

February 2019

TEAM UPDATE



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



**Allow us to introduce to you FOM's second team of the year: Decatur Dental and Medical Team**

**February 16, FOM Welcomed Decatur Medical and Dental team.** Even though we call them the Decatur group they came from different parts of the US, El Salvador and Nicaragua. The group came eager and full of excitement to begin the mission the Lord had prepared for them.

**This is their 9th year of ministry** in the Valley of Peace. This year is our fourth year partnering with the Spanish Lookout Medical Clinic. **VOP the Dental team** served an average of 450 people in the dental clinic. 475 in the medical clinic. The Spanish Lookout clinic saw about 70 patients.

**We know it is not about the numbers.** However, we are excited about the most important of all the numbers. 80 people made a decision for Christ.

**All for His Glory!**

**I am so thankful** to be part of a wonderful Belize mission group with Fishers of Men. God has richly blessed me for the last 6 years to be able to share 1 week a year in Belize. We have seen so many lives changed through this organization, not just with physical needs but with spiritual needs as well. **Belize has changed me so much** in ways that I cannot explain. I have seen God save souls and send deliverance to people in times of need. Each year we have a group of 45 to 55 people. It amazes me how God can put people together a group this large and do his work. God has richly blessed me to be able to serve in Belize. **It is on my heart every day** that I am here in the U.S. I know that God is already preparing a group to go in 2020 so that we may continue to see God work and many wonderful things in our life.

**The first trip I went on to Belize I thought I was going to help make a difference in the people of a 3rd world country. But little did I know that God would change me forever. In the years that others have gone, I have seen the impact Belize has had on them, as well as the people of Belize.** You see in the USA **we are all kind of spoiled** (no offense to any one). When you see how little they have and how much we have, you would think we would be happier. But that is so untrue. They are the happiest kids and people you will ever meet. **The number one thing that I learned in Belize is that all you need to be happy is God, family, friends and a few marbles.** When you really put life in perspective, **we could all learn from the people of Belize on what really matters in life.**

**Thank you, Belize,** and to **Wanda Morgan and Paul Bishop** for not giving up on me when I made excuses of why I could not go. **Thank you, Gene and Liz Watkins, for the servants' heart that God has given you.** I hope and pray that God allows me to return for many years to come. God Bless each one of you. God Bless you with God's Love- **Pastor Shane Williams**







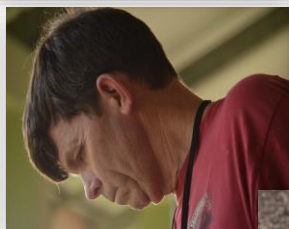
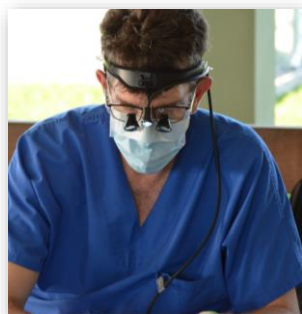
Nurse Margaret Juan



On Wednesday evening our group was joined by a very special young lady and her husband. Her appearance came as a surprise to our Doctors...

It is always a pleasure to see and to hear from the many adventures of Nurse Margaret Juan. For the first time I listened to her tell of how she first came to meet her husband Rudy.

We at Fishers of Men are so very grateful for our past relationship between Nurse Juan and the Good Shepherd Clinic that was started many years ago. That partnership brought forth a sweet godly friendship that continues to get better as the years go by. Bonded together in the love of our Savior. Thank you, Nurse Juan, for your service to our Savior. You are truly the hands and feet of Jesus.



Being able to serve in Belize has been such a blessing. Each trip God reveals something new for me to see. This year He has shown me that regardless of where we are from or how much/little we have Love is Love. The love a child and parent share are straight from God. He loves us the same way with the same goals that we have for our own children.

I witnessed many children having dental work and their mom/dad beside them loving them and letting them know it's ok and this is best for them. This hit me like a ton of bricks. This is all that our Heavenly Father wants for us!! He showed me this through the children during the whole trip. **All HIS babies no matter the age want to be loved.** For some that love was through shooting marbles, some it was through half of a sandwich and for others it was just having someone listen to them and talk with them. This is what God wants for us, to have a loving relationship with him.

He also showed His love through our teammates. Even though there may have been some long/rough days we could still smile, have fun and enjoy why we were there. He showed His love through team members that were focused on their job at hand which might have been a dentist, the one making sure we had water to drink, cleaning the utensils, transporting the children to and from school, checking on other teammates or giving them new slippers. No matter what or how we were feeling, He poured his love through us for everyone to see and feel.

The love of God was shown throughout the week, whether it was in the children's smiles every day, or our team of medical/dental campus while working. Sometimes it just takes a group photo to see it. God shows us His love and beauty in everything; we just need to pay attention. **-Keri Fikes**

## Building New on old Foundations

March 18-22, 2019 FOM will  
welcome PLC Education Team

**New and EXCITING**  
concept of ministry is about to  
happen. Prairie Lakes Church will  
begin a partnership with Iguana  
Creek Gov. School.

**PLC Education Team's**  
commitment is with the teachers  
and students. This team will walk  
beside the teachers giving support  
to them and to the students for a  
better education.

FOM is so excited about this new  
venture. Please pray for PLC.



### 2019 – 20 Team Dates

**March 16-23** PLC Education Ministries

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**May 17-24** Woven Together Ladies  
Ministry Team

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**September 14-21** PLC Dental Team

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### Dates for 2020

**January 18-25** Men's Ministry Team

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**February 08-15** Decatur Dental Medical

Fishers of Men would love for you to share your  
talents with us in ministry to grow God's kingdom

We have room for  
You!

Where will you  
serve?

March 16-22, 2019

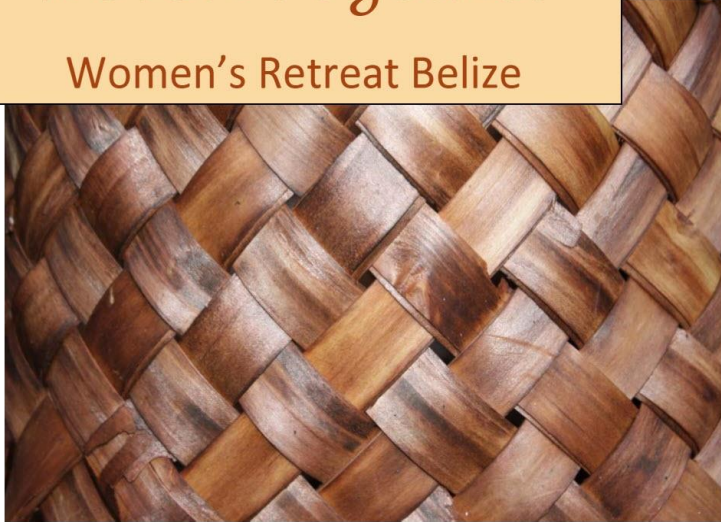
Prairie Lakes Church

**May 17 24 2019**

**Women's Ministry Team**

## *Woven Together*

### Women's Retreat Belize



## **Belizean Women Speaking on...**

***BROKENNESS***

***SURRENDER***

***WOVEN TOGETHER BRINGS***

***HOLINESS***

### **Why do we need this retreat?**

The Word tells us it is sometimes hard to hear the voice of God. As women we need each other, and meeting together spurs us on to Love and Good works. It helps Encourage us to become Spiritually stronger in Christ, equipping us to better serve others and our precious Savior.



Each Evening the team will lead in ministry at Santa Elena Baptist Church in Santa Elena

Join us for a time of receiving  
and giving

All women Ages 18 -  
100 Welcome!

Come, stand with our  
Belizean sisters.

As they lead in Sharing  
the Word, Worship  
and Crafts

FISHERS OF MEN

Team Leader: Jerri Serman  
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May 17-24,19

\$750.00 plus Airfare

**Deadline to register is  
March 24, 2019**

**NEW**

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**Belize Central America**



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