

In July we headed to RI with a team consisting of teens and adults from 3 different Churches, with 18 kids and 7 leaders.

It was a blessing to see how fast the kids all bonded and formed eternal friendships. They worked so hard in the heat and played just as hard in the same heat.

VBS in the park was such a joy to watch unfold each day. Our team was spot on with face painting, games, and crafts, and most importantly the love they showed the kids was amazing. We had the opportunity to give love out loud (our theme for the team) and pass out bottled water and muffins to the adults in the park. Some of the people were weary of us at first, who gives things for free these days? But once they realized we were there to offer a smile and a God bless you, they opened up and returned the smile.

At the end of the week our team did not want to go home. It was so hard to watch the hugs and tears as the different cars pulled away. But within a half hour Facebook exploded and they all "friended" each other and so it continues today.

A week after our trip to RI we packed up and headed to Logan airport for our trip to Belize.

We were so excited to be returning again this year and even more excited to bring new people on the team.

Again our team consisted of several members from different churches and once again the Lord brought us together in love and the feeling of a family trip prevailed.

We were met at the Belize airport by Pastor Nelson and his family in the BUS!! Rick was in tears as he saw it roll to a stop! After hugs and intro's we were off.

The heat was more than some of us remembered but then again we were cooler than the North East was.

Our team was so excited to see the church again and it was a joy to meet up with the men who worked on it last year.

We continued to work on the ceiling(which we had started last year), cleaned and painted the walls, painted doors and watched in amazement as recessed lights were put into place, What a beautiful difference it made and to Worship there was the icing on the cake. We can feel the Holy Spirit moving and that church will be used to further the kingdom in Belize.

Each day our team held a VBS and the kids were lining up well before the 2 o'clock start time. Santos would drive around and pick kids up with the bus and by the end of the week we had about 65 kids!!

We were so excited to see how the kids responded to the love and care that the team showed. Some of these kids do not have adults that show any emotion at all so to hear that a father in heaven loves them was new to them but they drank it all in.

Once again the trip to the airport was somber as none of us wanted to return to the US just yet.

Our family was extended to more and more and the hugs and prayers were plentiful.

Looking forward we are preparing to lead a vision trip to Honduras in August and are recruiting teams for projects. Would you consider having us come and share the vision at your church? Would you consider signing up to come with us on a trip?

Thank you for your prayer support and for joining with us to help equip the missionaries that the Lord has called with the tools and support to further HIS work.

Rick and Ruth