

# CHRISTIAN SEEKING IDENTITY

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GREETINGS  
FAMILY & FRIENDS  
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## OUR MISSION TRIP THIS TIME INCLUDED BELIZE, COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA.

Let me start with Belize City, Belize where we arrived first. It was a great blessing to once again be in Belize. It has been since the late 80's and early 90's since I was here last. Craig Rumbley the director of CBC Belize met us at the airport and it was a great reunion for us. I had not seen Craig since 2007 when we participated in a Gospel Truth Seminar in Winston Salem, NC together.

The work that the Rumbley family had put into building relationships and establishing a school in Belize was evident. People from every walk of life seemed to know and respect them.

We know that the Word of God describes the born again believer as a son, an heir, a minister of the gospel, a king and a priest. Each one of us has a purpose and a destiny. Suzan and I had a beautiful experience in Belize as we were afforded the opportunity to minister these principles, not only in the CBC school, but also in a prison, a rest home, a hospital, a Sunday service, and in a Bible study group.



*Craig with CBC school assistant Pat*

Belize



*Teaching at CBC in Belize*



*Sharing on radio station*



*Enjoying beautiful people in Belize*



*Preparing to go to a church service with some of the CBC students*



*Praying the Prayer of Salvation*

I personally believe that there is no greater joy than to be used of the Lord to bring a person the “Good News” of Jesus Christ and to see them receive Him into their lives. It also brings great joy to be used of the Lord to bring “truth” to a believer that sets them free from the lies that Satan has used to keep them in bondage.

This goes along with last month’s newsletter article regarding “The Spirit of Infirmity.” Luke 13:11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of Infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. Notice that the last part of the scripture states that she could not “lift up herself.” How many of us have been so oppressed by the enemy through

life situations and circumstances that we cannot “lift us ourselves?” We need the “truth” of God’s word to bring forth liberty and restoration onto our lives. It is an awesome blessing and joy to see people set free as they hear and receive lifes freeing revelation from the truth of God’s word.



*Paster Scott from Jubilee Ministries where we ministered.*

**I have no greater joy than to hear my children walk in truth.  
3 John 1:4**

We then left Belize and went to Costa Rica to do some identity themed seminars in conjunction with the Discipleship program that Kingdom Transition Ministries has established.

Their goal is to train people to discipleship people. They do this by a mentoring process. They work with small groups of people until the members of the group become fully established in the word of grace. Those people in turn are trained how to raise up groups of their own and the multiplying process begins again. At this point they are mentoring leaders who are raising up discipleship groups in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Panama.

Kingdom Transition Ministries has established a retreat center near Guapiles Costa Rica called The Garden of Hope. The center was established for multi purposes. The center is used to house mission teams where they facilitate ministry opportunities for those teams. It is used as a retreat and vacation center for small groups. In the off-season, it becomes a center of refuge where the ministry can bless pastors and their families, who could otherwise not afford it, with a place just to get away, relax, have fun, and hear from the lord.

We began by holding a seminar with Kingdom Transition Ministries' staff members and guests at the "The Garden of Hope." God's word is so powerful that each time we share it, we are blessed as much as those we share it with. As the seminar concluded it was a great honor to participate in the baptism service for three teenagers.

From here, we were scheduled to hold seminars with various churches and groups that Kingdom Transition Ministries has been working with.

The first one took place in a Methodist church in Rio Frio, Costa Rica pastored by Pastor Juan. What a joyful experience it was to see people being trained to walk in the love of God. We got a glimpse of the transformation that had taken place in the heart of the pastor as he ministered communion to the church. It was a beautiful expression of freedom that comes when the truth is discovered.

*Costa Rica*



*"The Garden of Hope" Retreat Center*



Baptism Service for three teenagers



*Receiving communion in Pastor Juans church.*

We then traveled to Nicaragua where we spent six days in two cities working with discipleship groups.

*Nicaragua*




*What an honor it was to share the word in Pastora Dulc's home outside of Chinandega in Nicaragua*

The exciting part about the discipleship program that is being implemented is that it is teaching people how to discover life giving truth for themselves. Our teaching just expanded and confirmed the truths that they have already been discovering. Although the subject matter was the same in every seminar, the Holy Spirit brought it out in a way that was unique to each group of people. We found ourselves teaching to a discipleship group in a church, to a group in a church still in the construction process where it rained so hard that we had to take refuge in the back corner away from the pelting rain while we waited for it to subside so that we could be heard over the rain hitting the tin roof, in the home of the pastor, and in a home that was literally a makeshift lean to. God told us that He would take us to the few who would in turn go to thousands. Wherever we go to minister, whatever the conditions

the people live under, whatever station in life the people seem to hold, whether there are two people or a hundred, we are humbled and blessed as we sense that we are standing in the presence of those key people that will spread the message of love and grace to the world.

The last stop on our journey took us back to Costa Rica where we visited the city of Limon which held very special memories for me. Twenty-four years ago I came to Limon on my first mission trip. I heard the voice of God telling me that I myself would one day be a missionary. As time went on, that voice became a distant memory. Life just seemed to take me a different direction. Now, after all of those years, as Suzan and I stood in that very church ministering the message that God has given to us, it brought a sense of awe! God, you are amazing! How did this happen?



*Pastor Marti W. Peterson who with her husband Ray pastored Harvest Tabernacle Church for 20 years in Limon and Sister Elizabeth-who fled from her home in Nicaragua to escape the communist regime in the 80's. She walked all the way to Costa Rica.*



*(From left to right) Kim, Benji, Harry, Harry and Benji fled Nicaragua in the 80's to escape communism.*



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