

CHRIST in Belize



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GREETINGS FROM BELIZE!



2019 began with a monumental event for the Belize Mission - a day for the history books of the future national Lutheran church. My dear friends and mission partners, allow me to introduce to you our first confirmed, Belizean Lutheran: Ms. Renelle Gonzalez. Known as "Ms. Ren" by her friends, this lovely Garifuna woman is a native of Seine Bight, our first mission site. I was first introduced to her by Sue Dorn of the Belize Mission Society about a year and a half ago. Ms. Ren has been developing a relationship with our short term teams since 2005 through BMS led women's Bible Studies. More recently, after a major surgery, construction teams from the Belize Mission Society worked to install a wheelchair ramp, indoor bathroom, shower, and septic tank at Ms. Ren's house. By this time I had been introduced to Ms. Ren as the pastor in Belize who could tell her more about why we do what we do as Lutherans, and what exactly it is we believe. Ms. Ren and I began weekly devotions together in her home, which turned into weekly catechism lessons. From the beginning she stood out to me as someone particularly engaged in our lessons, and able to ask wonderful questions. When we finished our study of the catechism Ms. Ren expressed that she too believes what we believe, and asked to become a part of our church. On January 24th of this year, in a special evening confirmation service, Ms. Ren publicly professed her faith before God and in front of a large group of family, friends, and intrigued fellow villagers. We pray that God would continue to strengthen Ms. Ren's faith and that this confirmation would open up the gate to more Belizeans knowing and embracing the Truth.

Rev. Duane Meissner



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OUR FIRST BELIZEAN
LUTHERAN!



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PROMOTE



A BMS team worked hard to install a wheel chair ramp and shower for a Ms. Ren in Seine Bight. She is now able to leave her house freely for the first time in over a year.



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