



To God be the Glory!

Missions Trip Report
Belize & Guatemala

LORI WAGNER MINISTERING IN STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE

Belize

THE JOURNEY



Rev. Lori Wagner

Travel began October 3 with a God-ordained layover in San Antonio. Bishop James Jackson, his wife Rose, and the congregation of First UPC were extremely welcoming. It was a joy to worship with them, and I so appreciated their prayers and generous support.

The first of three flights began before dawn (including one on the puddle jumper pictured above), and I arrived in Placencia to a warm greeting from AIMers Craig and Carolyn McKenzie.

Friday, thankfully, was a day of rest and preparation for the upcoming ministry.

TOLEDO DISTRICT

Saturday we traveled two hours on very rough roads to the Toledo District. Ladies, leaders, and missionaries Dwayne

and Linda Abernathy gathered for the first national ladies conference.

We had a full house, an estimated 350 after the last busload was rescued from being stuck in the mud. There were many special songs and testimonies. Carolyn taught the first session, and after a break, I preached the second, *Arise!*

The women responded beautifully. **Eleven were filled with the Holy Ghost**, and many were touched by God with renewal and hope.

It was hot and exhausting, but wonderful. Afterwards, we enjoyed a great meal with our hosts, Pastor and Sister Diego.



Above: Craig & Carolyn McKenzie in the Diego's kitchen



Left: Lori Wagner with missionaries Dwayne & Linda Abernathy



A full house in the Toledo District



Giving an encouraging word to Linda Abernathy



Overflow crowd in the beautiful Toledo church

STANN CREEK DISTRICT

Sunday was “take two.” We headed out early for the Stann Creek District. The building was packed out. Men again set up benches outside the back of the church for the overflow.

We had special music and testimonies from the women in the District. Carolyn and I both ministered again, and I'm excited to report **fifteen women were filled with the Holy Ghost** in San Isidro, Belize! What a move of God we had! We didn't ask how many were healed, but one woman made a point to let us know she had come to church in pain and was leaving church in no pain. Praise God!

We enjoyed another great meal with the host pastor, his family, and the missionaries. The hospitality of the Belizian people was amazing. After two full days of ministry we returned to Maya Beach, showered, and just couldn't do much else. We ate sandwiches and called it a day . . . but what a day it was. To God be the glory!



Ministering in the Stann Creek District. Pictured at right with Lubia, my interpreter, who happens to be the first Mayan-Belizian woman licensed for ministry with the church.

Regrettably, few pictures were taken of the altar ministry . . . because we were ministering!

Guatemala

SAYAXCHÉ, PETÉN

Tuesday through Friday the McKenzies and I were blessed to be with Pastor Noé Barrientos and his wife Dawn and their daughter Olivia in Sayaxché. During our time in Guatemala we joined in early morning prayer, visited area churches, and enjoyed some of the sights in Petén.

It was a joy to worship with The Anchor church. I was honored to testify alongside the McKenzies. Pastor Noé felt to have prayer lines and what a powerful move of God we had. It was beautiful—not only ministering to the church—but also to the ministry who pour out so much in service to others.

Only God knows all that happened, but there were certainly emotional healings and deliverances. So thankful for all God did—and all God began!

