

# Bethel's Global Reach Mission Trip Belize

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- **Trip date: March 11-18, 2017**
- Purpose of missions: Infrastructure and Evangelism Trip – Assisting in educational clinics, visiting Hospitals, Schools, & Churches, Citywide revival!
- Partner: Bethel's Global Reach

- Gayles Point
- Gallilee Baptist Church
- **Cost: \$1,850.00** **(EVERYONE SHOULD BE PAID IN FULL)**

- 1st payment due: **550.00** November 27, 2016
- 2nd payment due: **475.00** **December 14**, 2016
- 3rd payment due: **475.00** January 15, 2017
- 4th payment due: 350.00 February 1, 2017

**Payment Includes the Following:**

- Airfare
- Ground Transportation
- Food – Breakfast, Dinner (COVERS ALL FOOD COST PER MISSIONARY\*\*)
- Hotel – Double Occupancy
- Translators / Security
- **NOT INCLUDED IN COST**
  - Additional foods
  - Souvenirs

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- New Missionary Applications Process

- Go to [www.bethelglobalreach.org](http://www.bethelglobalreach.org) Go applications Fill out ALL **REQUIRED** FIELDS. click submit

### **Additional information regarding the trip**

For those of you who are interested, here is some additional information regarding the trip. We will cover pretty much everything that you need to know

#### **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. Belmopan
  2. Our Road trip is approximately 1½ hrs. Be prepared to be totally blown away with the beauty of the landscape, the people spirit of self-reliance, and it will bring back many memories of days past here in the United States of America.
- 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.

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### 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 natural wonders and exotic wild life, and much, much more... Another unique feature 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 Garifunas, African-European Creoles, Spanish-Indian Mestizos, Mayans, Europeans, Orientals, North Americans, Mennonite, and East Indian immigrants. The official language is English, but you will also hear dialects of the Spanish, Creole, Garifuna and Mayan tongues.

Belize is strategically located in Central America, and serves as a springboard to endless mission trips possibilities. Mission trips also, can be arranged from Belize to Guatemala and Mexico.

**Location:**

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

We have villages around Belmopan where the team will be ministering. You will be involved in evangelism. Ministering in the Mennonite (Amish) communities and also in the inner city community in Belize City. The team will possibly be staying Belize City or Belmopan depending on the skills talents and gifting, finally a day before departure is your free day and you have the option of going to the tourist island of caye caulker to relax and enjoy the beauty of the land

**Languages:**



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English

**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.

ATMs are also available across the country, particularly in most tourist destinations- including Placencia, Punta Gorda, Belmopan, Dangriga, Belize City, San Pedro Ambergris Caye, Caye Caulker, Orange Walk, San Ignacio and Corozal.

**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.



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**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.)

**Population pyramid:**

**Median age:**

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

## HISTORY ON 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.

**Language:**

Come to Belize and you'll hear familiar words of the English language. In fact, we are the only English language-speaking country in Central America. While English is the official language of Belize, Kriol is the language that we all speak.

When you hear us, you know you're in a country unlike any other. Even our most up-tight citizens sound relaxed. We have a Caribbean lilt and our words seem a bit shorter. But don't worry, you'll understand everything and we may teach you a few phrases you don't know.

Here, even our language is a diverse adventure. Spanish, African-based Garifuna, Maya-Kekchi, Maya Mopan, Mandarin, German are just a few of the languages that form the unique dialects we speak throughout the country.

Here are a few different ways you'll hear "good morning"

- "Gud Mawnin" – Kriol
- "Buiti Binafi" – Garifuna
- "Buenos dias" – Spanish

**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.**

There also are a number of expatriates in Belize from Canada, Europe and the United States – and many of them retire here. A blending of cultures has resulted in one of the happiest and most peaceful countries in the region and a widespread reputation as one of the world’s friendliest tourist destination.

In Belize (formerly British Honduras), English remains the official language, but the most diverse language in Belize is Kriol (Belizean Creole). Other languages spoken include Garifuna, Mandarin, Spanish and Maya.

### **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 85° 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."

We also have a hurricane season, and while statistically Belize does not attract many major direct hits, it does get its share of severe tropical weather with high winds and rain. However, we have cooperative early warning network that we share with our neighbors. Our safety, evacuation and other procedures have proven to be effective, so no worries.



Itinerary (**subject to change**)

### Saturday | March 11, 2017

- Arrive in Belmopan, Belize @ 3:20 pm.
- Travel time from Airport to Hotel: 1 ½ Hours by Bus
- Check in to rooms
- Dinner at Hotel 6:30 pm (**Dinner paid by Missionary**)
- Church Service that Night

### Sunday | March 12, 2017

- Morning Devotional at 7:00 am
- Breakfast will be served at 7:45 am
- Leave the Hotel @ 8:30 to First Church Service at 9:30 am
- Missionary Choir will be Singing!
- Lunch will be at 12:30 pm.
- Back to Hotel at 3:30 pm
- Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm
- Church Service at 8:00 pm
- Debrief at 9:30 -10:00 pm

### Monday | March 13, 2017

- Morning Devotional at 7:00 am
- Breakfast will be served at 7:45 am
- Leave Hotel at 8:30 am to Orphanage (100-150) Children
  - Evangelism with community (The Gospel of Jesus Christ)
  - VBS with the Children
  - Infrastructure Orphanage
  - Painting
  - Rebuilding and setting up classes
- Depart for lunch 2:30 – 3:30 pm
- Back to hotel at 5:00 pm
- Dinner at 6:00 pm
- Church Service at 7:30 pm
  - Give a Word of Encouragement
  - Our Praise Team to Sing!
  - Lead leadership teaching to Church staff
- Debrief 9:30-10:00 pm

### Tuesday | March 14, 2017

- Morning Devotional at 7:00 am
- Breakfast will be served at 7:45 am
- Leave Hotel at 8:30 am to Orphanage (100-150) Children
  - **Evangelism with community** (The Gospel of Jesus Christ)
  - VBS with the Children
  - Infrastructure Orphanage
  - Painting
  - Rebuilding and setting up classes
- Depart for lunch 2:30 – 3:30 pm
- Back to hotel at 5:00 pm
- Dinner at 6:00 pm
- Church Service at 7:30 pm
  - Give a Word of Encouragement
  - Our Praise Team to Sing!





- Debrief 9:30-10:00 pm

### **Wednesday | March 15, 2017**

- Morning Devotional at 7:00 am
- Breakfast will be served at 7:45 am
- Leave Hotel at 8:30 am to Alpha and Omega Ministries (Sister Rita Flowers)
  - 50-75 Children
  - One on One Evangelism
  - VBS with Children
  - Infrastructure support to Alpha and Omega Ministries Building
- Lunch at 2:30-3:30 pm
- Back to Hotel at 5:00 pm
- Dinner at 6:00 pm
- Church Service at 7:30
  - BGR Choir to minister through song
- Debrief 9:30-10:00 pm

### **Thursday | March 16, 2017**

- Morning Devotional at 7:00 am
- Breakfast will be served at 7:45 am
- Leave Hotel at 8:30 am to Alpha and Omega Ministries (Sister Rita Flowers)
  - Day of Evangelism
  - Day of Clean up and support
- Back to Hotel @ 3:00 pm
- Church Service @ 7:00 pm
- Debrief 9:30-10:00 pm

### **Friday | March 17, 2017**

- Free DAY! (ALL Expenses covered by Missionary including lunch and Dinner!)

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- Cave Canoe
- Zip Line
- Scuba Diving
- Wind Surfing
- Jet Ski
- Shopping
- Relaxing

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- BACK TO HOTEL AT 6:00 **FOR THE REST OF THE DAY**

### **Saturday | March 18, 2017**

- You can sleep in late but checkout is at 11:00 am
- Morning Devotional at 9:30 am
- **Breakfast will be Covered By Missionary!**
- Head to Belmopan Airport @ 11:30
- Depart Belize @ 3:30 pm

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