

## Adventures in Belize

### Matthew 28:19-20

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

We at Galcom have been blessed to see the Lord open **new doors**, develop **new partnerships** and reach **new groups of people** in Belize in 2017. In January, Galcom USA Executive Director Tom Blackstone & Ed Bedley took a “**spy out the land**” trip to Belize and immediately recognized the Lord’s call to partner with **Richard Smith of My Refuge Christian Radio and others**. In May, engineer Kevin Hawley and Tom returned to provide **technical assistance and further partnership development** and to pave the way for a team from **City Life Church** here in Tampa to visit in July and distribute ImpaX units to **Mayan speaking villagers**. These trip reports can be seen in the May, July and October 2017 newsletters at [galcomusa.com](http://galcomusa.com)

In December, Galcom team members Woody Scott, Peter Ventresca, John Limper and Tom landed in Belize eager to bear Kingdom fruit. The team was excited to hear **Richard Smith’s heart** for advancing the Kingdom through radio and **unifying the body of Christ** in his country and were excited to distribute radios to the **Kekchi Mayans** in Belmopan, ImpaX to the **Mopan Mayans** in Santa Rosa and radios to more Kekchi Mayans near Punta Gorda. In addition, testimonies were shared on Toledo Christian Radio 99.9 FM. You can read Peter Ventresca’s testimony about this experience on page two. What a blessing it was to see the **joy and excitement in villagers’ eyes** as they received gifts of technology enabling them to hear God’s Word.

Our team was also excited to visit the **only prison in Belize** and discover that its rehabilitation model is based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Christian music and **sermons were broadcast** throughout the prison. We are hoping to **support the ongoing discipleship efforts with audio Bibles**. Father, thank you for all of these **open doors!**



Prison Trustee, Warden & Radio Broadcast Manager



A young boy receiving the gift of the gospel

## Intercessors' Corner

Pray that...

- God continues to use the ImpaX units to reach the Mayan peoples of Belize
- we will be able to partner with the Belize prison to provide audio bibles.
- our upcoming Partner Appreciation Banquet in March will give glory to the Lord for all He has done in 2017.





The Galcom team members were humbled by the work of God in their lives and how he used them to spread the Gospel in audio form. **Testimonies** follow:

*“While in the southern part of the country we did a **live broadcast of a special outdoor church service and radio distribution**. I was asked to bring the message and with the Lord’s leading, spoke about the two functions of the local church: evangelizing the lost and edifying the saints. **I demonstrated this by proclaiming the Gospel of salvation and then speaking of the security of the believer**, how we are born into the family of God by receiving Christ by faith and also adopted into the family as taught in Eph Ch.1 and Rom Ch 8. This broadcast was on Wednesday night. On Friday, being our last day in Belize, we went to the beach **I met three Mayan women selling their homemade crafts. They happened to be from the same village where that live broadcast was done**. In our conversation I learned that **one of the women had heard the service on her radio and had enjoyed it**. I asked if she remembered what the message was. She answered yes and rehearsed to me what I had said two days earlier. **This demonstrated to me the effectiveness of radio ministry especially where illiteracy is common among the older folks**. Praise God that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Rom. 10:17” - Peter Ventresca.*

*“There were many highlights from the mission trip. The most memorable moment to me was the day we were visiting with **Pastor Arturo Chal and some of his congregation in Santa Rosa** when we stopped at a mango tree. The pastor told us that this was the spot where he **gave his heart to God and accepted Jesus as his Savior** when he was a young man. One day, as a young man, he was riding his bicycle up and down the road past this mango tree when he saw a man standing under it talking to the wind. He became very interested in what was going on and returned often to listen. After a few years, he realized what was occurring. **This man was preaching out of his Bible about God**. The more he listened, he realized what he wanted to be like him and this led to his salvation. **Today, Pastor Arturo has a church and radio station, 105.3 The Message**. The church and station are less than a block away from the mango tree. Pastor Arturo still rides his bicycle as well as walks to visit his congregation.” -Dan Seabright.*

*Going to Belize was **one of the best experiences of my life**. The people there were so friendly and receptive to the Gospel. I especially enjoyed going door to door in the village of Santa Rosa to hand out Galcom radios with the audio New Testament in the Mopan Mayan language and pray for the people. We were welcomed by the people at all of the churches we visited.” -John Limper*

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For the Unreached,

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