



Neighborhood Christmas Party for the Children of Skeleton Town

We had a great time celebrating the birth of our Savior with the children of "Skeleton Town." Just 2 blocks down the street from where I now live is one of the poorest sections for Corozal. The families in this area are often single moms with many children. Tuesday morning, Dec. 22 we walked around Skeleton Town delivering Christmas Gift Bags to the children between 3 years and 10 years of age; wishing them Merry Christmas; inviting them to the Christmas Party in Miss Carla's back yard; and inviting them to Christmas Eve and Sunday Services at two neighboring churches. The following day we had 35 children and five mothers come to the party. Children enjoyed tracing their feet and hands to create a reindeer. Then Miss Carla told them the Christmas Story for Luke 2. The children did a great job of acting out the story. We planned to show the movie "The Original Charlie Brown Christmas" on the back wall of Carla's house, but just as we were settling in to start the movie the bottom fell out of the sky and it poured rain instantly. Everyone ran for the porch. It was amazing to see all those kids squeezed into the porch asking when they were going to get popcorn. We ended up rescheduling the movie for the following week. However, since Christmas was passed we showed "Cars" which was enjoyed by 25 children who returned for the movie and "more popcorn." Both nights yielded lots of fun, hugs, and full tummies. Please pray for these families. Most of the moms are single or without the fathers presence. Some of them expressed a desire to study the Bible. Please pray that if God would open the door to teach these women His Word.



Christmas Eve at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, San Narciso, Belize

Christmas Eve Service began at 6:00 and for two hours we were reminded of God's Gift to us through special music from all ages, dramatizations and a message by Pastor Alvaro Patt. The service ended with singing Silent Night (in Spanish, me singing in English because we did not have words) and candlelight. Some things are the same no matter where you live. It was a wonderful time of worshipping our Heavenly Father. Afterwards, we dined together on Rieno, a special soup with chicken and a pork and egg stuffing. It is really good. Following the dinner the children did a piñata. Below you can see pictures. The children got lots of candy and had lots of fun.



Women's Choir



Children's Choir



Dining Together



Piñata

Health Update and Prayer Requests

I want to thank all of you for your prayers for my back. I am so thankful to all who helped with transportation and lodging while in the US. What a blessing to have friends and family who care so much. Since my return to Belize on December 20, 2008, much has taken place. I've moved into my new home and am almost settled in. Still some piles to go through (I know, those closest to me are saying "what's new.") but for the most part I'm settled in. Sleep is

