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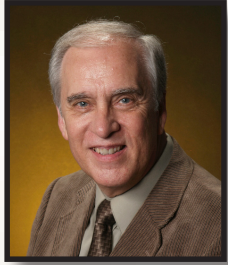
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Reaching Out to a Needy World*

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What Does Valentine's Day Actually Mean to a Christian?

It originated as a Christian feast day honoring a martyr named St. Valentine, and through later folk traditions it has also become a significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world. Valentine's Day is a special time to celebrate love. Not just romantic love, but also the deep and unwavering love that comes from God.

As Christians, this day is a beautiful opportunity to think about God's perfect love for us and to share that love with the people who matter most in our lives.

Through heartfelt words, acts of kindness, or thoughtful gestures, we can let our faith shine as we express our appreciation for those we hold dear.

Valentine's Day is a wonderful reminder of God's incredible love for us and an opportunity to share that love with those around us. Let's make this day a celebration of His everlasting love.

May your Valentine's Day be filled with joy, peace, and assurance that God deeply loves you.



You are a treasure
in God's eyes.
Happy Valentine's Day!

Introducing Our Ministry Workers in Belize



It's been almost 2 1/2 years since the Lord led us to Belize, not knowing exactly why, other than we enjoyed the people of various ethnic groups and the beautiful green landscape of the country. But since we've been here, we've had the opportunity to get acquainted with many wonderful people, including our Mennonite friends of Spanish Lookout. One thing that has become very clear, they are friendly, peaceful, family-

oriented, God loving people. But there has never been room for more than God, family and above all, work. It seems one thing important to God's people was missing, that was music and the arts.



We did eventually find some who were musical, and with these friends our music ministry began. The family we are focusing on this month is Alvin and Michelle Hein, both born and raised in Belize. Alvin became a rancher / cowboy and sings like one too. They've sung in our choir, but they also sing duet, sometimes along with Alvin's sister and most recently Alvin in our newly formed male quartet. Pray for the Heins as their desire to serve the Lord with music develops. They have a desire to come to the states and serve in churches. Let us know if yours would be interested to invite them.



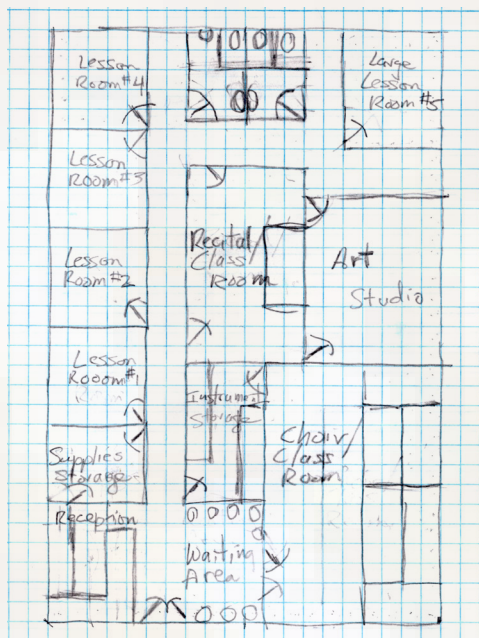


*Where music and art -
comes from the heart*

We hope to keep you updated on other ministry endeavors of Friendship International throughout this coming year, but the school of music and art and its outreach ministry will be the central focus for us in 2025.

We are going to need all resources and praying friends to join us in this project, because it is large, but it is also one of great significance for not only our local community but to the country of Belize. We believe as we teach the basics of music and art, we will also be preparing these and old artists to use their talents and gifts for reaching the spiritually needy country of Belize.

Here again, is the sketch of our school floor plan. We are not locked into these exact dimensions nor design, but as we look at our needs to fulfill this ministry, this looks adequate to meet the requirements of our instructors.



In this blueprint are plans for a waiting room/reception area, supply storage room, 4 private lesson rooms, restrooms, a recital/classroom, instrument/ large item storage room, large choir/class room, art studio and in the back right corner, a large work/ break room for the instructors.

Following is a general breakdown and costs for furnishing the school.

BREAKDOWN OF COSTS FOR FURNISHING AND BUILDING THE SCHOOL

Instruments

- Roland digital pianos - (4) - \$2,000.- ea.
- Ukuleles - (10) - \$60.- ea.
- Violins - (5) - \$200.- ea.
- Guitars - (10) - \$175.- ea.

Teaching Equipment

- Printer - \$450.-
- Projector - \$200.-

Furnishing

- Tables - (10) - \$200.- ea.
- Chairs - (60) - \$2,500.-
- Music Stands (14) - \$25.- ea.
- White Boards - 4'X8' (4) - \$200.- ea.
- Filing Cabinets/4 drawer - (4) - \$100.- ea

Building the structure

- Approx sq footage - 3,000
- Cost - \$150,000.-
- This cost does not include the purchase of land, but rather leasing of land.

Please pray with us for this project. It is large, but we believe with God's help it can be accomplished.

There are several ways you can be involved.

1. Prayer
2. Tax deductible donations. You can help by funding a line item above or part of the line item. You can donate for one or more of the larger cost items/instruments.
3. Make a donation towards the building of the school.

Below is your response to help with the completion of the project.

Are You Interested in Being Involved?

Would you like to participate as a teacher or support staff at Cayo School of Music and Art?

Contact our office for more information.

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Prayers Requested for Romania



Adi and Tabita Muscan continue to be challenged with health issues, as well as Tabita's parents. They all live together. Tabi-

ta continues to gain strength, but still has pain in her legs and can not walk for any distance without resting.

Adi has recovered from his hernia surgery, but he is the only healthy one among Tabita and both of her parents. Her dad needs almost total 24/7 care, so this is extremely wearing on Adi. Pray that the Lord will continue to give strength to Adi and Tabita as well as helping to find assistance with both of Tabita's parents.

Attention is already turning towards camp. There are already inquiries for groups sending their kids. But there is much preparation to be done in order for the camp to be ready. Pray for strength and joy for the team in this work.

Partners In Missions Form

With God's help, I/we want to be a partner in missions with Friendship International.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Building the School \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Donation for tables \$ _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Donation for projector \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Donation - desks \$ _____ |

Name _____

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All donations are tax deductible.

Checks can be made payable to Friendship International or for online giving, go to www.friendshipintl.org - click on "Donate" and register for credit card or bank transfer.

Look for "Project - Cayo School of Music and Art"

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