



Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Roman Catholic Public Schools
Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Belize Central America



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Dear Father Bill, Paul and Parishioners,

Thanks for your continued support. Our maintenance man is a blessing. Please give special thanks to the men's group.

Please thank all who have contributed to this mission. We were able to get 40 laptops for San Jose Succotz Primary School. They were very happy. I do not think they expected me to be able to fill their request.

We will continue to use all money from Queen to help the poor. We also use money from our personal income to help the poor. Trying to help the poor is a trying yet rewarding way to live. The needs of the poor far exceed our ability to help them. We know a person is poor when they will walk for a half an hour to come and do twenty minutes work for \$10.00. Some of the people who come to us are elderly and needing much medical assistance. There is little we can do for them.

Father Anthony Anderson is learning how difficult it is to keep older buildings in repair. About a month ago, one of the ceiling panels in the Upper Division building fell down. The support for the panel had been eaten by termites. I have known about the termite problem for years. Non educated opinion was that we could do nothing about the termites. After the panel fell, I said to myself we should be able to eliminate the termites. We brought in two termite experts. They said that they could eliminate the termites.

Father Anthony Anderson will use some of the money from the UMB stock sales to pay for termite eradication. I believe that he will use some of the money for the fill that is needed for our Middle Division playground. The classroom is completed and in use. We still have a few windows to repair. A retaining wall and fence have been built.

Ginny and I are doing well. Ginny turned 83 in May and I turned 84 in September. When we celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary on September 7th, we celebrated other milestones: 55 years as members of SOLT, 49 years as a Deacon and 47 years in Benque. My birthday celebration lasted a week due to the fact that two of our grandsons celebrated their birthdays the same week as I celebrated my 84th birthday. Our membership in SOLT was officially on September 8th, 1968.

Ginny and I continue to keep ourselves busy. Earlier in life, I envisioned spending my day in meditative prayer. I do get two to four hours a day in prayer but I spend much time serving others. Ginny spends more time in prayer and more time taking care of others. She does not let the Chiefs get in her way like I do.

How is the work coming for your new center? I am glad that the US has equipment to remove huge tree stumps. In July, I saw one huge tree stump that would take a month of work to remove here in Belize.

You are always welcome here in Belize. Please come visit.

Love and Prayers, hope to see you this coming summer.

Deacon Cal and Ginny