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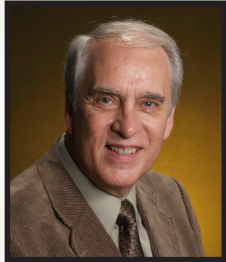
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Del Huff
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GOD AT WORK THIS SUMMER

What an amazing summer this is turning out to be.

We are about half way through our camp program in Romania. We're about to launch our first stateside tour with our Belizean family singers and towards the end of summer, with God's help, we will open our new Cayo School of Music and Arts.

We have already seen God's hand at work, but it hasn't been without its challenges, ups and downs, good times and bad.

As you read our reports this month, rejoice with us, pray with us, because we need your prayers, maybe even more than ever before, as the Lord takes us into new waters, with new challenges and experiences. We hold strong to these words from the Lord.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Isaiah 55:8-9

"And we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose."

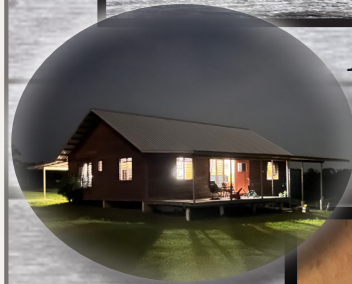
Romans 8:28

The Hein Family Singers

LIGHT IN THE WINDOW

America Tour '25

August 3 - 17, 2025



The Hein Family are coming to the states for the first time under the sponsorship of Friendship International to share their unique testimonies, music and their life in the small town of Spanish Lookout, Belize.

Alvin and Michelle have been singing for several years together and recently included their two oldest children in their program. A sister of Alvin's will also be singing on several songs.



Their style of music is unique, especially for Belize. But if you like Country, Bluegrass, Gospel, then you'd enjoy the Hein family. Alvin always says Alan Jackson is the man who taught him everything he knows about singing and playing country.

Alvin will also be teaching guitar and writing at our new Cayo School of Music and Arts.

They will also share what life in a Belizean Mennonite colony is like, and Alvin might also throw in some stories about his daily life as a rancher and farmer.

It's only going to be a two week tour, but we will be traveling long distances with 4 adults and 4 small children, starting in Colorado, head north to Wyoming, Montana, east through N. and S. Dakota and south to Nebraska and conclude in Kansas.

Pray for this ministry tour as we challenge churches and friends to participate in F.I.'s new ministry outreach in the country of Belize.

PROGRESS REPORT



CAYO SCHOOL OF MUSIC & ARTS

Referring to the scripture in the first column of this newsletter, *"God's ways are higher than ours, and God works all things together for our good and His glory."*

1. Location - Temporary

Last month we shared that we believed God helped us secure the German Church school as the place for us to start our school of music and art, but within a matter of hours it seemed the rug was pulled out from under us. Amazingly, within 24 hours, God opened the window for us to move towards an agreement to rent a very nice, large, private home that had been vacant for some time. Now, we continue to move forward using this home as our temporary location for the school. For how long, we don't know, but God does.



With God's Help We Will Open The School September 15, 2025

We continue working with the school instructors on subjects to be offered, curriculum and student registration.

We need your immediate help.

We need to buy office and classroom equipment, photocopier, furniture, supplies and teaching materials. **Estimated Cost: \$5,000.**

Tax deductible receipts are available.

You may send your donation, marking clearly how you would like it used, to:

**Friendship International, P.O. Box 50884
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Or go to our website - friendshipintl.org, click on the "Donate" button at the top, after you reach the Give to FI page, select the fund - *Cayo School of Music & Arts.*

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 2:7-9

2. Location - Permanent

The architectural plan and the teaching curriculum was unanimously approved by the community leaders. Praise the Lord! We still need to find the permanent location, but we believe in God's time there will be a landowner who will step forward.

3. The Greatest Answer to our Prayers

A Christian brother in the states has taken the first step in laying the groundwork for raising the money to build our permanent school. He has offered matching funds for this year up to \$60,000.-.

We now have our challenge before us. We see a wonderful opportunity for our friends and churches to join us in donating to this project of building the school of music and arts for the purpose of reaching out to the entire district of Cayo, Belize through music and the word.

It seems to be a lot of money but if we break it down into small bites of \$10K, \$5K, \$1K or less. We will see our vision quickly come to fruition. Here is the most recent exterior rendering of our beautiful campus. If we can raise \$60,000 to match our brother's challenge, we will already have raised half of the cost to build the school.



"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Matt. 17:20

Faith can move mountains is a proverbial expression that highlights the power of belief and conviction to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles or challenges.

ROMANIA - CAMP IS ON!

by Callum King, Supervisor
Friendship Camp, Romania

In the Midst of a Disaster God Sends Great Blessings

On Tuesday afternoon at 4pm, in a matter of minutes, a massive storm hit Friendship Camp. We are used to occasional storms during the summer months but this was by far the worst we have ever experienced! At the time we were mid camp with 75 teens and leaders on site.



Most of the teens and leaders were in the big barn area when the storm hit and we quickly crammed them all into the kitchen rooms when we realized how serious the situation was. Seconds later a massive gust of wind ripped off two thirds of the barn roof. ***Praise the Lord for his hand of protection and that everyone was safe and nobody was hurt in the whole camp.*** Half of the barn area is where we hold worship and teaching sessions and the other half is the dining space where we eat. We were left with a roof just over half of the dining area.

After making sure everyone was safe and dry we began to clean up the mess and decide what to do next. We called a good friend of the camp who owns a factory which produces sheet roofing and told him what had happened. He told us he would produce the new roofing for us first thing the next day.

Adi and Tabita's son Filip, on Wednesday morning at 7:00 am took his van to the wood market in Arad to collect the wood necessary to repair the structure. By 9:00 am we were up on the roof changing the broken wood and even though it rained most of the day by the evening all of the broken wood was replaced and the new metal roofing was on site ready to go.

That same morning, a team of 4 construction workers who had taken a day off from their normal work arrived along with several other volunteers to put the roofing on. By 2:00 pm the new roof was finished. In less than 48 hours everything was back to normal.

- Praise the Lord nobody was hurt in the storm!
- Praise the Lord for the brother with the roofing factory who put his other orders on hold and produced the materials for us so quickly!
- Praise the Lord for the volunteers who changed their schedules and came to help!
- Praise the Lord for the young leaders who stepped up and did amazing job keeping the camp going so well while the rest of us were working in the roof!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Without putting out a call for funds, one of our dear friends had already sent money to cover the costs of this damage.

Truly, God's Ways Are Far Above Ours!

