

## REFLECTIONS of THIRST MISSIONS MINISTRY TRIPS

### Partner Churches

**Tori** – “In 2012 I went on a mission with Thirst to San Lazaro, Belize, and it was truly one of the best experiences I’ve had. I think about my time there so often, and my love for the people, the village, and the church I spent time with, and I miss them all...”

**Melanie** – “I was able to go two years ago with my church family to Belize. We were in a small village whom needed a lot of medical attention. I am a Dental Hygienist, but there I was a cry of relief and hope for some. I had patients lay on a wooden church pew, with bricks and wood for a work station, and was able to remove teeth that they had agonized in pain with. These precious people were so grateful and loving. This experience changed my life...”

**Emilee** – “I was called into missions the summer between my Freshman and Sophomore year. So, when I heard my youth group was going on a missions trip, I had to go! We went to Maskall, Belize! Every day I just wish that I was back there with them and playing with the children and doing the VBS! The home visit that we did were very touching too. We were able to see how friendly and welcoming they were to us! God is doing a lot through Thirst Missions...”

**Christy** – “The friends I have made in Belize are my family. I love them and my heart misses them while I am away.”

**Sarah** – “I was fortunate to go to Belize a few years ago with my youth group through Thirst Missions. The group that I was with helped rebuild a church, and helped with the VBS that the church was hosting. It was the most amazing thing I have ever experienced.”

**Jessica** – “My first mission trip was with Thirst Missions 5 years ago. The memories made and opportunities to love and show God’s love were ones I will always treasure!”

### Thirst Missions Leadership

**Ginger** – “If missions is a calling God has placed on your heart, you should go with Thirst. My family went to Belize this summer and the organization of Thirst was amazing!!! They appoint great leaders, help find places to serve, and always work out the details. Highly recommend them!”

**Reyna** – “I came to know Christ 6 years ago and Belize was the first missions trip I’d ever gone on. After my first missions trip I knew that I wanted missions to be a part of my life in some way, shape or form. The Lord has provided in two other trips to Belize (through Thirst Missions) and through those trips I’ve developed an amazing friendship with Perla and her family who have been our group’s leaders for the past five years. I’m now looking into medical missions and perhaps even in Belize someday since I’m bilingual in both languages spoken there.”

**Chip** – “Great mission trip experience! We went to Belize last summer and the teens are still talking about it. Going back this summer. Great trip! Great organization!”

**Desiree** – “Thirst Missions started a fire in my heart last year when I went on my first missions trip to Ranchito Belize.”

**Robert** – “Love this, love the heart and soul of Thirst Missions! I am excited to be joining my daughters and their husbands on a trip to Belize over Christmas, and I can’t think of a better way to celebrate Jesus than to serve others in His name. The older I get the more I realize that we have such a limited time on this earth and that we need to be available for the plans that God has for us. Keep fighting the good fight and fulfilling the Great Commission!

**Stephanie** – “Serving with Thirst Missions in Belize was life changing! The ability to share the love of God across geographic, language, and cultural barriers is an amazing gift that I will forever treasure...Thank you Thirst and Lorelly! Let’s keep changing the world!”

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### *Thirst Missions Leadership Continued*

**Meghan** – “October 2015 I experienced the most impactful trip of my life. My heart is in Belize...That year was my first out of the country missions experience and it was absolutely incredible...My heart has been forever changed thanks to Thirst Missions.”

**Caitlyn** – “I have been going to Belize, and this summer will be my 7<sup>th</sup> summer there. I have gone with my church through Thirst Missions every single time. The Lord has placed a passion for missions on my heart...I want to personally thank you all for the ministry that you do. It is a blessing to so many people and has impacted lives for eternity. Thank you Thirst for obeying what the Lord has placed on all of your hearts. Bless you all.”

**Buddy** – “After praying for several years for an opportunity for all of us to go, my family and I (6 in all) were privileged to go to Belize this past summer with Thirst Missions...our Thirst Missions leaders were great, allowing us to experience cross cultural relationships, providing service and witnessing opportunities, and furthering our interest in missions.”

### *Life Changing Ministry*

**Caitlyn** – “Two years ago, I experienced life changing events in both the villages of Maskall and San Joaquin, Belize that wouldn't have been possible without Thirst Missions' generosity. God has placed on my heart to be a medical missionary and I am pursuing my calling by enrolling in college courses to make that possible!”

**Lindsay** – “I've had the privilege of going to August Pine Ridge, Belize the past three years, and I'm looking forward to next year's trip! The sweet people there hold a very special place in my heart...they are more than just friends, they are my family! I can't explain in words how these missions trips have changed my life! God showed up and showed off and also worked in my heart!”

**Hallie** – “I have gone to Belize twice with Thirst Missions, and on my first trip I learned that God has called me to missions!”

**Audrey** – “I had the opportunity to go to Belize this past summer with Thirst Missions! It was an amazing trip in so many ways. I was grateful to witness people getting healed and wrecked by Jesus' love for them in San Felipe. God is awesome!!! I hope to go back someday and continue to serve through short term missions in the future!”

**Jeanette** – “My husband and I have gone for 3 years with our church. We also take our 5 grandchildren with us because we think it is a great experience for them. 2 of our grandchildren were baptized in Belize. Belize has been such a blessing to us. Our grandkids think of it as home away from home.”

**Paula** – “My daughter has been to Belize with Thirst Missions...her trip to Belize last year was especially meaningful in her preparations to do children's ministry. She is planning to return to the same place again with Thirst this summer to minister to the children there. “

**Michelle** – “My daughter Heather went last year on a Mission Trip. The happiest I've seen her was helping and loving the Belize people! She wants to travel everywhere showing God's love!”

**Jill** – “At 59 years old I experienced my first Mission Trip to Belize, I went without any expectations asking the Lord to use me as it's my first and the beginning of many! HE restored my faith – promised to never leave me and a deeper definition of FAITH!”

**Kaitlyn** – “I went to Belize last summer with my church. We worked with Thirst and y'all are really amazing! I was really scared to be honest with you but it was really cool to see how God worked though me.”

**Jessica** – “My first missions trip was with Thirst Missions 5 years ago. The memories made and opportunities to love and show God's love were ones I will always treasure.”