

The month started off slow, with lockdown slowly being lifted but the latter part of the month has been a bit unusual. After travel between villages was allowed, I was able to provide one of our pastors some assistance (mostly moral) in building his home.





What a week this past week was. God is so good. Monday was a holiday (Sovereigns Day) so everything was closed. Tuesday we took a generator to Spanish Lookout for repair ([2 1/2 hour paved road](#) drive each way). Wednesday, the village busybody told me that the village of Indian Creek was without food and water. I have to take what she says with a few grains of salt and a lot of skepticism. Still, I called Pastor Diego, the district supervisor for that district. He said that Indian Creek was fine, but I sensed he was holding back on something. After pressing him a bit, he said that there were some pastors in the Toledo district that had no food. Told him I would be down the next morning.

I went to the grocery and bought 250# of rice, 50# each of flour, sugar, and beans, 5 large cans of coffee and shortening, and dish and hand soap (that is all that would fit in the back seat of the truck). I stopped the next morning and got 10 chickens. I picked up Bro. Diego in San Felipe (2 hour + drive one way) and we headed out. We left food for the pastors in Conejo Creek, Sunday Wood, Otoxha, Dolores, and Midway (4 hours + on unpaved highly rutted roads). Getting back to San Felipe, we reviewed the district and came up with 5 more needy pastors. I sped back home to make the grocery stores before they closed and reloaded the truck. Friday I again picked up Bro. Diego and this time we headed a bit further north in his district, visiting pastors in San Benito Poite, Agucate, Jordan, Pueblo Viejo and Jalacte. This was 6

hours of unpaved jungle roads (Once we had to stop and clear rocks off the road so we could drive on) after we got off the highways. This not only allowed us to bless these families with food, but it also allowed Bro. Diego to reconnect with these men that he hadn't seen since the lockdown. There is no way he could have visited these 10 men [in 2 days](#) on his motorcycle.

These 10 pastors were chosen not only for their remoteness but also because 8 of them are Guatemalan and thus have no governmental safety net in Belize. I will address the other 2 further down in the email.



This is what we were able to deliver to each family. Some of the villages we visited, even Bro. Abernathy has never been to.

The 2 exceptions. First, Otaxha, they currently don't have a "pastor". The former pastor resigned because he was too old and could no longer see to read his Bible, but he still opens the church every day to pray and for others to come and pray. We helped him and his family for his loyalty to God. We are looking for someone to pastor this church. Second, Pueblo Viejo, we just placed a young pastor and his new wife in this church. They came from Indian Creek which is right on the southern highway. They arrived in this remote village just before the lockdown and have not been able to really connect with anyone yet. Newly married, alone, no friends, no work, not able to have services until just a couple of weeks ago. Then a limit of 10 people. Today the limit increases to 40.



This is the house we were able to provide for this pastor and his wife, it has only one room. They have a table, about 2 1/2 feet square where he studies his Bible and prepares his messages. They use a couple of empty 5-gallon buckets as chairs. They share one hammock at night. That is the extent of their furniture. I am so glad we were able to help them. They had been feeling lost and forgotten.

While a few of the restrictions are being eased a bit, they are now saying that the airport and borders will remain closed until at least November. We will most likely be making these trips a few more times, if possible. The rainy season is beginning and a few of these villages will not be accessible by vehicle.

Now FYI, one of these rivers is Jordan River. I crossed it twice on Friday, so I am feeling just a bit like Elisha.

Bro. McKinney

Psalms 68:13

Though ye have lien among the pots,
yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver,
and her feathers with yellow gold.