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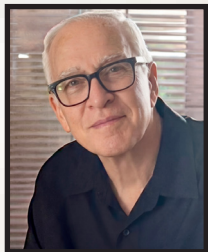
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Casual Acquaintance, Interesting Encounter

I don't know if it ever happens to you, but it seems, as I'm traveling, whether it's on personal business or mission business, I come in contact with some very interesting people. Such was the case on my recent visit to Belize.

My wife and I have a favorite coffee shop we enjoy, just a simple covered outside corner of a small shopping area. On this occasion I went in to order an Americano, my regular fare, and as I was waiting for my order, I got into conversation with a younger man, mid 30's, and discovered he was from Oklahoma, but had lived in Belize for several years. His special interest was conservation. He is part of an association focused on preserving the natural habitat and wildlife of Belize.

As we got deeper into conversation he shared that his parents were devote Christians, so he grew up knowing about God and all the ways of Christian life. But as he became an adult he pushed back more and more on their faith and believed it was a far too restrictive way of life. So he turned his back on his faith and his parent's God. That got me to thinking - Does God get to a place where he gets so fed up with a person that He won't have anything to do with those kind of people? Which led me back to the answer I have known for many years, it's never too late to turn back to God - the reason, because He still loves us, no matter who we are or what we've done. The Bible says, "He is patient with us, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." 2Peter 3:9.

I believe my contact with this young man is not over and that we will continue seeing each other. *My hope and prayer is that through our continued conversations, the Holy Spirit will be speaking to him and he will return to his parents faith and find peace with God.*

CAYO SCHOOL OF



MUSIC AND ART'S

LOOKING TOWARDS THE END OF 2026 What Awaits Cayo School of Music and Arts

This month we started with two new activities at the school.

1. There was a question about whether this first activity fit within the realm of our school of music and arts. But in a short thought process it was decided that reading definitely belongs to the Language Arts category. We had several who had shown interest in initiating our first Book Club. It's a small group of adults with a handful of children also interested.



Our leader is retired and has had experience in being part of a Book Club over the years. We are pleased to announce that Karen Cole and co-host Betty Hein, one of our art teachers at the school, will be moderating the meetings. The club will meet once per month to discuss and review the preassigned books. There will also be a time for

refreshments and visiting as well as to choose the next book for the following month.

Encouraging reading is definitely part of our Language Arts developing department. We're excited to watch as this new project evolves.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. We still need \$1,000.- to buy a second digital piano. Our new teacher arrives in October and we will need a piano for her.

2. Another concern for us: we have received word from the owner of the house we rent for our school, that he is moving his family into the house the beginning of next year, so we will have to move somewhere else. Pray with us for another location for the school until we can raise the funds to build our own school. It's not easy to find a suitable location.



2. We are pleased to introduce another of our talented local artists, German Figueroa, who as agreed to begin teaching at the school with a 6 week course in Sketching. German is known in

Belize as a beloved painter and sketcher. As a Christian artist this is what he believes, "My biggest concern is that I transmit effectively art and skills to my students. I desire to see potential in each student and that they learn the beautiful art of sketching. My personal goal is to multiply the talent gave me on to my students and that He receives the glory."



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P.O. Box 50884, Colorado Springs, CO 80949

OR

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The End of a Very Hot, Busy, But Amazingly Blessed Summer



by Adi Muscan
Director, Romania

Believe it or not, we just completed the twentieth summer of Friendship Camp Ministry. This is only by the grace of our Lord, who kept us going and has watched over us year, after year, after year. For Him there is nothing impossible, and the blessings and precious memories

become so evident as we look at the kids that have grown up in these 20 years. We have had kids who were 6 or 7 years old when they came for the first time to Friendship Camp, and now, several of them have become leaders of the children now. There are friends and workers of the ministry who have remained with us faithfully over the years, or at least as much as their schedules allowed them to be with us.



We also reflect back on the development of the camp, on things that we did not know how to do in the beginning. First we started by bringing supplies up to the camp, but with significant challenges, like our truck turning over because of the muddy road leading to the camp. Then the struggles to maintain canvas tipis, which we finally replaced with wood. The same with the covered wagons. Last year the wind took out our pole barn, the main meeting location for the camp, which our faithful workers quickly re-built. The most popular project was installing hot water showers. In all of these challenges we look back and see God's hand at work. It was only by His grace that it was possible and we are deeply grateful and humbled by His abiding presence through it all.

This summer it was different from the last years, not because of the temperatures but the length of the heat wave. There was a real need to be creative and adapt all the time, to keep everybody cooled and hydrated as much as possible. But even through this challenge God worked in kids hearts, and changed many lives from darkness to the light.

In the process of writing this report, I realized, if you multiply 20 years of Friendship Camp's ministry, with approx. 500 and sometimes more than 600 campers per summer, you get an overwhelming and unbelievable 10,000 children who have come to camp. Praise God!

But beyond numbers, is the faithfulness of God, and we are praying that He will continue to work at Friendship Camp, as long as He wants this ministry to exist, and for us to be in this place... what a privilege it has been.

From all of us here at Friendship Camp - Romania, we want to

Thank you so much, to all of our friends and family who have sacrificed their time and finances to make the camp such a success over these many years. We are praying that the blessings of God will be abundantly upon your lives!

Please continue to pray for us.

We can't wait to see what God has prepared for this ministry in the future!



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

December 2026

Yes, that's right, it seems way too early to be thinking or talking about Christmas. But last year some friends mentioned we notified them too late, so this year we want everyone to have time to think and pray about how they can help and make sure to get donations to our office soon enough.

**You Can Have A Part This Year
Celebrating Christmas
In Romanian Orphanages**



We are still committed to continuing the tradition of celebrating Jesus' birth with orphans and foster children in Romania.

So, we want to invite you, again, to share with your donations which will be sent in plenty of time to reach our office in Romania and they can purchase gifts for the children.

Our program will begin with our Romanian team singing some Christmas Carols with the children, then the Christmas story will be told and the children will be given the opportunity to ask Jesus into their heart. This will be followed with a snack and they will finish with the distribution of Christmas gifts for each child.



Our team, led by the Muscan family, will be visiting the orphanages the second weekend of December, so we are asking that all donations be received at our office by December 11, 2026.

Here's how you can participate.



Send donations to our office - Friendship International, PO Box 50884, Colorado Springs, CO 80949, with a note

"Orphanage Christmas Project '26", OR, through e-Giving found on our website - friendshipintl.org. Look for the DONATE link at the top of page. Find the fund - Orphanage Christmas Project, enter your donation amount and follow the instructions as to how you want to make your donation. It's simple, but what an impact you can have in the lives of these children!