

Bethel's Global Reach Mission Trip Belize

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- **Trip date: March 10-17, 2018**

- Purpose of missions: Infrastructure and Evangelism Trip – Building Home for a family in the region of Gayles Point, visiting Hospitals, Schools, & Churches, Citywide revival, and VBS!! Partner with The Holy Ghost Church (Pastor Hill)
- Partner: Bethel's Global Reach (Lead Team)
 - Airfare
 - Ground Transportation
 - Food – Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
 - Hotel – Double Occupancy
 - Translators / Security
 - **NOT INCLUDED IN COST**
 - Additional foods
 - Souvenirs
- New Missionary Applications Process
 - Go to www.bethelsglobalreach.org → Go applications → Fill out ALL **REQUIRED FIELDS**. → click submit
- Logistics: Building a complete Libray
- Vacation Bible School at Galilee Gospel Chapel children
- Nightly Revival (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday)
- Community Evangelism
- Community Prayer Walk

A Must:

1. Valid Passport
2. Love for God
3. Love for People
4. Compassionate Heart
5. Servant Leader
6. Giving Heart
7. Follow Leadership
8. Friendly & Kind Spirit
9. Transparent & Humorous

What to Bring

10. 1 carry-on, 1 backpack, 1 Carry on. (one suitcase per person)
11. Head lamp
12. Toiletry Bag (your personal belongings, remember Liquids regulation for carry-on)
13. Jeans, Sneakers, Hats, Comfortable Close Toe Shoes
14. Tropical Clothing, no long sleeves necessary
15. Sunscreen and bug repellent.
16. Bring some snacks if you have preferences, Power bars are great.

17. If you wish to bring any cash it is recommended that you bring small bills no larger than \$20.00, you may want to bring an additional \$100.00 to \$300.00 for gifts, depending on your spending habits and lifestyle.

In Belize:

- We will be picked up at the airport via bus to our destination:
 1. Gales Point
 2. Our Road Trip is approximately 2.0 hrs. Be prepared to be totally blown away with the beauty of the landscape, the people spirit of self-reliance.

Tentative Mission Schedule: Saturday March 10 until Saturday March 17, 2018

- 1) **Saturday March 10: Arrive in Belize at 9:30 am**
 - a. Gather Luggage and drive to our Mission site (Approx. 2.0 hours) Gales Point Village
 - b. Check into hotel (Manatee Lodge)
 - c. Lunch
 - d. Community Prayer Walk covering the areas in prayer
 - e. Devotion and briefing
 - f. Dinner
- 2) **Sunday March 11: CONSTRUCTION DAY!**
 - a. Breakfast and morning Devotionals
 - b. Begin our construction project at Galilee Chapel (Men)
 - c. Sunday School for children at the Church (morning hours)
 - d. Lunch around 12:30-1:00 pm
 - e. Construction work
 - f. Sunday Services for the community (6:30 pm)
 - g. Dinner and Debriefing
- 3) **Monday March 12: Construction and Educational Camp**
 - a. Breakfast and Morning devotionals
 - b. Construction project at Chapel
 - c. Educational Camp and clinics at School
 - d. Lunch
 - e. Construction
 - f. Revival night #1
 - g. Dinner and Debriefing
- 4) **Tuesday March 13: Construction and Educational Camps**
 - a. Breakfast and morning devotionals
 - b. Construction
 - c. School Camp
 - d. Lunch
 - e. Revival night #2
 - f. Dinner and debriefing
- 5) **Wednesday March 14: Vacation Bible School and Construction**
 - a. Breakfast and devotionals
 - b. Construction
 - c. Lunch
 - d. Construction
 - e. Revival at Holy Ghost Church in Esperanza
- 6) **Thursday March 15: VBS and finishing Construction**
 - a. Breakfast and devotionals
 - b. Construction
 - c. Lunch
 - d. Construction
 - e. Dinner and Devotional
- 7) **Friday March 16: R & R**
 - a. FREE DAY
 - b. REST AND RELAXTION

8) Saturday March 17: FINAL DAY

- a. Departure
- b. Flight 3:45 pm
- c. Arrival in Houston 7:25 pm
- d. Arrival at Church 8:00 p.m.

Itinerary subject to change. BE FLEXIBLE and BE EVEN MORE FLEXIBLE!

- No individual tipping, your contribution for the trip will cover all tips to the local volunteers, drivers and the hotel staff if you want to give any additional tip please discuss with the team leaders first.

Back Ground on Belize:

Belize is a unique country that incorporates the Caribbean Sea, the longest Barrier Reef in the Western hemisphere, the Mayan ruins, the Rain Forrest with its of Belize is the population mix. With a population of only about a quarter of a million people, there are six major distinct people groups: Carib Indian-African G Orientals, North Americans, Mennonite, and East Indian immigrants. The official language is English, but you will also hear dialects of the Spanish, Creole, Garif Belize is strategically located in Central America, and serves as a springboard to endless mission trips possibilities. Mission trips also, can be arranged from B

Location:

Caribbean, western one-third of the island of Hispaniola, between the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean, west of the Dominican Republic

Currency: Belize currency exchange is extremely easy for American visitors. The Belize dollar is locked at \$2 Belize = \$1 USD. So it's very easy to see how much something is costing in USD when you go shopping. Most accommodations and tours are listed in US\$ prices, and most restaurants, shops, etc. are listed in BZ\$. Nearly everyplace readily accepts USD currency. Most also should accept traveler's checks as long as you write your passport number or driver's license number on the back. Large bills (anything above a \$20) are a little more difficult to cash. Shopkeepers generally ask you to spend a minimum amount.

Geography: Belize is located in Central America and it is bordered to the north by Mexico, to the south and west by Guatemala and to the east by the Caribbean Sea. We are a diverse country with various cultures and languages. We also have the lowest population density in Central America with 35 people per square mile or 14 people per square kilometer.

Belize is also known for its extreme biodiversity and distinctive ecosystems. On the coast, there is a swampy coastal plain with mangrove swamps. In the south and interior there are hills and low mountains. Most of our land is undeveloped and is forested with hardwoods. It is a part of the Mesoamerican biodiversity hotspot and it has many jungles, wildlife reserves, a large variety of different species of flora and fauna and the largest cave system in Central America. Some species of Belize's flora and fauna include the black orchid, the mahogany tree, the toucan and tapirs.

Population:

9,893,934 (July 2013 est.) **country comparison to the world: 88**

Age structure:

- ⇒ **0-14 years:** 34.6% (male 1,716,917/female 1,708,978)
- ⇒ **15-24 years:** 21.5% (male 1,064,069/female 1,066,614)
- ⇒ **25-54 years:** 34.8% (male 1,713,478/female 1,729,432)
- ⇒ **55-64 years:** 5% (male 235,278/female 258,330)
- ⇒ **65 years and over:** 4.1% (male 178,842/female 221,996) (2013 est.)

Median age:

Total: 21.6 years male: 21.4 years female: 21.9 years

HISTORY OF BELIZE

The first people to develop Belize were the Maya around 1500 B.C.E. As shown in archeological records, they established a number of settlements here. These include Caracol, Lamanai and Lubaantun. The first European contact with Belize occurred in 1502 when Christopher Columbus reached the area's coast. In 1638, the first European settlement was established by England and for 150 years, many more English settlements were set up.

In 1840, Belize became a "Colony of British Honduras" and in 1862, it became a crown colony. For one hundred years after that, Belize was a representative government of England but in January 1964, full self-government with a ministerial system was granted. In 1973, the region's name was changed from British Honduras to Belize and on September 21, 1981, full independence was achieved.

People:

From the moment you arrive in Belize – whether you are an adventure traveler, part of a family trip or in the country for a relaxing beach vacation – Belize people and culture make you feel as welcome and comfortable, like nowhere you've ever visited.

In Belize, our traditions and customs are varied and represent more than eight diverse cultures. For generations, the people of Belize have demonstrated a cultural commitment to preserve the country's unique charms. This enduring promise to the land, the waters and you, our visitor, inspires all to achieve a genuine and intimate connection to a variety of extraordinary experiences.

We are truly a melting pot of colorful personalities, making our 321,115 residents the country's greatest resource for tourism. **The Belizean people are made up of Maya, Mestizo, Kriol, Garifuna, East Indian, Mennonite, Arab and Chinese.**

Weather:

One of the nicest things about visiting Belize is the weather. With an average yearly temperature of 84° F (29°C), it's always warm, yet comfortable. Coastal sea breezes as well as our jungle and rainforests keep you cool even in the hottest summer months while winters can be cool but never very cold. In short, the climate is pretty much near perfect. Even in winter (November-March) the temperature in Belize rarely falls below 60°F (16°C), while the summer (May-September) is around 86°F (30°C). Humidity is also fairly consistent at around 85 percent.

Belize's dry season is between February and May and has significantly lower rainfall than the rest of the year. When it does rain, it is usually in mild, short bursts.

June through December is our wet season, when parts of the country receive up to 150 inches of rain and the heavy, sometimes wild storms associated with the Caribbean occur, usually in the late afternoons. The most frequent rainfall usually happens in June or early July and is punctuated by a break in late July or August known as the "little dry."

Belize Payment Schedule for March Mission Trip

Cost: 1850.00

1. 500.00 due January 2, 2018
2. 1000.00 due February 15, 2018
3. 350.00 due March 1, 2018

Passports are REQUIRED!!

Meeting Dates:

1. January 9, 2018
2. January 30, 2018
3. February 20, 2018
4. March 6, 2018 (Packing Day)
5. March 7, 2018 (Missionary Commissioning Service) @ 7:00 pm WNBS

Airline: Southwest

