



## ***Mt. Hope Bible Church Harvest Celebration 2018***

What a blessing this weekend was. We write this with such grateful and thankful hearts for all God has done not just in our family, but the family of Mt. Hope Bible Church this year. Each year churches here celebrate a harvest thanksgiving service. Each of our children's classes, the youth, women, and men all march the aisle with offerings to the Lord. Each group shares testimonies of thanks, Bible verses, or encouraging words from God's word. The "church" was filled up yesterday!!! It was so awesome to see so many of our church family bring their friends, family, and neighbors, and some from the community came out too. As is custom in Belize, afterwards the fresh produce, which we spent all of Saturday reaping and then

decorating the church with, is sold, as well as the pastries and cakes that families brought. As a church family, we were able to raise over \$400 Belize dollars (or \$200 US dollars) towards our land fund!





### *Evana and Chiara*

Thank you for praying for Chiara. She has finished her third round of treatment for a bacteria infection. Please continue praying for her complete healing as she still complains of belly pain, as we decipher what this means.



Our youngest turned four last weekend, and the oldest will turn six in just four days!! Hard to believe we have been parents for this long! Allison and I find great joy in the girls as they grow, the phrases and words they use, and the intelligence and diligence they are showing in school work and what they are learning at church. We are thankful for their childhood, yet constantly praying protection and confidence over their future and who they become! (throwback to their first photo together!!)



## **New Fans**

The church was blessed recently with finances to purchase four more ceiling fans, a young man to crawl in the attic, and a pastor who knows how to wire! Last Sunday, as we stood to worship there was a cooler breeze in the building and we are thankful for the little details being met.



## **Ladies Bible Study**

On the second Friday of each month, we gather for a time of fellowship and growing together in God's Word. This month we looked at scripture in the book of Joshua, about following God's commandments, not going to the right or left; after a time of worship and study, we took some time to create reminder crafts to "Be Strong and Courageous!" It was awesome to see how different each lady made their decoration, and even more awesome to think about the unique way God has made each person on Earth. We are all Special to Him, and His greatest desire is for us to be strong and courageous in Him.



## Healthier Me and You!

As many of you know, this past year I have been on a health journey as I was diagnosed with an inflammatory autoimmune disease that is nothing nice to play with. I have made a series of drastic changes in lifestyle including diet changes, exercise, sleeping, vitamins, - and seen a huge improvement to many of my symptoms. It has made our family even more conscious than we were, due to the girls several serious food allergies, to make healthy choices. I am THRILLED and HUMBLLED to be leading a twice a week exercise class for women in the village. Most who come speak ONLY SPANISH, have never worked out, are Mom's like me, and they want to be there! We have been meeting for 11 weeks now. They are spreading the word, and we now have a committed 6-11 of us at class. I never in a million years imagined myself imparting health tips, or leading an exercise class, but I am thankful for blessings in disguise. In a culture where the hospital hands out pills and injections like candy, instead of educating, I'm super excited to have a role in bringing health in this community we call home. \*Photo credit: Chiara



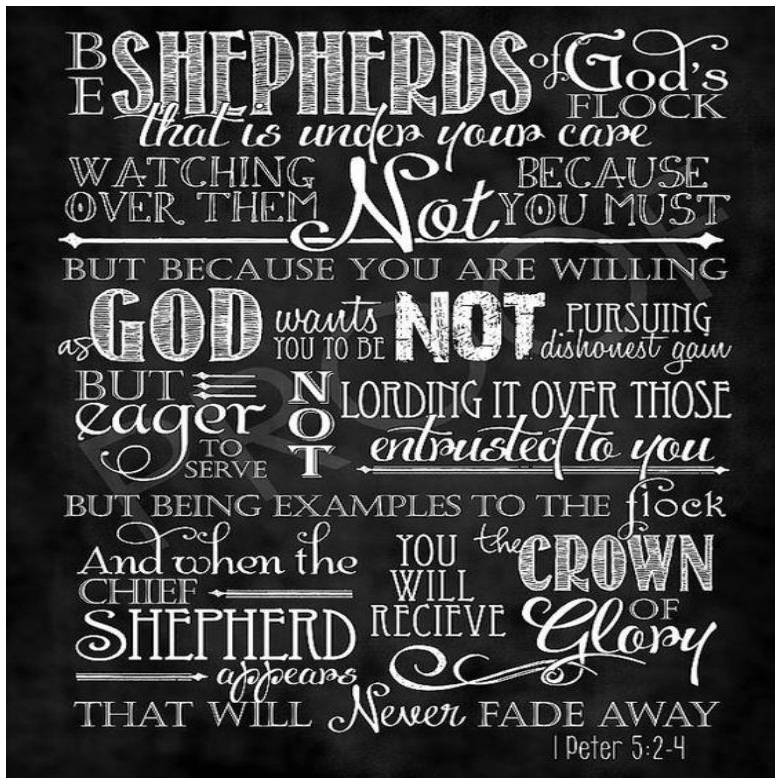


## Blessings of 2018

We are thankful for all of you who have been a part of the major accomplishments for Mt. Hope Bible Church this year. We have very little left to pay on the large purchase price for land and buildings of the church's forever home, that once seemed overwhelming. We have been able to make several structural changes, and have plans for a few more before year end. We are excited to announce that a church in upstate NY will be coming in January to help with some renovations for the youth center. What a blessing!

Thank you for those that gave, for those that prayed, for those that encouraged, for those that shared this work with friends and family! If you are still considering giving to this special project, and being a part of the physical footprint of Mt. Hope in the village of Unitedville, we invite you to give now using this link or mailing in a check to the address below.

<http://www.worldoutreach.org/539>



***Not just because he's my husband .....***

In this past month I have been challenged and encouraged to see Pastor Allison demonstrating this verse as he leads us into God's plans and purposes for Mt. Hope Bible Church. There have been many challenging messages God has put on Allison's heart these past few weeks, and the spiritual battle is ever increasing. As a church, we have been discussing rebellion, and sin, and how our choices have consequences- some of which we may not see for years down the road. As this verse above says, Allison willingly pours out his heart to shepherd the flock. Helping someone move their belongings, sharing work with a young dad, teaching a youth how to earn and save money, illustrating the scripture to our leadership team about the Power of God and expectation of us as leaders, leading the 'New Believers' class, fixing the church lights, and on and on and on..... His servant example is leading us as he follows Jesus.



We've been thinking...Everybody knows somebody, right? We'd like to ask for your help in spreading the word about our lives and ministry here in Belize. If you know a family member or friend who might be interested in hearing from us, would you take a minute and forward them this update? We would really appreciate your time and effort!

*Join us in what the Lord is doing in Belize through a one-time financial gift or monthly commitment!*

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- 2) Mail in a check: World Outreach Ministries, PO Box B, Marietta, Georgia 30061 please note Heather and Allison Garoy Fund code #539
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