

September Newsletter – J⁴ Arrives in Belize!

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” – Matthew 6:33-34

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, greetings in the name of Jesus,

After Jordan's 5-year journey of listening to the Lord's calling, which would grow to include Justin, and now our 4-month-old son, Malachi, we have arrived safely to our field of service in Belmopan, Belize. We were welcomed with open arms! Our Area Facilitator, Pastor Herb Burch, picked us up from the Belize City airport and loaded our 7 suitcases into his van. After an hour drive west, we pulled into Camp Concordia just outside Belmopan.



L-R: Justin, Markie Burch, Jordan, Malachi, Pastor Herb Burch

We were excited to finally be in country and get to work, but dark, spiritual forces quickly reared their ugly heads. Two days after our arrival, Malachi developed a runny nose.

Initially, we thought it was him adjusting to the drastically different climate, coming from the high desert of Colorado to the sea-level tropics of Belize. After another day of continued close monitoring, Malachi developed a fever. We took him to St. Luke Hospital in Belmopan, about a 15-minute drive from our new residence. We are so thankful for our new dear missionary friends, Pastor Benjamin and Carina Flores, for being available to drive us to the hospital. We saw the pediatrician, Dr. Abdallah, who quickly diagnosed our sweetie pie Malachi with bacterial pneumonia. We were dumbfounded. Dr. Abdallah relayed a plethora of recommended treatments for Malachi to begin immediately. We asked for a moment to discuss and process this unreal news. Our heads were spinning. New country, new customs, new climate, new accommodations, and now, a new illness. We needed God. After prayers and discussion, we moved forward with the treatment. Dr. Abdallah informed us that the treatment needed to be administered via injection and, therefore, Malachi would need to be hospitalized for two days, and then reassess his progress. We couldn't imagine being cloistered in a hospital room right after arriving in Belize, but, of course, we agreed. Anything to get our baby boy better. After the doctor and nurses took blood samples, took an x-ray, gave him a nebulizer, along with injections of steroids and antibiotics, we attempted to settle Malachi in yet another environment. Despite many attacks of fear and despair, we give praise to our Almighty Lord, as Malachi made incredible progress! After the two days, we were released from the hospital and had a very positive follow-up appointment a couple days later. We are so glad to relay Malachi is on the solid road to recovery!



Unfortunately, with all the stresses and sleep deprivation surrounding Malachi's pneumonia, Justin and I developed throat infections. We are recovering but wanted to inform our amazing supporters of our Belizean arrival. As always, God has been carrying us through. Although we are anxious to get to work, God tells us to take one day at a time. So, today, we are focusing on resting and healing as a whole family. Then we can begin serving the dear people of Belize.

As we are all one body of Christ, we would love the opportunity to pray over your joys and sorrows. As always, please respond to our newsletter with any prayer requests you may have so we may take them to our Mighty Lord.

Specific Prayer Requests:

- Continued healing for the three of us.
- All those dealing with the aftermath of the recent hurricanes and tropical storms.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for all of YOU covering us in prayer.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We look forward to sharing how God will work through us next month!

Vivit,
J⁴ - Jesus, Jordan, Justin & Jamie Malachi

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