



January 2021

COME FOLLOW ME! I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN. MARK 1:17

“Bring some of the fish you have just caught...come and have breakfast...feed my lambs...follow me.”

John 21:10-19

The compelling call of Christ: to bring to Him the bounty we have received from His hand to spend times of rest and refresh with Him; to take as our mandate the feeding and care of His beloved children; and to follow Him trusting that the way He leads is the one of joy and fulfillment.

Dear Friends of Fishers of Men-Belize, this “unprecedented” year has created a sea of constraints for our ministry. As the coronavirus spread around the world, everything looks radically different. At Fishers of Men, we sense God calling us to view our constraints as opportunities and to seek different ways to serve during this season.

It is with this fresh perspective that we invite you to join us in responding to the compelling call of Christ:

1. **PRAY!** Pray for our friends in Belize. Pray for the many ministries being affected by the pandemic. Pray for our missionaries Gene and Liz Watkins and their family.
2. **GIVE!** Although we are unable to physically serve and come alongside our Belizean brothers and sisters, we can provide critically needed financial support to local Belize ministries serving them.

If you were planning to join a Fishers of Men team serving in Belize during 2020/2021, would you consider sharing all or a portion of your trip cost with us? Your generous donation will help close the financial gap these ministries are incurring during this difficult season. In addition, please consider asking how your church, small group, or trip donors could share in this act of generosity.

**Your gift can be given online:
fishersofmenbelize.org (Click on Donate)**

**Your gift can be mailed to
P.O. Box 387, Selma, AL 36702**

3. **SERVE LOCALLY!** Our teams traveling to Belize will remain grounded until we gain clarity regarding safety. Use this time to evaluate how your team could focus your efforts locally. Where is God calling you to be a blessing in your communities?

As we take up our nets and continue to follow Him, may we be compelled by Christ to find new and fresh ways to grow life-changing relationships by passionately Praying, Giving and Serving. Thank you for your generosity and faithful support.

Following Him,

Burt Odom

Chairman FOM Board

Reminder

Fishers of Men board met with team leaders and have **postponed** tentatively scheduled teams until January 2022.

We will continue Fishers of Men's ministry in the US working with and through our leaders in ministries they feel the Lord leading their teams in local ministries and empowering the Belizean ministries we are involved with. **FOM in Belize** is still active and proceeding forward.

As your FOM missionaries we ask you to pray for all of us here and in Belize. If you wish to donate and become a part of the ministries in Belize, you may send your donations to:

Fishers of Men International - P.O. Box 387 Selma, Alabama 36702-0387 or visit Fishers of Men.

website

fishersofmenbelize.or

Please note changes in future dates...

2022 Team Dates- All dates are tentatively.

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January 15-22, 2022 Contact: Burt Odom-
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February 19-26, 2022

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March 12-19, 2022

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Ladies Ministry Team- May 21-28, 2022

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PLC Dental Team

September 10-17 2022

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A few weeks ago, the government of Belize restrictively open the from other countries. The USA being one of those. However, borders of Mexico and Guatemala remained closed to Belize. As Belize cautiously begins to open to air travel, the Belize government still has implemented several stipulations and regulations on those returning.

Covid testing before travel into and out of Belize. The government places those coming into the country in quarantine for 10-14 days, at the traveler's expense. They have set Gold star resorts in place to handle those being quarantined. Movement around the country is not recommended. Most places are closed and under curfew.

The COVID cases there seemed to have peaked.

Due to the uncertainty of how things will go, the government is restricting missions especially dental and medical, also large groups are restricted. We, Fishers of Men are patiently waiting to see if the borders remaining open and if cases increase. Out off respect for the Belizean people we serve we have opted to wait for our return.

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isa. 43:19

Gene & Liz Watkins

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