



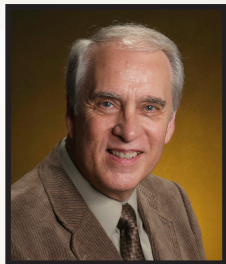
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April Showers, Bring May Flowers!

Many consider Spring to be the most beautiful of all seasons. When Spring begins to enter our world, here in Colorado, the grass greens, the trees come alive with fresh new leaves, and the tulips begin to pop their heads through the brown earth.

For Friendship International, it means planning and preparing for our biggest ministry time of the year, summer. We are preparing the facilities for camps and conferences and with God's help, the opening of the Cayo School of Music and Art in Belize.

But with all of this excitement, there continues to loom over us the anxiety and concern of the unknown in our country and the world, as well as the uncertainty and fear of more outbursts of terrorism and war, at any time and any place in the world.



I recently read an article by Franklin Graham who said, "We are at a tipping point. I don't need to tell you - our world is in trouble. One thing I'm sure of - what the world needs is a spiritual revival! It will only happen if we turn to God. The urgency of repentance and prayer for our world becomes more obvious by the day. As Christians, we need to stand together and ask God to intervene - to forgive us and to give us opportunities to be bold for Him. Our world is broken - politically, spiritually and morally - and our only hope is in the Almighty God."

This is the time for us, as Christians, to be bold, to respond to our Lord's call to get involved. He wants to use you in His plan to reach people for Christ this summer and beyond.

Up From the Grave He Arose. A Mighty Triumph Over His Foes



"Jesus is risen. He's not 2,000 years away. He is here and you may call on Him and find Him to be a Savior and a Friend and a King."
—Alstair Begg

Proclaiming the Resurrected Christ in Music and Word



We were privileged to have been a part in sharing the life changing message of love, grace and hope by way of the story of Christ's death and resurrection, to hundreds of Belizeans. On the Saturday of Palm Sunday weekend the celebration took place in the town of Spanish Lookout, Belize. What a beautiful event it was, as the Cayo Community Choir and the Cayo Kids Choir joined together with several local groups and families who shared some of the most beautiful music depicting Jesus last days, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the last supper with his disciples, the time of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, his betrayal, judgment, bearing the cross up the road to Calvary, his death and finally after 3 days, his resurrection.

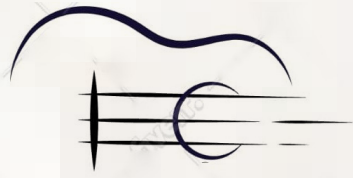
Each one of the presentations was part of telling this age-old story, so significant for all people to hear, understand and be challenged to invite the risen Jesus to be their Lord and Savior. Songs by the choir, such as, *When I Surveyed the Wondrous Cross*, and *By His Wounds We are Healed*, by the Lang Family, or *Jesus Paid It All* by the Jubilant Singers, *The Old Rugged Cross* by Michelle and Alvin, as well as the Spiess Family's rendition of *Living Hope*, were all woven together to create the incredible story of God's redemptive plan.

Throughout the program there were readings by members of the choir, as well as a brief, clear message from God's word brought to us by Pastor George Lambey, from a nearby village, who is also a member of our choir.

We are grateful to our friends who brought this Easter outreach to the Lord. Our prayer is that the Lord will continue to work in hearts even as people return to their homes to face the challenges in their families, their work, their finances, their personal life issues.

Our proclamation is that Jesus is the answer for ALL our needs.

PROGRESS REPORT



CAYO SCHOOL OF MUSIC & ARTS

Last month we reported, with concern, for a location, for our school. Well, the house we thought might be God's pick for our school, was not to be. Thus, we are asking for more prayer and God's perfect location. In fact, we now have two schools that have become options for us to use temporarily. Please pray that one of them might be the one God has for us.

At the same time, we believe the Lord is preparing a permanent location. We would ask you to pray for a very important meeting that will take place on my next visit to Belize. I will have the privilege to speak with the town leaders of Spanish Lookout, with the possibility of the town delegating a location for our school on town property. This is one of the properties that is in discussion.



By the way, the old building on this property is one of the oldest schools in the community, and we hope we might be able to use it as well for our school. This could be a real answer to prayer. It would mean the town would give their blessing to the school and we would have their support in inviting the kids and adults to study at our school.

We want to thank all of our friends who have already joined us in this vision for a music and arts school in Belize.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

Tax deductible receipts are available.

- You can choose to donate to furnish the school or instruments.
- Also you may donate towards the building fund for the school.

For donations, simply send your check to:
Friendship International, PO Box 50884,
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
Check made out to Friendship International

Grounds Preparation Continues at Friendship Camp

by Adi Muscan - Director, Romania and Callum King - Camp Supervisor

The weather is beginning to change here in Romania and we have been able to begin preparing the grounds at Friendship Camp. As always, there are plenty of maintenance jobs needing done and new projects lined up on the To-Do List!



So far we have been working on some grounds keeping and repair jobs – mainly clearing some areas of bushes and thorns, repairing a broken sewage pipe, and repairs to our ride-on mower and big tractor to get them ready for the season ahead. We've also been working on the electrical installation in the six cabins which were built last year (fuse boxes, indoor and outdoor lighting, and electrical outlets). Next we will move on to flooring, banisters/railings on the outside decks, and wood cladding on the outside walls.

And thanks to donations by friends, we've been able to purchase much needed new mattresses and bed frames for all the sleeping quarters, which were all 15 years old and in very poor condition.

Our main project this year however will be to replace the platforms for the teepee tents. Up until now the structures have been made of wood which we have been repairing and patching up for several years but now they are definitely at the end of their lives. This time however we will change to a metal structure on concrete pillars which will be a much longer lasting solution and cut down hugely on yearly maintenance and repairs.

Last year we also started having problems with our water supply at the camp. We have a deep well which for more than 15 years has provided us with safe drinking water. However, last year there were some earthquakes in our area which affected the water tables and the composition of the water. We must install a complex filter system, another \$1,200.-, which will make the water safe again for drinking.

As always there is lots to do but we are confident that God will provide both finances and the manpower to complete all the tasks that need done before we head into another full summer of ministry. We are excited that we have teams who are already planning to come and help us prepare for the summer.

We would appreciate your prayers for safety as we continue repairs and maintenance. Also for the campers who will be coming this summer, many whom will be hearing the Gospel for the first time. May their hearts be open to the message of Jesus.

Has The Lord Put It In Your Heart To Help?

Camp Sponsorship Program



You can make it possible for an orphan or gypsy child to go to camp and experience Jesus this summer.

For only \$75.- per week you can make a world of difference in a kid's life, for life!

You may send or email your donation by cash, check or credit card to :

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