been a great time for the kids and chance for the leaders to be challenged and grow. *God is at work and at the end of tonight's small group time two of the Ukrainian girls received Jesus as their Savior and dedicated their lives to Him. Praise the Lord.* Tomorrow these kids will head back to their homes just after lunch and then a small group of nine special needs young adults will come to camp for the weekend. They will leave on Monday morning just before next weeks' kids roll in.

Our first two weeks of camps this summer were also both unique in different ways. The first week was lead by a team from Glenrothes Baptist church in Scotland. The program they led had as its theme The Olympics 2024, which will begin next month in Paris, France, but for Friendship Camp, they had their Olympics early and the winners were announced! The campers came from a local high school and for the majority of them, it was their first time at a Christian camp. It was a great chance for them to hear the good news of the gospel - almost certainly the first time for many of them.

The second week of camp was an International week of camp lead by The Grain Game. This is something we have done for a few years now and it's always a great success. This year teenagers from Romania, Ukraine, Hungary and Scotland traveled to Friendship Camp to be part of the program. Everyone was thrilled to see old faces and friends again and we were all encouraged at the end of the week when one of the teens from Romania gave his life to the Lord.

Please continue to pray for us as we continue with a fully booked summer of camps. The high temperatures are really making the work more tiring than usual. This summer's full-time staff team is Adi, Tabita, Raluca (kitchen help), Sarah (nurse), Manu and myself. Also pray for a problem we have with our water supply. For 17 years the water from our well has always tested well and good to drink. This year however we have a high level of iron so we are currently bringing in bottled drinking water which is an added cost and inconvenience. Pray that we would find a solution to this problem.

The new cabins are not completely finished yet but we are making good progress and working on them at every moment when we get a chance. We are confident that in one more week they will be at a stage where they will be usable for the larger camps we have starting then.

*Thank you for your continued prayers, support and partnership in what the Lord is doing at Friendship Camp!*

