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The chief facilitator was Mr. Adrian Madrid, National President, Justices of the Peace Association. He began his presentation narrating a brief historical overview of the Justices of the Peace Association. According to Mr. Madrid, the amendment made to the Justice of the Peace Bill that was passed by the Association in the Annual General Meeting in 2005 is still awaiting the perusal and signature by the Attorney General to become law. He continued saying that reluctance of the government to sign the Act makes the Association vulnerable, giving the responsibility to the area representatives to appoint Justices of the Peace. He discussed the process of appointments that is of concern to the Association. Mr. Madrid explained that the grave concern is because the elected area representatives sent names of persons to the Attorney General for approval as JPs without applying through an executive as stipulated in the present amendment. The president is not saying that the Association does not want the Area Representatives to appoint their people. Since the amendment has changed the way that JPs are appointed, they should adhere to the process. The amendment highlighted that the applicant must present a recent police record, recommendation letters and briefly explains his or her interest to become a Justice of the Peace. The applicants would be trained and vetted before approval is granted to those who qualify. According to the president, this procedure does not take away the powers of the area representative to appoint any person. It is there just to get the right persons to do the job effectively. The president was assisted by Mrs. Maria Reyes, National Secretary; Mr. Tony Soboranski, National Vice President and Mr. Mervin Bennett, Liaison Officer. It must be emphasized that

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Dangriga is once again with a bus line that originates out of Dangriga and it is operated by Mr. Calbert Williams. This service is called Griga’s Bus Line. Mr. Williams is permitted to operate four runs out of Dangriga to Belize City by the Transport Department. These four runs will service only the morning runs: 5:00 am, 5:30 am and two 6:00 am runs. The 5:00 am and one of the 6:00 am run are express runs to Belize City and will therefore make only one stop in Belmopan on their way to Belize City. The 5:30 am bus run will collect passengers en route to Belize City as will the other 6:00 am run which stops in Belmopan and returns from there. The buses will return from Belize City starting at 4:00 pm, then 4:30 pm and 5:00 pm while the 6:00 am run to Belmopan will return at 3:00 pm.

Griga’s Bus Line is located on the South Riverside Street to the West of the main bridge on the property of Mr. John Zabaneh. The bus depot houses five buses and the supporting crew and will be operating out of the Dangriga

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OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE FOR BELIZEAN STUDENTS IN THE 2009 CXC EXAMINATIONS

Belmopan - 03 November, 2009

The Ministry of Education and the CXC National Committee of Belize are pleased to announce that Ms. Stacey Karyn Grinage of St. John’s College Junior College is the Most Outstanding Student in the May-June 2009 Caribbean A D V A N C E D  P R O F I C I E N C Y E x a m i n a t i o n s (CAPE) and is therefore the recipient of the Belize Scholarship for 2009.

Ms. Grinage obtained six (6) Grade II’s in the CAPE examinations in the following subjects: Caribbean Studies, Communication Studies, History Units 1 and 2, and Sociology Units 1 and 2. Besides being this year’s M o s t  O u t s t a n d i n g  C A P E  C a n d i d a t e, Ms. Grinage also achieved first place subject award in H i s t o r y  U n i t 2 and Sociology Unit 1.

The Ministry of Education and the CXC National Committee of Belize are also pleased to announce that Ms. Athina Swasey of Edward P. Yorke High School and Ms. Virginia Hsu of St. Catherine Academy are the first and second place students in the May-June 2009 Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) examinations.

Ms. Swasey obtained eleven (11) Grade I’s in the General/Technical Proficiency in the following subjects: Biology, English A, English B (Literature), Human and Social Biology, Mathematics, Spanish, Chemistry, Information Technology, Elementary Teaching Documents, Preparation & Management, Principles of Accounts and Social Studies. In addition to being this year’s M o s t  O u t s t a n d i n g  C A P E  C a n d i d a t e, Ms. Grinage also achieved first place subject award in Human and Social Biology and E n g l i s h  B.

Ms. Hsu, the second place student, attained ten (10) Grade I’s at the General/Technical Proficiency that criterion this year.

The Ministry of Education and the CXC National Committee of Belize take this opportunity to congratulate all students who attain Grade I or II in at least six units, comprising at least two 2-Unit courses and both C a r i b b e a n  S t u d i e s and Communication Studies taken within two years of initial e n r o l l m e n t a t a j u n i o r college. One candidate met this criterion this year.

The CXC National Committee will also recognize candidates who achieve top results in the CAPE examinations. CAPE Certificate of Excellence is awarded to candidates who attain Grade I or II in at least six units, comprising at least two 2-Unit courses and both C a r i b b e a n  S t u d i e s and Communication Studies taken within two years of initial enrolment at a junior college. Nine candidates qualified for that award. Awards will also be given to the country’s top C A P E  c a n d i d a t e i n 3 2 I n d i v i d u a l  S u b j e c t s.

The Ministry of Education and the CXC National Committee of Belize take this opportunity to congratulate all students who attain top results in the CAPE examinations and to commend all the parents, principals, deans and teachers who have played a p i v o t a l  r o l e  i n  t h e i r success.

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Guest Editorial

A Voice of Reason

When Prime Minister Dean Barrow announced on October 29, that Belize was officially in a recession he was acknowledging the materialization of a situation of which he had warned us about in his New Year’s Day speech. In his 2009 New Year’s Day message the Prime Minister said in part: “In the year ahead we expect Belize to be tested like never before. The economic meltdown is universal and we cannot escape unscathed. Local financing for our recurrent budget will be especially tricky given the huge revenue losses caused by the dramatic fall in prices for our petroleum.”

The PM could easily have included the lost of revenue from tourism etc in a list of economic woe but no one wants to hear depressing news on New Year’s Day. Nevertheless the message which was reinforced and confirmed by World Bank statistics should have served as a warning on the economic storm to come. According to the World Bank, private capital flowing into developing nations dropped from 1.2 trillion dollars in 2007 to 707 billion dollars by the end of 2008. The bank’s prediction is that 2009 capital inflows will have plummeted further, to just 363 billion dollars. It was only a matter of time then, before Belize would have to feel the effects of the recession. In June the Belize Prime Minister delivered a speech on the recession and its effects on CARICOM to an international audience.

On June 25, 2009, the Prime Minister was in New York where in his capacity as chairman of CARICOM, he addressed the United Nations Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its impact on Development. In that speech Mr. Barrow said that developed countries should provide immediate economic help for CARICOM since they, the richest countries were the cause of the world wide economic downturn. Speaking on the subject of the IMF, Mr. Barrow said that... The Fund remains a trade-and-payments-supporting institution, with its interventions mainly directed towards addressing short- and medium-term balance of payments constraints. Its resources have never been and are not now generally directed towards providing fiscal and budgetary support”.

The Belize Prime Minister’s remarks have been supported by Barbados’ Central Bank governor, Dr. Marion Williams, who said that “While she applauded the technical assistance that the Fund offered, including more recently through its Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance Centre, as far as policy making was concerned, the Fund should be kept at arm’s length; policy making said Dr. Williams “should always be a national issue”.

In Belize, nationalism is brought out dusted off and paraded - twice a year. In every other instance personal narrow self-interest is put before the collective national good. On October 29 when the Prime Minister announced that the country was in recession a great opportunity to strengthen nationhood was thrown away. Instead of seizing this opportunity for collective action prominent citizens rubbed their hands in ferocious glee at the nation’s misfortune.

Everyone knows that we have been in a recession for some time now so all the experts and critics have had ample time to come up with ideas on how to get the nation safely pass this disaster in the making. Even so there was only one voice of reason calling for all parties and all sectors of society to come together to find solutions to the crisis. We need more of this type of citizen. In the process of nation building all reasonable voices must be heard. It’s not too late we still have the recession to deal with - collectively or individually. In the first way we can strengthen our nation on the other hand we could lose it.
By Orlando Augustine
(Cont’d from pg.1) always be reminded to maintain strong values in regard to right and wrong. Although citizens do not need a law degree to become Justices of the Peace, they need to be law abiding and good role models in their communities. It must be emphasized that the society of today is developing rapidly; a number of formal documents have to be signed each day and the few legal minds in the districts do have the time to carry out the responsibility. For this to happen, the general public needs the services of the Justices of the Peace that are quick, inexpensive and reliable to relieve the burden on police officers. In an effort to meet the demand of the populace, under the direction of the Association, continuing education is offered to officers to refresh them on their responsibilities.

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USA Garifuna Non Profit Organizations

By Jose Francisco Avila

Weakening of the bus service was in deterioration as reported in the media by commuters and other users of the bus service.

Following the general elections and the appointment of Hon Melvin Hulse as Transport Minister, there was a major reorganization of the bus transportation service in Belize. Recently, the transport office has continued to improve the service by inviting three bus owners of the Stann Creek District to apply for the four morning runs to Belize City. Mr. Williams was later awarded these runs and his Hopkins bus line was sold to Mr. Macario Augustine of Hopkins Village.

Mr. Calbert Williams worked for Mr. John Zabaneh for many years and is the uncle to children of the Hon Melvin Hulse whose government office is situated in a building owned by Mr. John Zabaneh.

Mr. Williams is happy and proud to be able to serve the citizens of Dangriga through the Griga’s Bus Line and hopes to one day also do the evening runs to Belize City.

As in business and government, failures in the nonprofit sector sometimes go wrong. Nonprofits are not immune from damage that can be caused by unscrupulous and fraudulent solicitors, financial improprieties and executives and board members who care more about their own financial welfare than the mission of the organization.

A small division of the IRS is charged with ensuring that nonprofits are complying with the requirements for eligibility for tax-exempt status. IRS auditors investigate the financial affairs of thousands of nonprofits each year. As a result, a handful has their tax-exempt status revoked; others pay fines and taxes.

Nonprofits are governed by a board of directors that is legally responsible for making sure the organization remains true to its mission, safeguards its assets and operates in the public interest. The board is the first line of defense against fraud and abuse.[4]

It is important to remember that Tax Exempt Nonprofit Organizations must be able to demonstrate the key characteristics of a successful nonprofit organization: a vital mission, clear lines of accountability, high-quality programs and services and reliable and diverse revenue streams.

The rules for tax exemption are very specific, and depending on the nature of the organization and how it will sustain itself, these rules can restrict the types of activities it may conduct, create or increase tax liability, or simply become difficult or time-consuming to follow.
Belize Prime Minister Dean Barrow says the country is officially in the grips of a recession but he's adamant that he won't be sending out any SOS call to the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Instead, he said, the country would ride out the storm and wait for the upturn.

In his quarterly press conference yesterday, which was broadcast to the nation, Prime Minister Barrow was frank about the situation the country is now in.

"To be blunt the news is not good. I think that we all in this country, including the experts, underestimated the effects of the global economic crisis on Belize. Of most importance is what it has done to our tax revenue collections," he said.

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"This was caused primarily by the sharp decrease in tax receipts most acutely with respect to the collections at the Customs and the GST Departments. Collections there are heavily reliant on imports to source the revenue and there has been a sharp decline in imports," he said, explaining that statistics from the Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB) show gross imports at BZ$648.9 million (US$332.8 million) during the first half of the year - a 21.2 per cent decrease over the comparable period of 2008.

Prime Minister Barrow said the SIB had also forecast growth for this fiscal year at 2.5 per cent, marginally more than the IMF had predicted, but indicators now suggest a dramatic swing of at least three per cent which will result in a contraction in negative GDP growth for 2009.

"In effect, it has to be well and truly said that our economy is in recession. Now, this clearly means that we are facing tremendous operational difficulties," he said, noting that this would seriously affect the ability of Belize to service its debt.

In spite of the major challenges clearly ahead, Barrow said that seeking assistance from the IMF was totally off the table.

"All the help that we want from the IMF we have had; that is, all the help that comes without the conditionalities," Barrow said.

"You see what took place in the case of Jamaica which included wage freezes and layoffs, that is not going to happen here."

He pointed to recent news that the US economy was beginning to grow again and said that would eventually reflect in the local economy.

Belize in recession but ruling out IMF help

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Belize banking group now on T&T stock exchange

Belize Prime Minister Dean Barrow yesterday officially listed an investment company Bourse Brokers Limited on the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange, seeing 10,000 shares trading yesterday, sponsored by Trinidadian securities and investment company Bourse Brokers Limited.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, October 29, 2009

A Belize-based financial group has started trading on the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange, seeing 10,000 shares moving on the first day.

BCB Holdings Limited, the parent company of a group of financial services businesses in Belize and the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI), began trading yesterday, sponsored by Trinidadian securities and investment company Bourse Brokers Limited.

The Trinidad Express newspaper reported that BCB's stock opened at $12.38 per share, sold at $12.75 and traded a solid 10,000 shares in volume on its first day of trading.

BCB is already listed on the London Stock Exchange but chief executive Lyndon Guiseppe said he felt there was a disconnect between the company and the foreign market and stakeholders wanted to be listed on an exchange closer home.

He said they decided on Trinidad and Tobago because of its highly liquid market. BCB Holding's principal subsidiaries include The Belize Bank Limited, the largest banking operation in Belize; British Caribbean Bank Limited in the TCI; and British Caribbean Bank International Limited which is based in Belize but operates internationally.

In addition, through its 24.8 per cent ownership in Numar, the company has an interest in a successful and market-leading edible oil processing and distribution operation in Costa Rica.

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This is the story of a ladybug named Laela. Laela lived in a beautiful garden full of shrubs and flowers. She spent most of her time in a rose bush, keeping an eye out for predators like birds and wasps.

One day dark clouds appeared in the skies and she saw lightening and heard thunder overhead. The thunder and lightening turned into a cloud burst. It seemed like buckets of water were pouring down from the skies. Laela hung on to a rose petal for dear life but she was not strong enough to resist the downpour. Nearby a tree branch came crashing down with a loud bang! She cried out for help but there was no one to help her. A stream of water washed her down a gutter along the roadway. She knew full well where the stream was headed: it was headed for the storm drain. She tried hard to pedal, it was headed for the storm drain.

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While Shay finished watering the garden, Laela told her all about the frightening ordeal in the storm drain. Shay said "I believe you. And that storm really frightened my cat Tiger. He was hiding under my bed all that time." Later that evening when Shay went to bed, Laela was on the pillow right beside her. Laela began to cry. "What is it?" asked Shay. Laela said "I am so very small and everything else is so big. I wish I were as big as you. Then nobody would step on me and I would not need to hide under flower petals all my life. And if someone were in trouble, I would not be too small to help them. If I have to be small, I wish I could stay with you all my life." "You can certainly stay with me all your life," said Shay. "And there must be something good about being small, like being able to hide in a small place where no one can find you. In any case, we can only be who we are and we have to try and make the best of who we are."

When Shay woke up the next morning, her cat Tiger wanted to go out. Laela followed Shay wherever she went. At lunch time Shay opened the door and called out to her cat Tiger, "Here Kitty, Kitty, lunch time." But Tiger didn't come. After an hour Shay began to worry. "I hope nothing happened to Tiger," Shay said to Laela. "It is not like him not to come when I call him."

"I hope he didn't get washed down a storm drain," said Laela. "He is a bit too big to get washed down a storm drain," said Shay, "but he could have gotten hurt by a car." Laela said "I will fly around the neighborhood and see if I can find him."

"Good idea," said Shay. "And I will keep calling him."

Laela looked everywhere but there was no sign of Tiger. She saw a tall tree and decided fly to the very top of the tree because from there she would be able to see much better. As she flew from one side of the tree to the other, she heard meowing. "Could that be Tiger," said she to herself. After a bit of searching she found a cat and it was Tiger!

"What are you doing here?" asked Laela. Tiger said "I got chased up the tree by a big dog and now I can't get down. I am afraid I will fall." "Stay right where you are," said Laela. "I will get Shay."

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Shay invited all her friends over for a hide and seek party. While playing the game, everyone at the party got found except Laela. For Laela there were so many good hiding places, no one could possibly find her. Everyone declared Laela the big winner.

It was the first time Laela had been called big, and she was very proud of herself.

The End
What’s On The Mind:
Healthy Environment, Healthy Child

I recently attended a conference that highlights the importance of a safe and healthy environment in order to ensure positive development of children. I would like to share with you some of the things I learned so that you are better prepared to make informed and healthy choices for you and your children.

Environmentally healthy decisions should begin even before birth. Pregnant women should ensure they receive adequate prenatal care. Follow up with your doctor to make sure that you and your baby are developing well. Abstain from cigarettes, alcohol or other substances that are harmful to you and your baby’s development.

Eat plenty of fresh fruits, vegetables and meats and avoid processed foods. Be mindful of harmful toxins and solvents in your home environment such as lead-based paint and pesticides. At birth, breastfeeding is best for the baby. Breastfeeding exclusively for the first four months have been attributed with better immediate and long term outcomes for children. If using formula, make sure that you follow the instructions, do not dilute or water down formula. If concerned about lead in tap water, run cold water for one to two minutes before using.

Bottled water is also an alternative but constant adding fluoride could help promote good dental development.

In order to protect your infants, avoid using pesticides and household cleaners with bleach or ammonia. Review possible sources of lead, including paint, dust build-up, contaminated soils and water pipes. As infants grow, promote healthy development and eating habits by offering fresh fruits and vegetables. Young children should eat five to six portions of fruits and vegetables daily. Ensure a balance diet of fruits, vegetables, meats, and grains. By introducing healthy foods early on, as children grow older and eventually become responsible for their food choices, they will be more likely to make healthier choices having learned by example.

I encourage physical activity.

Children, especially preschool-aged children, need to run and jump, walk or bike. Physical activity helps to mediate overweight and obesity. As children grow older, encourage exercise and organized sports in order to stay active. Limit sedentary activities such as watching television, being on the computer, and playing video games. Review the dangers of cigarettes, alcohol, and other drugs with your adolescents.

While we have limited control over our community environment, we can take control of our personal choices and ensure that we make the healthy decisions for ourselves and our families. The result will be better and overall health outcomes for our families, as well as better outcomes for our children. Environmentally healthy choices have been linked to less learning problems in children as well as less developmental delay, less emotional and behavioral problems, and decreased risk of degenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s, later in life.

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Belize in a recession, How can we help?

A couple days ago, the Prime Minister of Belize, The Honorable Dean Barrow announced in a press conference that the recession affecting the world has now reached home. I applaud the Prime Minister for coming out and giving the people an honest and early appraisal of the situation before it gets out of hand. The case of a recession is something that we would not want to hear about right now, but what can we do? It is here upon us and we must address it by whatever means we can.

You see my people, the case of a recession has nothing to do with our leaders past or present. It has a lot to do with us as a people and as a society. We cannot deny the fact that our very survival is tied to the US economy and dollar. Therefore, whenever America sneezes, Belize automatically catches a cold. Yesa friend this is the harsh reality of what is happening. The money that we used to depend on as a remittance from abroad is no longer coming these “bad things out da states too.” The “In God We Trust” are no longer leaving Uncle Sam. Ever wonder why America is deporting people out of their country right, left and center? While I will agree that there are some people who needed to be sent out, but by God, not all those people committed a major crime that they have to be sent back home. The offence committed by some of them was such that they could have been given a second chance but believe me it became too expensive to keep them so the best thing to do was to send them where they came from.

But as a people and loyal citizens of this lovely country of ours, we are obligated to ensure that it does not go down under. Thank God oil had been discovered in Belize a couple years ago and therefore we could still boast of a light at the end of the tunnel for us. The solution to the problem of the recession is a massive education campaign in order to educate the people about setting their priorities straight since we do not know how long the recession will last. We must start from within our own homes. Look around and identify where cuts can be made. Do you have two cars, why not rest one and utilize the other? Instead of changing shoes, tennis etc. every week, why not decide that we will buy that every quarter. Instead of buying food stuffs and materials from the retail store, why not pool resources together and buy by the bulk or wholesale and then share the materials. Likewise, buy only what is necessary. Likewise my friends, let’s make the conscious effort to “Buy Belize.” When we buy Belize, we keep our dollar at home and strengthen our economy NOT THE ECONOMY OF ANOTHER COUNTRY.

I have elaborated this piece because I know for a fact that there are some of us who have severe task for what is produced outside of Belize while at the same time we try to downplay what is made in Belize. This is a very bad habit which I hope our people will stop. I would also like to address the issue that we need to go to back to the soil. We need to start to till the soil and produce some of what we eat. Schools need to reintroduce agriculture in its curriculum. How many of us take the time out to plant our backyard? Are we allowing these unused backyards to sit idly by? Let’s make a conscious effort to plant them out. One neighbor could plant plantains, the other okras, cabbage etc. We could barter which means you give me some of what you produce and I give you some of what I produce.

Concluding, I want to say that while I am no economist I believe that the plan could work. The ride through the recession is unpredictable therefore I implore you to be prepared and do what should be done to ensure that the effects are not as bad here as America, our Caribbean neighbors. May God bless you all and have an enjoyable 19th.

Remember please do not overspend.
Regalia Estate is a parcel of land to the north of Sittce River Village and South of the Hopkins Village Road off the Southern Highway. In the early 1980s, the then Hon David L. McKoy had the Regalia Estate surveyed and distributed the land into 30 and more acre blocks. At that time the area was well away from the Sittce River Village with no road leading to the Regalia Estate.

Farmers who were given leases in the area were limited to cultivate small areas within their parcel due to road access. It was burdensome to carry out produce. But these farmers, who shared the dream of owning farm land, stuck to their leases. Some of them bought their land and others secured a lease flat at the Government Registry for their dream of owning farm land, stuck to their leases. Those with these leases but not owning the land to pass it on to their children and grandchildren are considered adoptions.

The acquiring of the Regalia Estate was done without notifying those who held legal documents for small parcel of land in the area yet our government continues to collect revenue on it. This is one only account of what people call ownership; some rich citizen is swindle away by rich people, who can develop available land deep into the heart of Belize, with the aid of corrupt land officials. It forces the poor to start all over again in a vicious cycle of the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer. There should be an investigation as to why land that is registered with the government Registry can be issued to another person without notifying the holder. All those who participated in circumventing the law to acquire the land should be made to pay.

Boogie man calls on the Minister of lands to investigate the Regalia Estate and address the issue of those with original official documents should also seek the assistance of a lawyer to aid them in settling the matter.

The Gospel and Adoption
November is Adoption Awareness Month. Anyone who has been in our congregation for any length of time knows that adoption is one of my passions for the church. Why? The primary reason is that physical adoption is a picture of what God the Father has done with us through His Son Jesus Christ. In other words, adoption is a picture of the Gospel. Therefore, the local church, comprised of those adopted into the family of God, is the place where adoption should be a reality. In his book, Adopted for Life, Russell Moore encourages the church to have a vision for adoption. He says, “Adoption can be a priority for everyone within the church in ways that reflect the diversity and unity of a church that is one body with many members” (Adopted for Life, pp. 168-69).

How is that CCC can cultivate a vision for adoption?

- Realize that adoption is fundamentally an evangelistic ministry. When a family adopts, they are committing to years of gospel proclamation, of seeking to see a child come to faith.
- Pray for those who are considering adoption that God would provide financially for the adoptive families.
- Pray that God would send adoption opportunities for families seeking to adopt.
- Give to families in the adoption process.
- Be open to the blessing of adoption for your own family. There are many children that need godly parents.
- Money, time, and resources often become a deterrent for those who are considering adoption. As a church, we can help alleviate these deterrents by our willingness to give and to help those families that have a desire to adopt.
- To be pro-adoption is to be pro-life, pro-family, pro-orphan and pro-gospel. If we are committed to the spread of the Gospel to all nations, then adoption is one way in which we can spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

During tonight’s Bible study I will be focusing on the doctrine of adoption within the context of salvation so I hope you will join us. Also as a reminder, this Saturday at 4:30 p.m. at the Nazarene Campground, we will be having our Reformation Celebration. Come and meet John Calvin and Augustine! For His Glory,
Pastor Rick
Calvary Community Church
www.ccctn.org

Romans 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

When God leads you to the edge of the cliff, trust Him fully and let go, only 1 of 2 things will happen, either He’ll catch you when you fall, or He’ll teach you how to fly! The power of one sentence! God is going to shift things around for you today and let things work in your favor.

One Door Closes... Another Opens (Revelations 3:8)

SHUSH!!!!!
1. The patron is at it again for the 19th. Pickings were good last year? Any football game?
2. Security is at a high alert at the Chinese stores and the PUP boleto goes on.
3. The sweetness is coming apart at the DTC. The talking de come out. Admin bad!
4. Our leader admits to the recession but no plan in sight.
5. Nothing new at the BTL since the hostile take over. Bring down the prices and VoIP!
6. No more Miss Garifuna at the Methodist school- Hard time or no interest?
7. Who de back the new bus line- Bank or old money?
8. Which Ministries feel recession axe? Some say it will as usual be the poorest ministry- the one with the smallest budget. Can you guess?
BUILDING AN AIRPORT IN PLACENCIA SHOULD BE A CONCERN OF DANGRIGA RESIDENTS

By: Wellington C. Ramos

While it may be a good idea to build an airport in the Stann Creek District near the village of Placencia, Dangriga residents should get involved in the debate to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of this airport to Dangriga Town. Currently, and for almost eleven years now, Commerce Bight Pier, commonly known as Jetty Pier, has been dormant without being used and in the process has not been creating or providing jobs for the residents of Dangriga as it had been doing for decades. Commerce Bight pier is known by all Belizeans as the best port and harbor our country possesses for the loading and unloading of cargo because of its natural depth, and because it is a safe harbor for large vessels if they encounter severe storms during the hurricane season.

The Oil and Citrus industries are appealing to this new government to re-open Commerce Bight Pier so that they can ship their cargo through this port at a lesser cost. Big Creek is located about forty miles away from Commerce Bight Pier and near the site where the proposed airport is going to be built. Due to the closeness of this airport to Big Creek, in my opinion, the new airport will take away much of the businesses that could be serviced from Commerce Bight Pier. And while this would provide more jobs and boost the economies of the surrounding villages such as Seine Bight, Mango Creek, Placencia, Cow Pen and others, my concern is that the growth to Placencia and Mango Creek will allow these two villages to surpass the gains in growth by Dangriga Town, which in turn could make Placencia and Mango Creek into cities in the near future while Dangriga remains economically stagnant and depressing as a town.

This is the time for our Representative Honorable Arthur Roches to get involved in this debate and ask some serious questions on how this project will impact on the residents of his constituency. Dangriga residents were told one year ago that this new government intended to re-open the Commerce Bight Pier. While the pier is closed, Dangriga residents remain in waiting, while they look for work to feed their families and their children. The decision to re-open the pier is taking too long and is causing undue suffering for the residents of our town. The past government gave a contract to one of their relatives, Luke Espat, to lease this facility without the consent and approval of the people of Dangriga who are the legitimate heirs to this facility because they have been living there for years. Luke Espat is not from Dangriga and is not doing anything to improve the quality of living in Dangriga Town.

In fact, Luke Espat has contributed more to the people’s suffering by denying them the right to go to the pier and fish and also by keeping the pier closed so that no vessels can dock there to provide Dangriga residents with the loading and unloading jobs they had been doing over the years to survive. To engage in the discussion with this new airport project that the government is approving, is a wise thing for us to do. If it is done under the auspices of Economic Development then all the residents of Stann Creek District should know how their villages and towns stand to gain from the construction of the airport. Having two airports is not a bad idea for a growing country like ours. It could help to increase the amount of trade and commerce in Belize and lower airfare for tourists and Belizeans coming home on their vacations. However, as a native of Dangriga Town, I am looking at the wider implications this project will have to my hometown and its residents.

Dangriga Town is growing so fast that it also has the potential to become one of Belize’s best cities because it provides everything that one needs to see in the whole country of Belize within minutes of each other. With its beautiful beaches so easily accessible you can be at the beach in Dangriga in minutes, leave it and get into the valleys and observe the beautiful tropical rainforest just twelve miles on the Hummingbird Highway. Dangriga is also centrally located on the coast of Belize within easy reach of all the other coastal districts, cays and the neighboring countries of Honduras and Guatemala.

If for some reason you need to go to the capital Belmopan to conduct your business, it is just fifty miles up the road from Dangriga Town. If Dangriga Town is going to become a city in the near future, economic planning must be done now. All the economic activities that used to benefit the town are no longer in existence today. With the decline in farming, fishing and the transfer of huge amount of land previously used by Dangriga families into the possession of others, the younger generation find themselves idle, daily looking for something to do. Dangriga residents who were born and raised in that town have seen it at its best. For us to see this town in the condition it is in today is painful to watch. Let us pledge as Dangriga residents that we intend to do whatever we can to make Dangriga Town the true Culture Economic Capital of Belize.

Student Attacks Classmate in School

(Cont’d from pg. 1) forehead with a wooden T-Square instrument (used for Technical Drawing) causing the said injury. The minor was admitted after under going surgery and is in a stable condition. Police have detained the 14 year old pending charge.

Thought for the Day:

“Don’t have dreams. Set goals and achieve what you would otherwise dream!”
### Week 10

**November**

- **Sun. 1** Carl Ramos Stad.
  - 4:00PM Belize Defence Force vs Wagiya
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  - Deon McCauley 6min.
  - Orlando Jimenez 30min.

- **MCC Grounds**
  - 4:00PM F.C. Belize vs Hankook Verdes
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  - Jeremy James min.
  - Marlion Meza (PK) min.
  - Edon Rowley min.

**Weekend games:**

- **Week 11**
  - **Sat. 7** MCC Grounds
    - 7:00PM Belize Defence Force vs San Pedro Dolphins
  - **Sun. Nov. 1** Carl Ramos Stad.
    - 4:00PM Wagiya vs Hankook Verdes

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### CONTEMPLATION

*Charles C. Lino, Pharm.D*

End of summer is near
Warm winds have vanished
Look at the billowy sky open,
white clouds like broken snow,
almost gone rainbow,
imaginary look of the ocean floor,
Color of hay amassing the dampened path,
Incandescent roses,
Someone’s air of blackness,
Someone’s love songs,
Birth, youth, unavoidable aging,
What your body goes through
When you’re turning “50”
If only this bird could sing?
Surging into orbit with its wings…
If the clouds were blue,
I’d say the same about my life
but neither is true…….

It is life that glows
then fades like a burning candle
the warm night goes cold
and blood trickles like a dying soul
Beyond the calm rivers,
Within the sea of hope,
You rise up!
Rise up again!
Above mountains high,
Victoria’s peak calling……
calling like the beat of my morning drums
Beyond the crescent-shaped moon.

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Belize considers establishing human milk bank

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A memorandum of understanding between both ministries was signed and is the first step in consolidating a full working relationship between the two.

Belize is exploring the possibility of a human milk bank to help newborns who can’t get milk from their own mothers. The idea is to establish a milk bank in Belize, given the fact that Brazil is one of the lead entities in this area,” a statement from the Belize government said.

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‘Shyne’ back in Belize; hoping to be allowed back in US

Shyne is a shining example of how they can be anything they want to be in life, from a janitor to a doctor, a lawyer, a teacher,” he said.

The rapper was jailed in June 2009 for his role in a shoot-out in 1999 at Manhattan’s Club New York which he attended with Sean ‘Diddy’ Combs and his then-girlfriend Jennifer Lopez. He was convicted on two counts of assault, reckless endangerment and gun possession but he has repeatedly professed his innocence.

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**Agriculture Vibes Unity – Power of One**

*Presentation: John Antonio*

**Farming like nation building is a task for Giants. Small men see it and walk away.**

Quote: "Experience – Share it, you can’t separate the young from the old you destroy reality.

"The last laugh is the best laugh.

Those who have been preparing will now be doing well even in this recession. In this kind of atmosphere when foreign exchange is limited and imports are down, local production is going to do well.

The folks that will be doing well are those who have:

1) Forecasted the situation
2) Improved on their method of production
3) Networked with other producers to reduce cost
4) Worked smarter not harder

As I go to pen today November 3, 2009, we are watching a weather development that could affect the South with rain. It means that people who mine the river will be laughing because it means more sand at the sand pits which convert to - more money in their pockets.

Plant a garden, it is not too late. Talk to one another, pool resources; make use of available resources together.

Grow more legumes, so as to boost your plant protein intake

a) string (bush) beans
b) pigeon peas
c) red kidney beans

In my opinion the know-how is not our problem. Information is all over the place: on the internet, in libraries, and from people who have been trained; research has been done and experiments have been proven positive.

What we do with the information will determine our success. The other groups in our society are working together. Inform yourself. Read the Wabagari Post.

Know what your share and where to get your share. Crop to plant in this season are:

1) Sweet potato for the Easter market
2) Cassava for the baking market. There is storage in this area.
3) Legumes

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**MAKE YOUR DAY**

**A Blind Boy asking for Help**

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: “I am blind, please help.” There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words. Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, “Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?”

The man, “I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way. I wrote: “Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it.”

Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind.

The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

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**Oven-Fried Chicken**

Marinating the chicken legs in buttermilk keeps them juicy, and the light coating of flour, sesame seeds and spices, misted with olive oil, forms a flavorful, crunchy crust during baking. It’s even cold so it’s a good option for a picnic.

**Ingredients**

- 1/2 cup buttermilk (see Tip)
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce, 2 1/2-3 pounds chicken legs, skin removed, trimmed and cut into thighs and drumsticks
- 1/2 cup whole-wheat flour
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
- 1 1/2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon dry thyme
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

**Preparation**

1. Whisk buttermilk, mustard, garlic and hot sauce in a shallow glass dish until well blended. Add chicken and turn to coat. Cover and marinate in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes or for up to 8 hours.
2. Preheat oven to 425°F. Line a baking sheet with foil. Set a wire rack on the baking sheet and coat it with cooking spray.
3. Whisk flour, sesame seeds, paprika, thyme, baking powder, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Place the flour mixture in a paper bag or large sealable plastic bag. Shaking off excess marinade, place one or two pieces of chicken at a time in the bag and shake to coat. Shake off excess flour and place the chicken on the prepared rack. (Discard any leftover flour mixture and marinade.)
4. Bake the chicken pieces with cooking spray.

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**From Ground to Table Mother Earth is Able**

Recipe prepared by: Michele Irvin

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**Planting Dates**

**Planting Dates for above the ground:**

November 6, 7, 14, 15, 25, 26

**Planting Dates for below the ground:**

November 6, 7, 14, 15, 17, 18

**Planting Dates for Flowers:**

November 12, 13, 25, 26

**Best Days to Destroy Weeds:**

November 5, 8, 10, 11

**Best Days to wean babies:**

November 17, 18, 22, 23, 27, 28

**Best Fishing Days:**

November 6, 7, 14, 15, 25, 26

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**Last Quarter will be on Nov. 09**
Puzzle 39
Practice Makes Perfect

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- Integrated Business Systems
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- Valley Road Texaco Service Station
- Oscar Ramirez Bookstore
- Styno’s Pharmacy
- SiahNet Cyber Café
- Tania’s Guest House (Hopkins Village)
- Georgetown River Village (Arlette Lee)
- Sittee River Village (Ava Kelly)

HOROSCOPE
November 06, 2009

 Aires (March 21 - April 19)
Look for promising signs of progress in one of your newer relationships today.
You may wake up feeling a little off today but it’s nothing to get too concerned about unless it lasts for a few days. Sometimes your energy gets siphoned off by larger forces but it’s always temporary.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
For a pleasant day, stay flexible and let the world show you something special.
Someone close needs to hear how you’re doing, and you’ve got to be brutally honest with them. It’s not a question of feelings at this point -- everyone needs to be on the same page, like it or not!

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Strike up a conversation. Seek out someone who doesn’t need the approval of others.
You are sure to find yourself in a weird place, emotionally speaking -- unless everyone does pretty much everything you expect of them! The bar is pretty high but things should settle down soon.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)
Authority figures may cause you some stress but you shouldn’t feel intimidated.
You need to express your intuitions today -- someone close needs to hear what’s really going on! It’s a good idea for you to see if you can get your friends to shift their path at least a little.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
You need to keep moving around today: roam among different groups of people.
You just want to keep the peace around the house -- or anywhere else you find yourself, really -- but you may run into obstacles. People are naturally cantankerous today but you might be bale to talk them down.

Virgo (August 23 - Sept 22)
An opportunity for upward mobility arrives on the scene.
Don’t wait to grab it.

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)
Today, reorganize your social circle to leave unhealthy people outside of it.
You need to expect delays today -- things are just crazy! You need to maintain a level head if you want to make any progress at all, because your people are all looking to you for leadership.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Make affordable plans. Money shouldn’t be an issue in your friendships.
Your wildest dreams are starting to bleed over into reality a little bit -- and you love it! Maybe you’re just focusing your daydreaming in a new way but more likely, you’re making serious progress.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
If no one else is going to sing your praises today, you must toot your own horn!
You're asking all the right questions today -- but that doesn't mean you're getting answers that satisfy you. Keep probing and seeking out new sources before giving up, as you can get to the bottom of this.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Having power and having control are two very different things -- let go of control.
You're a little too focused on one person: your mate, your boss or maybe your chief rival. You need to broaden your net, though it may feel awkward at first. It does pay off in the end, though!

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Growth is a good thing but try to take a break from pushing yourself today.
Your emotional state is rather fragile right now but that doesn't mean you need to step back or keep yourself from any activity -- even confrontation -- that feels right or important to you.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)
Wait for everyone else to get on the same page. Take the path of least resistance.
Your good energy is a powerful force today and you may find yourself hopping along to your own private soundtrack -- the star of the movie! It’s a good time to add some rhythm to your routines.