

Update of CLB Belize Mission '09

Our CLB family remains very upbeat regarding our upcoming mission to Belize and we wanted to give an update on our various activities, fundraising and team building that has been going on.

Our Mission Team consists of 48 members, youth and Officers of the CLB. This Mission team consists of members from 19 of the parishes in our Diocese, representing 14 of our CLB Companies. We have had opportunity to speak in almost all parishes throughout our Diocese, and the prayerful and financial support we are receiving is very humbling. As the Diocesan Youth Group, we believe we are having a positive impact on all youth ministries within our Diocese.

Bishop Cy has been an incredible supporter of this mission, and for this we are very grateful. He has organized 4 Deanery services in the four deaneries on the Island portion of our Diocese:

1. February 1st in Port de Grave at 3:00 pm for Conception Bay Deanery
2. February 22nd in All Saint's, CBS at 3 pm for Avalon West Deanery.
3. March 15th in St. Lawrence, Portugal Cove for Avalon East Deanery
4. May 3rd at Good Shepherd Church, Norman's Cove, at 3 pm for Trinity Deanery

Part of the Bishop's support has been seen in his encouragement to help start CLB's in other parishes – and this is a challenge and ministry that we are taking very seriously – for as the Diocesan Youth Group, we believe we have a mandate to help bring the Gospel, not only to foreign shores, but to help make our Gospel message real and vibrant for our youth here in Newfoundland and Labrador. We are happy to report that we have received at least 3 serious queries from parishes wanting to start or re-start their own CLB Companies – and we will do our utmost to make this a reality.

In the same light, Bishop Wright, the Bishop of Belize, when he was visiting our Diocese, was so impressed with the Christ centeredness of our CLB, that he has asked us to help establish some CLB's throughout his Diocese, and part of our mission will be to do just this.

Our mission to Belize will be three fold:

1. Build a Medical Centre attached to Holy Cross School, San Pedro, Belize
2. Run a Vacation Bible School in Holy Cross Anglican School for the children and youth of San Pedro Island.
3. Speak to the Diocesan organizations and youth as selected by Bishop Wright, about the CLB, of how to set them up in their schools and churches, describing the benefits the CLB offers to the youth and the church.

As a major part of our fundraising, our CLB members have built 5,000 Bird Feeder, and we are delighted to say that over 3,000 of these have been sold. These bird feeders have been sold for a minimum donation of \$10.00, with many contributing well above the minimum in support of this mission. Watching our members being moulded into a team as they worked, in assembly line like fashion in the construction of these feeders, and then hearing how inventive many of them have been in their sale of these, is truly awe-inspiring.

We are happy to report that we have raised approximately \$70,000.00 through these sales and the other events a variety of parishes have undertaken. This represents approximately half of the costs of this mission, and we are on target with our budget projections.

In February, we are thrilled to host the Missionary in charge of Holy Cross as our guest for a week. Listed below is her tentative agenda – and we would encourage any and all to come and hear her speak – as she is one of the most passionate people you will ever hear of putting faith into action – incidentally, she is a volunteer missionary and has devoted the last 10 years of her life in helping to improve the lives of some of the poorest of the poor in our world.

Her schedule while here is as follows:

Tues, Feb 17 th :	6 pm	Guest of St. Augustine's – speaking at a parish supper
	8 pm	Meets with Officers of the Mission Team
Wed, Feb 18 th :	12 pm	Speaks at St. Augustine's to members of the Staff & Faculty of Memorial University (8 of our members are involved with MUN)
	6 pm	Speaks at Upper Island Cove for a Parish Supper
Thurs, Feb 19 th :	6 pm	Speaks at supper at All Saints, CBS
Sat, Feb 21 st	9 am	Meets with our entire team at the Armoury
	5 pm	Guest preacher at St. Mark's, St. John's
Sun, Feb 22 nd	10:30am	Guest preacher at Holy Innocents, Paradise
	3 pm	Guest preacher at All Saints, CBS

We are very grateful for your support and do ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers. Please pray for God to be glorified through this mission, for our youth to feel God's presence and purpose working through them and through their efforts. Pray for the mission of Diocese, and pray that lives will be positively affected through all that we attempt to do in His Name.

*Rev'd David Pilling
Mission and CLB Chaplain*

*Colonel Keith Arns
Governor & Commandant of the CLB*