



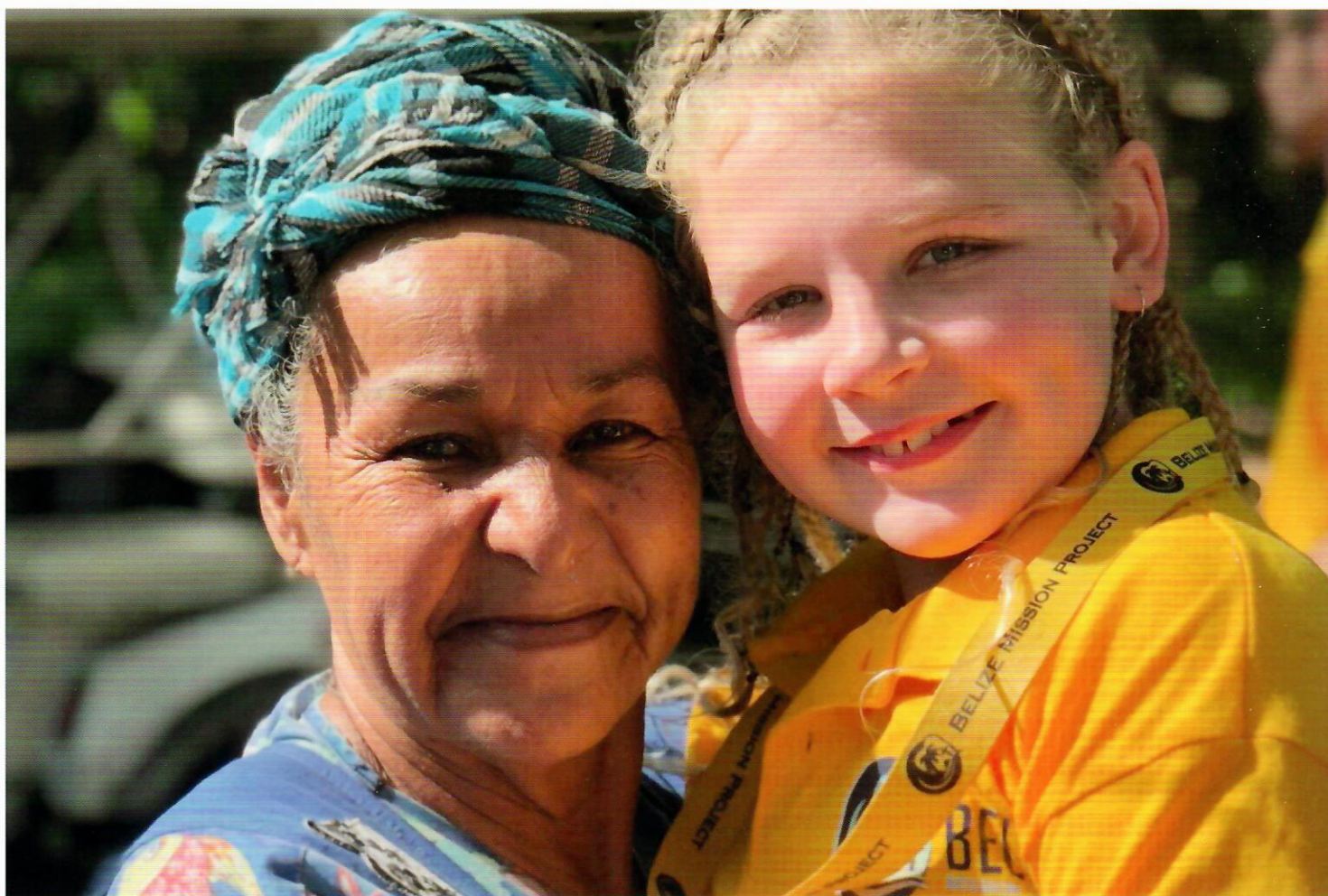
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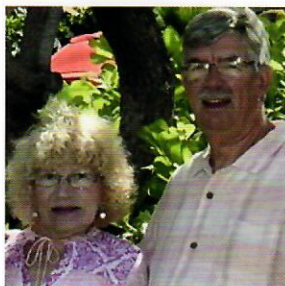
MISSION PROJECT

Announcing Fall 2019 Trips

Week 1: October 18 - 26

Week 2: October 26 - November 3





Frank joined the 2018 BMP for part of both weeks enabling him to interact with all participants. He was able to share the history of the project and here reflects on the history and future of the BMP.

"This was the first time I have been on the actual trip in two years. It was great

to see we are generating what I think will be a new group of ongoing trip repeaters. Marc and Sara are bringing new energy to the project yet striving to keep the values. As Belize becomes more complex their job will be more difficult. With all the changes in Belize over the years, it was great to see the group still excited about the work which will continue to get more demanding.

History is important in order to give us a foundation and to gauge where we are going. We need history to be able to set goals. If you don't know where you have been it will be hard to know where to go. With all the changes in people and the world around us I can't see that people are any happier. After 30 years of this project, Bonnie and I still feel people come on projects like this searching about life. For them to find some help you need good standards. And standards based on the Word of God are a tried and true help. While change in the world will occur, there has been no revised Bible given by God. Only a change in our interpretation. The BMP Mission Statement serves as a foundation for one's thought.

The BMP has given Bonnie and me a sense of purpose. We have never felt we owned the project but were merely participants ourselves trying to make sense of life. This project is a real family. People have shared their lives with each other including the good and the bad. Participants have met on this trip and gotten married, brought their kids who will never forget the experience and now come on their own. These relationships don't stop once they go home. Many count their BMP friends as their closest friends in life. And they see the people they know in Belize as true dear friends from whom they have learned so much.

As for the future of the BMP, people will always need assistance either from what professional help we can give or about life which we all can give each other. I see the need for the BMP only growing in a more and more convolved world."

Frank and Bonnie, we will be forever grateful for your vision and passion for the BMP. Thank you!



NEW BMP LOGO AND TAGLINE

The BMP logo contains the circular shape representing our full circle of participation between God,



the members of the BMP, and the people we serve. The tooth is prominent to honor the foundation of the BMP by dentist, Dr. Frank Whipp and his wife, Bonnie. The cross represents Christ at the center of all we do and our focus remaining on Jesus. The physical features of the swooping wave, the palm tree, and the colors mimic the landscape in Belize.

The BMP tagline is derived from the BMP Mission Statement

**Called to Move. Sent to Serve.
Transformed by Love.**

Something stirs within for each participant of the BMP to encourage action. A calling occurs and steps follow to answer. We are Called to Move.

Leaving our everyday to share gifts and talents creates opportunities for growth and perspective in our work. The people of Belize offer gratitude without realization of our benefits. We receive more than we give. We are Sent to Serve.

Our time offering of ourselves generates a reciprocal result. The population we serve receives care that otherwise would be out of reach. As participants, we receive a fresh outlook, a network of friendships built on our common experience, and time spent in reflection, prayer, and worship that changes who we were before our time on the Belize Mission Project. We are Transformed by Love.



AUDIOLOGY TEAMS

The Audiology Teams provided improved hearing ability that created dramatic affects.

Edith Burns shared their experience: "We saw a 9 year old boy in Corozal who was accompanied by his teen-aged sister and mother. The boy had low affect and his sister did all the communication for him and his mother. She reported he was still in first grade having failed four times. He hardly spoke and what he uttered was unintelligible.



His sister reported the boy had surgery to cut his lingual frenulum in hopes that he was only "tongue tied" and would start to talk. It did not work. He had surgery to insert tubes thinking he had fluid in his ears and if it cleared up he would start to talk. It did not work.

We tested his hearing and discovered he had a severe hearing loss. Once the hearing aids were fitted, he lit up with the biggest smile and started looking around the room to find sounds he had been unaware of without the aids. Hearing aids will now give him the opportunity to excel in school and we can't wait to see him next time to learn of his progress!"



MEDICAL TEAMS

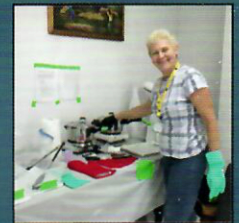
The Medical Teams provided care through exams, blood pressure checks, diabetes screenings, wound care, and health education. Each of their stories is unique, and yet similar. A common thread relays the value of the time spent with each patient and family.

"It wasn't about the services we provided or what we did for the people while we were there, that was secondary. It more so was all about the connections made with the people we were hoping to help." Andi Dixon, PharmD



BMP INTRODUCES PRESSURE POT STERILIZATION

The BMP introduced pressure pot sterilization to clinic sites to increase safety benefiting both our participants and patients. Each dental team had a designated sterilization assistant easing turnaround time for the process. It was a great success!



STERILIZATION



BMP RECOGNIZED BY SAN PEDRO MAYOR

DENTAL TEAMS



Mayor Daniel Guerrero presented the BMP with a certificate of appreciation from San Pedro Town for our 27 years of service. Dr. Alan Schenck, Lynette Schenck, and Dr. Dennis and Jeanne Carreras received the certificate and spoke with Mayor Guerrero. Dr. Al shared the hope that one day our services would not be needed. Mayor Guerrero recognized our service and expressed that the BMP would always be welcome.

FLUORIDE VARNISH TEAMS

Our fluoride teams were greeted with giggles and waves from the children at the schools.



Excited hands rose up to answer questions about dental health. Stories were shared about loose teeth, when to brush, healthy foods, and the importance of fluoride varnish. Enthusiasm was almost palpable as each child received a new toothbrush as one boy expressed, "I have been waiting for this moment." The teams provided over 8,400 fluoride varnish applications and received almost as many hugs and high-fives.

Our fluoride project is successful due in part to our Belizean partners, Dr. Jonathan Diaz, the St. Francis Xavier Credit Union, and the Corozal and Progressive Sugar Cane Producers Associations.

We are grateful for the willingness and support offered to reach the children of Belize.



Gratitude has been showered upon BMP participants. Hugs and notes, treats and home-cooked meals, and other gifts are often offered. Our Lab Team even received carved wooden teeth in appreciation.



Winston Seawell, fond friend and partner with the BMP, provides transportation for our teams to clinic sites and to participating schools in our fluoride project. Following the accident that occurred during the second week of the 2018 BMP, the generous members of the Belize Mission Project donated funds to replace Winston's van.



WINSTON'S VAN

The generous BMP family serves beyond the clinic. Providing a meal at Hope Haven Children's Home and Food Bank joined other outreach programs including, Dress a Girl International, the Shine a Light project, and Goodie Bags for kids in clinics and in San Mateo. Our participant's favorite outreach program, the Beans and Rice Project, donated and distributed over 4,000 pounds of food to residents of San Mateo and San Peditro.



Frank and Adele have helped the BMP for many years, including security at the Lion's Den. Following the news of Frank and Adele's need, Dr. Tom and Ann Sentz arranged a successful fund drive to purchase their house.



Gordy and Jan Gates took the dreams of the principal at Hattieville SDA to their Bible study in Boulder as a December project. The generous people of their Bible study raised \$4,400 to assist in tuition aid, classroom desks, a preschool program, the lunch program, and six laptop computers!



MISSION IN ACTION



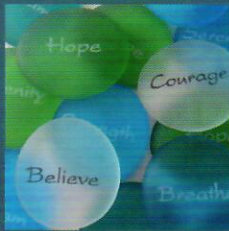


The BMP tradition of beginning the day on the end of the pier continued to center our hearts and minds before heading out to serve. Devotions started with praise through song and prayer, followed by reciting a Psalm. Each day a participant shared their personal story, creating relatable connections with fellow participants. Devotions ended with a healing story of Jesus' ministry to encourage the work brought before each person throughout their day.

At our first dinner, centerpieces were surrounded by stones with words written on them. Each participant was invited to take a stone along with a brief definition of the word and corresponding bible verses.



Those words became our focus words for the week, for where we focus, we will follow. We shared those words each morning at devotions and their meanings and verses guided our days.



BREATHE * SERENITY * PEACE * LOVE * HOPE * FAITH * STRENGTH * WISDOM * COURAGE * BELIEVE * IMAGINE * DREAM

"Freely you have received; freely give." Matthew 10:8

Her voice cracked as tears fell. Gratitude spilled out at the final team meal at the end of her first mission trip with the BMP. She thanked her fellow participants for letting her be part of the team. She told of a place she had once lived where no one came to give like those sitting before her. She was not only grateful for her participation. She spoke from her experience as one waiting for someone to come and help.

Our participants came and were sent out to heal, to comfort, and to speak for Jesus.

Those God brought into our clinics, at the schools, and in the communities we served were deeply impacted. The time spent building relationships, easing fears, listening to stories, and offering care, created connections with a ripple effect. Lives were changed when we offered of ourselves. Hearts were softened and the love of Jesus poured out.

It was a unique privilege to witness bonds grow between teammates. We arrived as strangers and left as family. Serving alongside one another established a distinctive camaraderie that gave side-splitting giggles, unique understanding of one another, held tightly through tears, walked through fear together, and left us all aching for the next time we gather.

The Belize Mission Project provides the opportunity to serve using gifts and talents. Those we are sent to serve anticipate our visit all year and offer gratitude that is both rewarding and humbling. They are waiting.

Please come.

We would love to serve alongside you!
Marc and Sara Orjansen





THANK YOU, BELIZEAN PARTNERS

Our Belizean partners generously support the BMP. We are taken care of with lodging, transportation services, help translating, security, clinic coordination, coordination of leisure activities and help with food distribution. Not only do our Belizean partners enable our success, they have become friends. We are grateful for their friendship!



Thank you BMP Leaders



Thank you
Frank and Bonnie Whipps,
Gordy and Jan Gates,
Phil Bangle, and
Marc and Sara Orjansen
for your leadership.

Join Us for the 2019 BMP!

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The Belize Mission Project provides dental and medical services. The citizens of Belize are welcoming and gracious. We endeavor to create a respectful, collegial, family-oriented work and social environment. Everyone is welcome.

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