

May 2, 2015

Dear Family and Friends,

Again this year, our family has been given the opportunity to go to Belize on a family mission trip in June. We will be working within the public schools in the Stann Creek region of Belize to present a week-long Bible based program, similar to a vacation bible school. We are going down for one week with a group that has been part of this program for several years. One family lives there year-round and several families travel to Belize numerous times each year. Cole and Bailey will be serving alongside other kids their age, several of them are kids from their school.

We are writing to ask for your participation in this trip, either through prayer or financial support. Many of you are receiving this letter because you either participated last year, or you asked specifically for an opportunity to be a part of it. In any case, we hope you'll choose to be a part of this.

Pray

You can pray for God to prepare our hearts to serve and for God to work in and through us.

Financial Support

If you are interested in providing financial support to help us cover a portion of the costs, we would be very appreciative. The trip cost is approximately \$1,700 per person.

God has been preparing the way for this for some time. Cole (age 15) and Bailey (age 13) have such a heart for ministry and for the lost, and both been actively involved in ministering within their school, the neighborhood, and abroad. Cole spent spring break in Panama on Liberty Christian's mission trip.

We really feel that everything in our culture tries to teach our kids that the world revolves around them. We feel strongly the need to battle against that. In some ways, having them in a private Christian school helps press back against this, but in other ways it only reinforces this idea to them.

We attended this trip with Rockpointe Church in Flower Mound last year, and have been attending Rockpoint for this past year.

Belize was selected for this trip for a number of reasons. First, Belize is the only Central American country in the world that speaks English as their primary language. Secondly, it is a relatively safe place to take children where they can truly serve in missions alongside their parents. Finally, because of the ministry already on the ground in Belize, we are able to show up for one week and work within the framework of an existing ministry to the people of Belize. This should allow us to have a meaningful impact in such a short period of time.

Would you prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry with us, helping to provide the opportunity to engage our kids in the work of the gospel? For all of you, we hope that you will pray for us as we prepare for our trip, as we go on the trip, and as we return and continue to process what God taught us and our kids during that time. If you will go to <http://tailfishsolutions.com/belize> and provide your email address, we will send updates and photos about our trip.

For those of you who would like to help financially, you can contribute using a credit card, at <http://tailfishsolutions.com/belize>.

Thank you so much for partnering with us. We feel that this is such an amazing opportunity for our family to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations.

In Christ's Love,

Rob, Melissa, Cole and Bailey Shiflet