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Here's a thought for this month, celebrating love. It is taken from a favorite monthly devotional book, *Our Daily Bread*.



"Love Locks" is a growing phenomenon. Thousands of people in love have attached these love padlocks to bridges, gates, and fences around the world. Couples engrave their names on a padlock and then attach it in a public place to symbolize their everlasting love. Some think they are acts of vandalism, while others view them as beautiful art and a picture of committed love.

The Lord showed us true "everlasting love" in a public place. He displayed His love on the cross when He gave His life to provide forgiveness of sin. And He continues to show us His love on a daily basis. Salvation is not only a promise that we'll have eternity with God, but it is also a daily experience of forgiveness, assurance, provision, and grace in our relationship with Him. Jesus' love for us is the basis of Paul's challenge to "walk in the way of love" toward others (Eph. 5:2).

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The love of our Father enables us to be patient and kind. In His Son He has given us the ultimate example and means of loving one another—forever.

*The Time Has Come,  
The Doors of the Cayo School of Music and Arts  
Have Opened!!*



**Music and Art are Essential Elements  
of a Christian Education . . .**

They cultivate well-rounded, faith-centered people. These disciplines reflect God's creativity, help develop critical thinking, deepen our appreciation of His creation, and equip children to redeem the arts in a world influenced by secular ideologies. These are some of the goals for our Cayo School of Music and Arts.

What an exciting opening of a new year for our ministry in Belize. After two weeks of registration we opened the doors with a total student enrollment of 70 boys and girls as well as adults.

We have completed the first two weeks of classes. The most amazing thing God did was to bring an amazing team of 12 teachers and administrators together, ready to instill all of their God given talent and experience into their eager students. What a blessing God has bestowed on this school.



It was a wonderful thing to meet and greet the students as they came for their first classes. Most of our students are taking the step to start playing an instrument, pick up their paint brush for the first time, or learn to use their voice as God's original built-in instrument. Courses offered for our beginning were: piano, guitar, voice, violin, general music, English as Second Language, Art (painting with acrylics and oil).



As I walked from room to room to observe the kids and teacher in their first moments together, I had to think, this is just the beginning of something that only God knows where it's taking us. It was interesting to see the different expressions on their



faces and hear the first notes coming from their instruments or voices and see the very first strokes of oil and acrylics on the canvas, as well as just ordinary cardboard.



Our master artist told her students, when you are just starting out, you can put paint on just about any surface and the effect is uniquely different.

# INTRODUCING THE CAYO SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND ARTS STAFF



John and Carolyn Carr

Over the next several months we would like to feature some of our wonderfully talented music and art teachers at the school.

This month we want to start with one of the most prominent artists in our area, and across the country of Belize. All individual have their own story but the one of John and Carolyn is quite unique. They both came from the States. John was born and raised outside Lewistown, Montana. As a young cowboy he was a bronco riding champion for the state and beyond. Carolyn was born in Canyon City, Colorado but grew up on a farm in western Kansas. They met in Kansas and had 3 daughters.

In 1973, John went to Belize on an investment venture, to consider buying land that had quite a history in the logging industry. But John's interest was to turn it into a ranch and farming business. In 1977, they finally made the move with the family and established what is still known today as the Banana Bank Lodge, a dude ranch.

It wasn't until they moved to Belize that Carolyn found her purpose in life not only to be a cowboy's wife and mother to her daughters, but also to fall in love with the Belizean people and their culture. Then she developed her talent as an oil painter to depict scenes of everyday life in Belize.

Over the years Carolyn has become acclaimed as the representative of Belizean culture and art through her painting exhibited publicly around the country.

Our new school feels extremely blessed to not only have this wonderful teacher at our school but the inspiration that we pray she will pass on to her students to carry on her spirit and heart for Belize and its people. And it is noteworthy that John, Carolyn's husband has been her greatest fan and encourager throughout her artistic journey.



*My purpose in this life is to be clay in the Potter's hands, to be molded into something useful to Him that serves His Son and blesses other people.*

*It is my belief that art is not only a reflection of the soul and spirit of its source but a message to the soul and spirit of others. My message is: In the world we will have trouble but there is hope. John 16:33*

## EXAMPLES OF CAROLYN CARR'S WORK



## News Alert from ROMANIA

by Adi Muscan

News just arrived today about an urgent situation in Romania. Here's the most recent message from Adi.

When we speak about Ministry first thing that cross our mind, is calling. We are called to serve our Lord, and in His name, serve others, especially those in need. It is a great blessing for us to do this each year, at the camp, in the orphanages and many other ways as the Lord leads. But being called to serve doesn't stop there. It goes much farther. Serving is a joy but not everything is about serving. Right now, we are at a critical point in taking care of our mission van. It seems it all came at one time and we must repair it before we start preparation for camp this summer. The road to Camp is brutal, bumpy, dusty and muddy which puts a lot of stress on our van. Please pray with us for this need, and if the Lord puts it on your heart to help, this is what is needed: Clutch - \$1450.- / Tires- \$286.- and Car tax ( for a year) - \$178.- Total - approx. \$1,900.-

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