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Dear Family and Friends,

I hope this finds you doing well! God has been at work in Belize! The goal with all MTW missionaries is to "work themselves out of a job" by equipping and training national workers. Well by the grace of God, that is what is happening in Belize! For this reason, I am returning to the United States on June 5th. I apologize for not getting this prayer letter out before you received the letter from MTW that you could stop sending in your support.

It is with mixed emotions that I return home. I am sad to be leaving Belize so soon. Many of you knew I had hoped to add a third year, but God has shown me that it is wise for me to be where I can get more consistent care for my back and the schools are ready to take on more responsibilities for their own growth. Therefore, I will not be adding the third year.

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, financial support, and the many encouraging emails and letters you have sent me during my two years of training and service with MTW and the churches and teachers of Belize. I will greatly miss those I've come to know and love here in Belize, but I am so excited to be returning to my friends and family.



Since my last letter to you I have finished with the teacher observation and mentoring and am now working with the teachers who went to the US to visit Seven Rivers Christian School, Lakeland Christian School, and Geneva Classical Christian School. They gained so many ideas and broadened their knowledge of what it means to have a Biblical Worldview. Actually seeing Biblical truths integrated into all subject areas had a great impact on them. Being able to see how learning centers work and how the needs of children of all ability levels are met through differentiated instruction ignited a desire to do this in their own classrooms. Seeing in action what we have been teaching in our workshops finally came to life within them. Thank you to the

administrators, staff, and teachers who opened their hearts and classrooms to our Belizean teachers. Thank you to Seven Rivers Christian School and Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church for making this trip possible.

In addition to working with these teachers to implement what they are learning into their classrooms and teach the fellow teachers in their schools what they learned, I am preparing for a workshop on Learning Disabilities, sorting and pricing items for a Teacher Cheap Sale and packing for my return home. I am so thankful that a dear friend, Chelsea Ebert, was able to come and help me with all these activities and to help in the library at Cornerstone Presbyterian High School, processing and filing hundreds of books. She has been a great help, keeping me focused to complete one job at a time. God provided a way for me to send home most of what I was going to have to ship with the RUF team from UF (Thank you Drew Donovan!). Even though that was not in the plan I'm so thankful Chelsea was here and able to help me sort and pack what needed to get back to the United States.

For those of you who have not received a letter from MTW, as of May you do not need to continue sending in your payments. Money that was sent in which exceed my remaining expenses will be held for any future return trips to Belize for special seminars and to continue my relationships with the Belizean Christian teachers. Thank you for

