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Del, Exec. Director
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*Our FI family wishes
you a blessed Christmas,
as we celebrate
the Light of the World,
which has come to us.*

*When they saw the star, they were
filled with JOY!*

Matthew 2:10

*For thousands of years, the world
had waited. Though God had
walked in the garden with Adam
and Eve, for millennia that abiding
presence of God had been missing,
and creation held it's breath.*

And then... the star!

Year End Donation

This past year, because of the giving of friends, Friendship International has been able to reach out to many by:

- sending thousands of dollars of humanitarian aid to the war-torn country of Ukraine.
- inviting orphans and gypsy children to camp through the summer camp scholarship program.
- supporting our missionaries to serve on the fields.
- helping feed and clothe families at risk.
- helping build and maintain our camp and conference facility in Romania.
- establishing a new music ministry field in the country of Belize.

In scripture we read, *"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* 2 Cor. 9:7

As we near the end of another year we want to encourage you to consider making a contribution that will help us move into the next year, able to continue what God has called us to, for over 30 years.

Our latest fundraiser was for orphans and foster children's Christmas parties in Romania. Your donations allowed us to provide a special party for approx. fifty children.

The week of Dec. 16-20 our team will prepare a fun party, with games, songs, the story of Jesus' birth and gifts to celebrate Jesus' birthday. *May the Lord bless you for your generosity.*

Perhaps the sharing of gifts is in response to the words of Jesus where he said, *"Whatever you do for one of the least of my brothers (the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the naked, the sick and the prisoner) you do for me".* Matt. 25:40

Your check can be made out to Friendship International and mailed to our address - PO Box 50884, Colorado Springs, CO 80949, or use our convenient online giving tool at www.friendshipintl.org and go to the menu bar at the top and use our safe and secure e-Giving app.

LOOKING FORWARD WITH ANTICIPATION TO 2025

In God's word we read, *"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. The LORD works out everything to its proper end"* Prov. 16:3&4

In the coming year we are focusing on the establishing of our new school of music and arts in Belize.

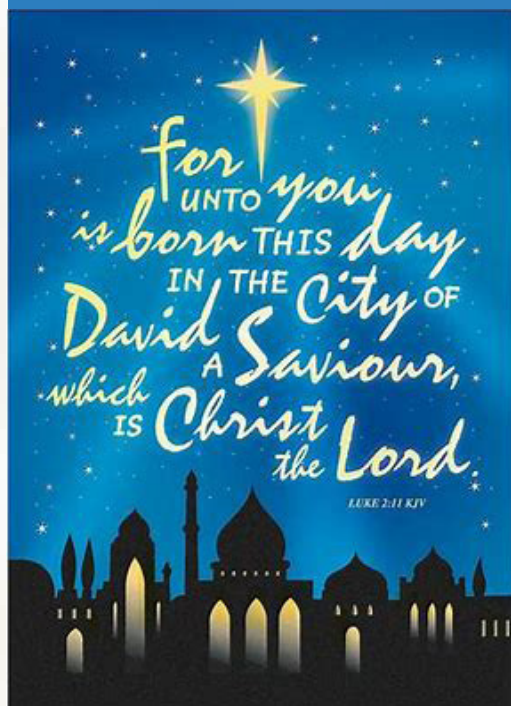


CAYO SCHOOL OF MUSIC & ARTS

We believe we now have a better understanding of the path we must follow in order to move forward in 2025.

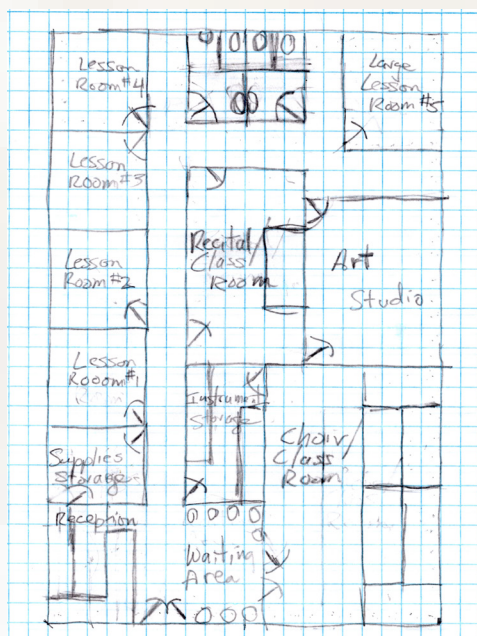
The steps that have already been taken include:

1. Commitment by several musicians and artists in the area to teach at the school.
2. Taking a survey at our 4 music events in 2024 of a wide range of people. There is significant interest by individuals and parents of children who would register for classes or private lessons in music or art.
3. We have researched the area for a suitable location for the school. There are two options, we rent a building and make modifications to suit our school's unique needs. Or, we build our own school on private property offered by lease, to erect a building with the specifications needed for classroom and private learning, large rooms for art studio, choir rehearsals, class instruction, storage rooms, reception/ waiting area, etc.
4. It will also be required that we are approved by the town counsel to establish such a school in the community. We have spoken with several of the community counsel members, three of whom are already committed to being involved in the school at various levels of leadership or teaching.



5. Finally our biggest challenge to be able to move forward is the funding. We have discussed the cost with a local builder to get an approximate amount needed for building a new school vs. remodeling an existing rental property. The total conceptualized space is 2,400 square feet. The estimated cost for a new building is going to be \$150,000, renting over time is less, but we have no ownership. The cost would also include furnishing the school and buying essential instruments, such as pianos, guitars, ukuleles, recorders, etc.

Below is a *very* rough draft of the school floor plan. It has also been discussed with several of our education staff for input and suggestions. For those friends who have been involved in music and art education, maybe this will make more sense than to others. We believe it is very adequate for what our plans call for.



We are open for your comments, suggestions or questions regarding the project. In fact, we would welcome your input. Please contact us through our email address - frint@aol.com and in the subject line just write, RE School of Music and Arts.

We would also be happy to send you a more detailed brochure outlining our plans, including classes and subjects we are prepared to teach presently with staff in place to begin.

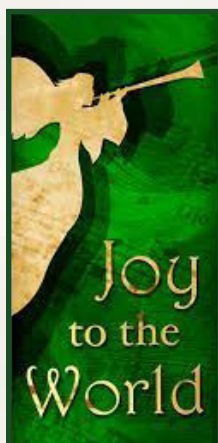
If the Lord places it on your heart to assist in financing this project, please contact Del Huff directly by email - frint@aol.com, or by phone - (719) 510-1540.

**CAYO COMMUNITY SCHOOL
OF MUSIC AND ARTS**

*Where music and art -
comes from the heart*

Finishing the Year of Outreach Ministry in Belize with Good News!

Joy to the World. The Lord has Come. Let Earth Receive Her King!



The Advertising Read

Cayo Community Choir Christmas Celebration!

Dec. 7, 2024 - 7:00 PM / Countryside Park

***Singing Some Of The Most Beloved Music In The World,
Songs Of Joy, Peace, Hope And Love***

Featuring

**Cayo Community Choir • Alvin Hein • One Accord Quartet
Jubilant Trio • Lang Family Singers
Spiess Family Singers • Elaina Joye and Petula**

Let's meet each of these groups and find out about them



The Lang Family recently moved to Belize from North Dakota



The Spiess family are all musicians from Germany, but have lived in Belize for several years. In this group it's the mother and 4 of her children.



Alvin Hein, a Belizean Mennonite, cowboy, ranch owner, builder and father of 4 children.



(L) Petula Foley, from Orgeon, working from Belize as an architect, singer as a hobby
(R) Elaina Joye, singing missionary from Washington state.



One Accord Quartet, made up of 2 Belizean Mennonites and 2 German Mennonites



Jubilant Trio are 3 girls who have been born and raised in Belize and who love to sing for Jesus



Del Huff, Director, Organizer

This was our fifth outreach with Cayo Community Choir. What an encouragement it was to see how God brought singers and musicians together to declare the message of God's redemption through the birth of His son, Jesus. Please remember to pray for this ministry and stay tuned to what God has in store for 2025.