

**Report to the Administrative Leadership Team of the Concord Baptist Association concerning the mission trip of Third Baptist Church to Hattievville, Belize.**

On March 28<sup>th</sup> –April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015, Third Baptist Church sent a group of seven on mission to Hattievville, Belize. This trip was an exclusive opportunity for the High School Seniors within the Student ministry. Through gracious provision by fund raising and a scholarship from the Concord Baptist Association, God opened the door for these teens to go on an international mission trip that would expand their worldview and love for the Gospel.

While in Belize we worked with Pastor Mark who is the bi-vocational leader of Hattievville Baptist Church. Hattievville is a poor community 45 minutes inland from Belize City, the hub for tourism in the country. Our team slept in the church building on air mattresses and several congregation members provided meals each day.

Our ministry while there revolved around the children within this community and assisting the church in outreach. We hosted a three day VBS for the community. We averaged 100 kids in attendance the three days and made a clear Gospel presentation each day. Later in the week we purchased materials to build bunk beds. We built five bunk beds for families who needed more sleeping options in their one-room cinderblock style homes. The delivery of these beds was a powerful moment that we will never forget. The families were extremely grateful for this gift and in each home we were able to pray for God's continued provision for them in their meager circumstances. The impact on the community was noticeable as people were calling the church to see if they could receive a bunk bed also.

We were able to visit and take gifts to a local orphanage. We brought nail polish, bubbles, soccer balls, jump ropes, among other things to interact with the children at the facility. We put each of these items into use as we got to know the kids and showed them the individual attention that they craved. We shared the love of Jesus with these orphans in a tangible way.

While in Belize the 3BC team was able to see a different way of life and yet recognize the same God who loves us all. We were able to see past the extreme poverty and see the people that God loves. The Gospel was shared and love was given freely while we were in Belize. We know that God will continue to work in our lives from this experience just as He will continue to work in the people of Belize through solid churches like Hattievville Baptist Church.

Blessings,

Adam Lickey  
Associate Pastor to Students  
Third Baptist Church