

Liedtke Special Update: Going Deeper



Dear Friends,

We want to wish you a very Blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas as we enter the holiday season! Thank you for your very faithful support this past year. The Lord has used you to touch many lives here in Belize!

Faith Baptist of Belmopan, Belize, is doing well, growing in the Lord, and reaching out.

Our coworkers, Jon and Elizabeth Shertzer, have a love for the people and country of Belize and are ready to take over this baby church completely. As we told you in our last letter, several people have recently been saved and baptized. This is the third church that the Lord has allowed us to plant here in the last 7 years. All three have good pastors, ready to help them grow stronger.

We have been praying for some time about where our next work would be. We had two concerns. 1) We have a strong desire to work fully immersed in Spanish as we are both fluent. Although Belize has some Spanish speaking people, English is the official language. Most Spanish speakers also speak English and can easily fit into English speaking churches. 2) The intense heat and humidity has taken a toll on us as we get older, causing us to be less productive and we have been looking for a more moderate climate.

Both of these concerns we discussed with our home pastor, field director, and a few other people close to us. They agreed to pray with us. We want to thrive in these remaining years of ministry!

The Lord has given us the answer, and it requires us to go deeper – yes, deeper into Central America, to the country of Honduras. We were made aware of an area in the Spanish speaking, mountain range of Central America that has a more moderate climate, right outside the city of Tegucigalpa. We just returned from a survey trip to visit with BIMl missionaries in the area and God has laid it in our hearts to start a work in Valle de Angeles, Honduras. Missionary Evan Williams works in a neighboring city, Santa Lucia, and has had a burden for someone to start a work there for quite some time. He has invited us to start the work with several families out of his church, Iglesia Bautista Independiente Maranata. Valle de Angeles is a town of 17,000 people with no independent Baptist church.

So our goal is to drive south making the move into Honduras in April, 2020. Will you pray especially for us as we keep working here in Belize and at the same time get ready to make the transition? There are still many details we have to find out about and ends to tie up here.

We are excited about this opportunity! We found the people of Honduras very receptive! There are many souls that need to hear the Gospel and be saved.

In Christ, Mark and Brenda Liedtke

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