



Greetings dear family and friends. We want to share with you our latest news since our last update of 6 months ago.

In that time we have seen so many changes in the school, the church, in Bluefields and in our lives.

We are blessed with 5 beautiful grandchildren who bring us so much joy.

Now that the worst of the covid pandemic is over, we are happy to welcome teams again from the United States and Canada back into our home. We really appreciate the help and support they have given to our church, the school and the community.

But first of all, not long after we wrote to you, Bluefields suffered Hurricane Julia and even though the magnitude of it wasn't too strong, much damage was done. Trees were uprooted, roofs lifted off and houses were flattened. The school and the church were used as refuge centres to keep the most vulnerable safe. The people of Bluefields take so much in their strides, that they are able to pick themselves up, dust themselves off and start all over again. Many homes have still not been repaired because of lack of finances, but they get on with life as best as they can.



The Green Classroom is a space for education and exchange in the open air for teaching and training outside the classroom, where interaction between theory and practice on topics related to natural sciences is encouraged to incorporate knowledge from direct practical experience with the natural environment. These relationships between learning and the evidence of reality provide students with a more complete education. In addition, it facilitates interaction and social learning for the exchange of both students, teachers and in its function as a Community Center for Climate Change Adaptation in the community.

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We are very honoured to be the chosen school throughout all of Bluefields by Blue Energy to be the pilots of a project called the Green Classroom. The inset best describes its purpose.





The inauguration of the Green House with representatives from Blue Energy.



In January a team from Pennsylvania visited us, doing some amazing construction work. One was for a struggling family of 6 who were overjoyed to have a house built for them. The conditions which they had previously lived in were atrocious and so now they thank God for His gift of a new home and for the generosity of such people. The family attend church and the children are fed at the lunch club five days each week.

Then in March another team arrived from Canada and spent 12 days of intense activity. Every week day they helped at the children's feeding programme, they visited the maternity



home where they washed the women's hair and feet, painted their nails and prayed for those who requested such.

They led a women's conference, a married couples evening, to which both were well attended and enjoyed and also a leadership conference. They also gave out food packages to the most needy in the community. A great blessing to us was their gift of 11 computers for the school and upgrading the internet system.





Washing feet before painting nails.



Washing the pregnant women's hair



The married couples gathering



As always, we enjoyed a visit from Roland Vanderburg from Samaritan Purse. He is such a great encouragement to us and the financial support from the charity is essential to the school.



We are proud of our students who entered the regional chess competition, where three, each in their own category won a medal.



We are privileged to have Gladys, a dear friend of many years come to visit us for the first time in Bluefields. She's enjoying spending time at the adult feeding programme, playing her guitar while the members arrive, singing ' God is so good' in English, Spanish and Misquito.

We love you all and wish you a blessed Easter.

*Ed and Ligia*

*"Why seek ye the living among the dead ? He is not here, but is risen!"*

***Alleluia***