



BELIZE

MISSION PROJECT

2020 IN REVIEW

GENEROUS BMP FAMILY

Shelter & Staples Campaign provided help for hundreds of people

BMP FUNDRAISING REACHED NEARLY **\$100,000** TO SUPPORT BELIZEAN PEOPLE

How has COVID-19 changed how we practice?

What will 2021 bring for the BMP?



Jennifer and Emely Aquino Grocery delivery volunteers



Belize Mission Project is a multidisciplinary dental and medical mission to the country of Belize. Our participants use their gifts and talents to serve those most in need. We are Called to Move, Sent to Serve, and Transformed by Love.

WHAT'S THE WORD 2020

There is a popular trend of choosing a word to focus on or to be your theme for the year. If we had chosen a word for 2020, we wonder just how accurate it would have been?

SHOCKING.
UNBELIEVABLE.
INCOMPREHENSIBLE.
UNPRECEDENTED.

Merriam - Webster's Word of the Year was Pandemic based on the amount of times it was looked up on their online dictionary. Other top searches were for "coronavirus" "quarantine" "asymptomatic" "defund" "icon" and "malarkey".

The year 2020 also brought waves of abundant emotion. Back in April, our optimism of holding our annual BMP trips waned. Belize put strict lockdown requirements in place and the borders were closed. We held out as long as we could before having to announce the difficult decision of canceling the trip. The virus case numbers were kept low but the conditions in Belize worsened. Those we go to serve were suffering. The restrictions on tourism had devastating impacts on their livelihood. Many were without incomes resulting in the inability to provide for their families. Although not the poorest country, Belize will suffer the worst amount of change to individual incomes during the pandemic of any other country in the world.

Not unlike the emotions felt at the end of the first clinic day on the BMP, we were faced with an overwhelming problem with underwhelming resources. How could we possibly help enough to make a difference? But God.



Within a few hours of hitting send of that first email asking for help from our BMP family, we raised over \$6,000. We set the initial goal of \$25,000 but soon understood the need was much greater. Working with our Belizean partners, we were provided the avenues to get our assistance directly to those most in need. A new goal was set to raise a total of \$100,000 to support our dear Belizeans throughout the rest of 2020.

Through the generosity of the BMP Family, our donations to the Shelter and Staples Campaign were \$95,215.00

Each donation that poured in was met with grateful praise! Even when your physical presence was not there, your generous spirits shone brightly as your servant-hearts continued to give.

Our word for 2021 is HOPE. Hope to return to Belize. Hope for health throughout the world. Hope for each of you. And, hope to be together once more serving in Belize.

Gratefully,
Dr. Marc and Sara Orjansen

Our word for
HOPE
2021.



Orjansen Family

One of the beautiful aspects of the BMP is the ability to form relationships with those we serve. We go to offer care and service but often leave with friendships that make us eager to return.

Many of our BMP family have had long conversations with Lenny, purchased his carvings, and prayed with him at devotions.

We've purchased jewelry from Susanna Aquino, watched her children grow up, and some of us have even enjoyed her cooking.

Winston Seawell has taken care of us by providing our transportation to clinic sites, and treated us to authentic Belizean stewed chicken and rice and beans at his wife's restaurant.

Dr. Efrain Cima coordinates our fluoride project, assists in setting up clinic sites, and has become a dear friend to many of the BMP family.

Changing our focus from offering our services to offering our funds to provide food, shelter, and supplies was a personal contribution - not to strangers, but to our friends - to our Belizean family.

Thank you for your generosity.

BMP Family

GAVE

\$95,215.00

to
shelter &
staples



Through Hope Haven Food Bank the BMP supported 50 families with groceries every two weeks.

At Christmas, Hope Haven used our funding for their Merry Boxes that included items for a Christmas meal and gifts for the children in the homes.



"But God will never forget the needy;
THE HOPE
of the afflicted will never perish."

Psalm 9:18

With the help of the BMP, Winston Seawell opened and maintained a new produce stand and supported his family.





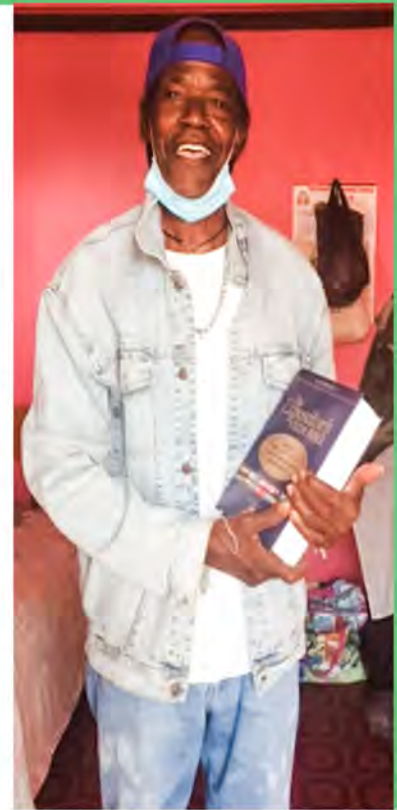
Thank you Brad and Shannon!

Brad and Shannon Reeder, former owners of Iguana Juan's in San Pedro, made the choice to stay in Belize back in March of 2020. They were committed to taking care of their Iguana Juan's family and provided food and other necessities for their employees throughout 2020.

In June, the BMP partnered with the Reeder's to support those identified as in need, including Lenny and the Aquino family, by providing food, rent, and additional assistance.

Susanna Aquino with her kids, Emely, Alex, and Jennifer, received support from the BMP and served by delivering groceries throughout San Mateo.

Lenny helped with packing school supplies and served lunch each Friday.



Thank you, Lenny!



Thank you, Aquino Family!

Generous BMP Family

Through Brad and Shannon Reeder, the BMP supported the following:

5,000

Over 5,000 free lunches served at a Friday Community Lunch Program

300

Over 300 food boxes, each enough to provide a family all of "the basics" for two weeks

RENT

Help with rents to varying degrees for about 15 families. Some utility payments, water, gas, electric for various other people

FUNDRAISER

Fundraiser support (initial capital for gas & food to sell) for a man to keep his business and home and to provide for his family

500

500 sets of school supplies: books, pencils, erasers, notebooks and 150 backpacks for kids to go to school

250

250 Christmas toys for kids through the Sagebrush Church "Santa's Helpers" program



Through Clive Welch and Lighthouse Ministries the BMP paid rent on the two apartments normally used as vacation properties. One apartment was used for temporary shelter for anyone in need and for discipleship classes, online classes, and for students to use the Wi-Fi for homework. The other apartment was made available for Ministry of Health workers aiding in the COVID-19 response in San Pedro.



Through Michelle and Peter Laird, of Xanadu, the BMP supported the Xanadu staff and others such as tour guides and taxi drivers.

CONGRATULATIONS, DR. CIMA!



Dr. Efrain Cima, with the support of the BMP family, has opened his periodontal practice in Corozal.

Efrain extends a big thank you to all who made it possible for him to achieve this next step in his career.





Giving Opportunities

Your generous support will be directly used for the care and needs of Belizean People.

Visit belizemissionproject.com for details



SUPPORT
the Belize Mission Project

Your generous support will provide needed supplies for the dental and medical concerns of those most in need in Belize.

With your help, we will be able to offer dental and medical services, audiology evaluations, and comprehensive eye care. Thank you for your generosity!



PARTICIPANT SUPPORT
Send a volunteer to serve



BMP FLUORIDE VARNISH PROJECT

Your gift provides strong smiles

EACH YEAR OUR TEAMS PROVIDE NEARLY 10,000 BELIZEAN CHILDREN WITH ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION, A TOOTHBRUSH, AND A FLUORIDE VARNISH APPLICATION



BMP AUDIOLOGY PROJECT
give the gift of hearing

Just \$100 will provide a pair of hearing aids for a Belizean with hearing loss.

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Introducing the Shelter and Staples Project

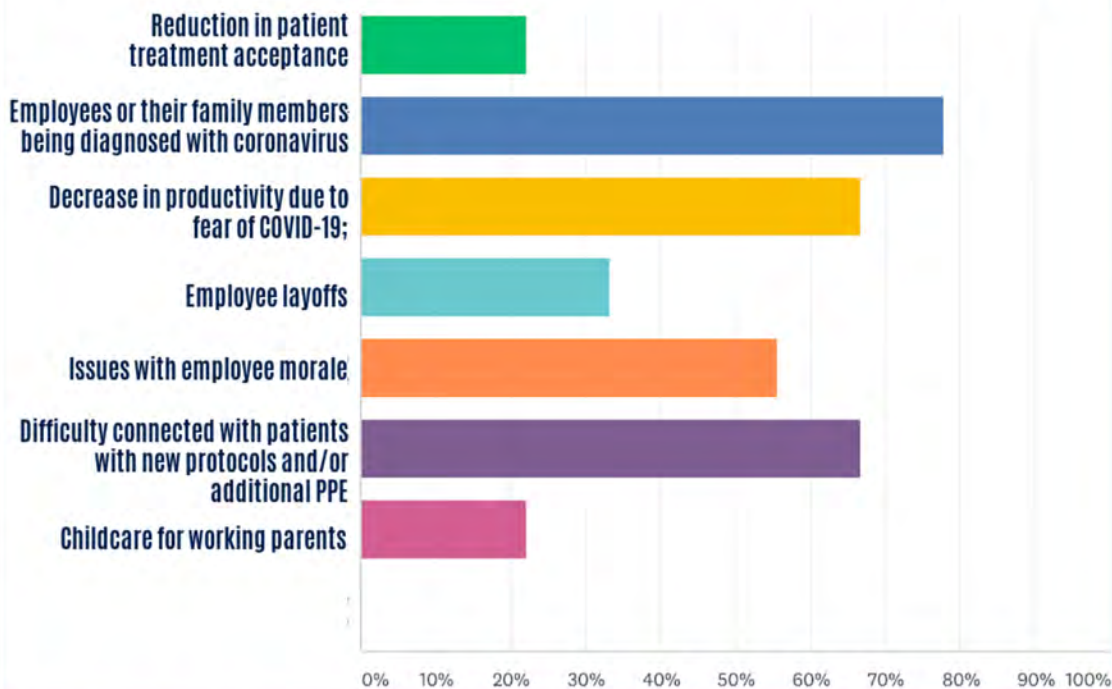
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Your donor dollars will go directly to food and shelter for those most in need.

GIVE shelter & staples NOW



CHALLENGES FACED BY THE BMP FAMILY DUE TO COVID-19



The COVID-19 Pandemic caused all to make adjustments. Fear took a grip as many faced illness, economic hardship, and loss of normalcy. In a recent survey, respondents from the BMP Family reported their struggles during the last year. From a negative impact upon their practices, including obtaining enough and proper PPE, to employees and family members being diagnosed with the virus, 2020 brought unexpected and complex strains to our way of life and how we practice.

Within the struggle, during lockdowns and quarantines, goodness was found. Some utilized the closures for remodeling and organizational changes. Others offered sewing skills by making masks and scrub caps. Many found the blessing of time with family.



ANNOUNCING

2021 BMP TRIPS

WEEK 1: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 -
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021

WEEK 2: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 -
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021



HOPE

Because the circumstances are evolving, we are continuing to plan our mission but also acknowledge the many hurdles that are yet to come. We know things change frequently and will continue to monitor and make adjustments to what we will need to do to get to Belize this year.

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