Building Relationships While Spreading the Gospel in Belize

Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus  
Seine Bight, Belize — $100,000

Hymn: “Lord Jesus Christ, the Children’s Friend” (LSB #866) verse 1.

Leader: Seine Bight is a coastal village in southern Belize that struggles with poverty and a multitude of religious influences. Christ Lutheran Church, the first LCMS church in the country, was founded in 2019 by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and Belize Mission Society (BMS), a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS.

ALL: Lord, we praise Your name for the founding of Christ Lutheran Church.

Leader: Some of the elementary students in the village school are learning of Jesus’ love by having their hunger filled through a program called “Food for Thought.” Currently, the program is only able to serve food to 20 percent of the school’s students. The building of a Mercy House in Seine Bight will allow a larger space for feeding children.

ALL: Lord, we pray that You will provide food for the hungry through the Mercy House in Belize.

Leader: The Belize Mission Society (BMS) began in 2003 with a short-term mission team of seven, who travelled to Seine Bight to provide Vacation Bible School. Over the years, the BMS has expanded with construction projects, dental and medical clinics, adult and youth Bible studies, and more.

ALL: Lord, thank You for those who are willing and able to travel to other countries to spread the Good News of our Savior, Jesus.

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Leader: A new Mercy House, Belize Lutheran Campus, will be built next to Christ Lutheran Church and the village school. It will be run by BMS in cooperation with Christ Lutheran Church to support short-term mission activities, expand opportunities to provide mercy works, teach the Scriptures, and proclaim the Gospel. As the Belize Lutheran Campus will be physically linked with the church, it will be a connection to the church and the care teams currently serving the people.

ALL: Lord, please bless the use of the LWML Mission Grant that will provide funding for the Belize Lutheran Campus. Also bless short-term and in-country missionaries, helping them to form relationships with the people in Seine Bight so that Your love and salvation will be received, and the Church will grow throughout the world.

Leader: Romans 10:14–15a says, How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? Mission grants are used to help missionaries at home and abroad to Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples (Psalm 96:3)!

ALL: Heavenly Father, we ask that You give strength to those who will be involved in building the Belize Lutheran Campus in Seine Bight. Please help Your workers at Christ Lutheran Church and the Belize Mission Society to continue to proclaim Your Word, to help those in need, and to establish relationships so that Your Church may grow. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: “How Shall They Hear,” Who Have Not Heard” (LSB #831) verses 1, 2, and 5