



# MBGCT Belize News

Feed the People Institute/Revival  
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## Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas

Reverend Dr. G. V. Clark, President

Foreign Mission Board

Reverend Ivie J. Rich, Chairman

**“Go ye therefore and teach all nations.”**

### PREACH, TEACH, LOVE

MBGCT missionaries distributed food and other goods from strategically located mission stations each morning. They visited homes in the afternoon, taught classes in the evening, which led into revival each night. All things were done **through God’s power and for God’s glory.**

The Belizeans braved the cold weather each night to hear the Gospel message. Preaching the Gospel were **President G. V. Clark, Chairman Ivie Rich, Rev. Darron Patterson, and Rev. Dechard Freeman**, with a devotional talk from **Rev. Melvin Manor**. On “Youth Expo” Night, the bitter-cold weather, (about 58°), hampered youth attendance. But the ones who came rendered glorious praises to God.

**Rev. S. D. Silverand**, Foreign Mission Board Dean, enhanced the teaching process by developing a four-year teaching plan. It included a year-round curriculum to facilitate effective, systematic and unified Bible Teaching, with emphasis on Leadership Training.

The missionaries distributed with joy over 50,000 lbs. of Food, 867 Pairs of Shoes, 482 Packs of School Supplies, 214 Toiletry (See **GIVING** Page 2)

### MINISTERING IN LAGUNA VILLAGE

*(Based on an Interview with Chairman Ivie J. Rich)*

Laguna Village is located in the southernmost part of Belize, a four-hour drive from the missionaries’ base in San Ignacio. **Chairman Ivie Rich** first visited the village with **President G. V. Clark** and **Pastor Rickey Williams** in December, 2016, at the urging of Belizean pastor, **Rev. Matthias Hill**. Chairman Rich spoke of how the village has no running water, no electricity and no sewage facility—as we know it. Yet it is a thriving community, with a church and a school.

**AUSTIN, TEXAS** – December 11-15, 2017 - The Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas (MBGCT) continued its mission to teach God’s Word and feed God’s people in Belize, Central America. **President G. V. Clark, Chairman Ivie J. Rich, Board Foreign Field Coordinator Jackie Robertson, Board Travel Consultant Shonette Hill**, and other **Pastors and Missionaries** served with gladness to make known the love of **Jesus Christ**. Their gladness was multiplied when five people gave their lives to Christ. *“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.” (Pr. 11:30 KJV)*

Joining the 63-member missionary team were three remarkable youths: **Demetia Matthews, Asia Robertson** and **Diamond Robertson**. We often hear people say what is wrong with the young people of today. Well, these young missionaries embody what is right. They rendered service at the O3C Mission Station and elsewhere, and inspired others by their zeal.

Belizean leaders who serve with the convention are: **Rev. Ernest Tate** of Ontario Christian Community Church, **Rev. Matthias Hill** of Holy Ghost Church, **Rev. George Lambey** of Blackman Eddy Community Center, and **Rev. Anthony Goff.**■

### PERSONALIZED MINISTRY

Prayer Cell Visitations

(See photo at top of page.)

Imagine this: You are a World War II veteran, and at the age of 96 you are the oldest man in your Belizean village. You have had a stroke and are not as mobile as you once were. But you have a great faith. And you “really like it” when the churches come by to pray with you. You cherish the visits.

The Prayer Cell led by **Rev. Alaric Robertson** was blessed to visit such a home and minister to such a man, **Mr. Hendral Andrews**. His is just one of many Prayer Cell stories from the December, 2017 Belize Mission Trip.

The occupants of the eighteen homes visited by the Prayer Cells had various concerns. Some were sick, bereaved, immobile, lonely, fearful of upcoming medical procedures, fretful about the souls or lifestyle of loved ones, or made other prayer requests. What they had in common was their abiding faith and their great love for Jesus.

In **Mrs. Lopez’s** home, she thanked the missionaries for coming so far to show her their love. While visiting (See **PERSONALIZED** Page 2)

Last year the people met them with open arms and love, not knowing who they were. This year the people were expecting them, and received them “with the same jubilation.” They had crafted handmade gifts, shoulder bags for each of them. Chairman Rich expressed amazement at what the people could do with such limited resources. He marveled at their great love for God and His Word. The village church on last year numbered 25 members. This year it numbered 35. “That was a tremendous growth in the body of Christ. I would like to think we had something to do (See **LAGUNA** Page 2)

## EXCITEMENT ON THE HORIZON

**Rev. Michael Oyedokun's** preparation to livestream worship services from Belize encountered technical difficulties. But he has solved that problem for the future, and the devil is already defeated. It is good to use God's technology for God's Glory, because "... all things were created by him, and for him." (Col. 1:16 KJV) ■

## COMPELLED BY COMPASSION

What a blessing it is to see joy on the faces of people who, after standing in a long line, finally receive a box of food. But what do you do when the boxes run out and people are still pleading for food? When this happened at the Mission Station where **Marie Lair** managed food distribution, they split boxes to make the food go further. When there were no more boxes, they opened their hearts and gave upward of \$150.00, and distributed it among those who did not get a box. Sis. Lair said: "That's what this is all about, helping those who can't help themselves." ■

## PAYING IT FORWARD

**Rev. George Lambey** is a young Belizean minister with a passion for learning and teaching God's Word, and for serving God's people. He expressed deep gratitude for the assistance he has received from the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas (hereafter called the convention), and sees **President G. V. Clark** as a mentor. His Pastor, the late **Rev. Charles Shaw**, inspired him to go to bible school. He was blessed with that great opportunity when he was 21 years old. The convention paid his tuition and board for four years, as he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Jamaica Bible College in Mandeville, Jamaica. The convention also paid for his roundtrip flight home each year during summer break.

**Rev. Lambey** now teaches full-time at Cayo Christian Academy in Belmopan, Belize. He is the Assistant Pastor at Zion Outreach Ministry, and serves untiringly in his community. He talked about the difficulty of seeing young men who have not finished school. He is working toward getting more of them involved in activities where they can express themselves. And he is passionate about helping them become better schooled to create their own business, work for themselves and provide jobs for others.

He remembers reading: "Young men are the most powerful tool that a community has." He said, "Young men can make a community and they can break a community . . . If we can get them to build a community, we can harness their potential, their skills and their knowledge, and use them in a positive way." He wants young people to see their purpose and walk in that purpose. He wants them to use their God-given talent so that God can use them. A philosophy he goes by is: "We never know what we can do until God gets hold of us."

**Rev. Lambey** is the third of eight siblings. His father is **George Hubert Lambey, Sr.** His mother is **Elizabeth Leona Martinez**. From age five, he was raised by his step-father, **Roy Christopher Alexander Martinez**. ■

## GIVING (cont. from page 1)

Care Packets, 209 Pairs of Socks/Washcloths and 125 Pillowcase Dresses. School Supply Packs were given to the children Wednesday night, as well as to the following schools: Cayo Christian Academy—**Rev. Ernest Tate**, CEO; St. Barbara's Anglican R.C. School—**Mrs. Joyce Hall**, Principal; St. Martin De Porres R.C. School—**Ms. Sandra Cocom**, Principal; St. Vincent Palloti R.C. School—**Me. Luis Oliva**, Principal; St. Hilldas Anglican R.C. School—**Ms. Jane Martinez**, Principal; St. Francis Xavier R.C. School—**Mrs. Diana Askari**, Principal. They also fed the children on Wednesday night. ■

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with **Mrs. Marjorie Bell**, she led the missionaries in singing two songs. You should have seen the smile on her face as she sang and patted her feet. The missionaries left a bible and a generous monetary gift in each home. ■

## LAGUNA (cont. from page 1)

with it," Chairman Rich said. Getting up at 4:00 a.m., loading the truck with 70 lb. boxes, and driving four hours to serve God's people—that's love. Last year they made that four-hour journey in a rain storm. But after they arrived the rain stopped, and the sun came out, so they were able to serve the people in clear weather. Until they were returning home, the storm held back. Chairman Rich smiled in awe of how God works. He shared his vision of having missionaries stationed in Laguna for at least two days, ministering as they do in other Belizean villages. By God's grace, he expects the vision to become reality. ■

## THE MISSIONARY TEAM

**Rev. Dr. G. V. Clark**, Convention President; **Rev. Ivie Rich**, Chairman, Foreign Mission Board; **Rev. J. A. Moland**, Board 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman/Finance; **Rev. Rickey Williams**, Board Treasurer; **Rev. S. D. Siverand**, Board Dean; **Jackie Robertson**, Board Foreign Field Coordinator; **Bettie Wells**, Board Assistant Foreign Field Coordinator. **Shonette Hill**, Board Travel Consultant; **Marie Lair**, Board Financial Secretary; **Anna Smith**, Board Recording Secretary; **Barbara Peterson**, Board Corresponding Secretary; **Rev. A. W. A. Mays**, **Rev. Alaric "Ric" Robertson**, **Rev. Michael Oyedokun**, **Rev. Lloyd Hall**, **Rev. Melvin Manor**, **Rev. Darron Patterson**, **Rev. Alton Hardeman**, **Rev. Dechard Freeman**, **Carron Whitaker**, **Terrie Givens**, **Michael Forney**, **Lela Wilson**, **Linda Barr**, **Madelyn Patterson**, **Oreal Lockridge**, **LaWanda Evans**, **Shantell King**, **Kathleen Dedeaux**, **Felicia Moland**, **Linda Archangel**, **Lucille Redman**, **Gwendolyn Tyler**, **Shalanda Tyler**, **Sabrina Autman**, **Thelma Williams**, **Willie "Pearl" Graham**, **Jerry Barr**, **Gladys Carson**, **Norma Howard**, **Kathan Rich**, **Beverly Washington**, **Barbara Bookman**, **Patricia Diggs**, **Shirley Vincent**, **Stephanie Hall**, **Maxine Alexander**, **Diamond Robertson (Youth)**, **Asia Robertson (Youth)**, **Mary Lockett**, **Brittany Broadway**, **Joyce Nelms**, **Audrey Allen**, **Demetia Matthews (Youth)**, **Voleta Denmon**, **Rochelle Manor**, **Joyce Blalock**, **Zelda Carson**, **Jacqueline Sterling**, **Shondra Owens** ■