



Lend a Hand . . . Save a Life

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Hand in Hand Ministries is an international service organization that transforms lives by sharing life's essentials with the poor. Belizean Programs include Building for Change, The Outreach Center and Scholarship Opportunities.

Hand in Hand Ministries month of great achievements and activities!



Top Row: Tyrone Chimilio (Bachelors),
Jacinto Roches (Associate Degree)
Bottom Row: Jamila Melendrez (Bachelors),
Cindy Quevado (High School Diploma)

HHM's Scholarship program is one designed to assist students that are in need of financial assistance to be able to complete their studies at High School or Tertiary/University level. Through this program, students learn self discipline, responsibility and social integration in their communities. They are encouraged to give back by volunteering some of their time to assist others with similar necessities. The program is also focused in the areas of need in Belize, namely, Social Work or Nursing!!!!

One student in particular, Jacinto Roches, is an example to others, of appreciation, dedication & determination to succeed. As he says in his own words: *"Its been a blessing having the opportunity to become a member of the Hand in Hand Family. My 7 years has been great, learnt a lot, gain a lot but also gave back a lot. I am looking forward to be one of those people to set a great example to our younger generations, and also do my best to give back to the ministry as best as I could."*

Congratulations to all of the graduates of Hand in Hand Ministries scholarship program!



Outreach Center Graduation 2012! See story on back.



"In every adversity there is the seed of an equivalent or greater benefit."

Napoleon Hill

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"

Nelson Mandela

Hand in Hand Ministries Outreach Center Graduation 2012

In spite of all the financial challenges that our Outreach center faces, we can proudly boast that we were able to assist another group of children with their education at Pre School level!!!

Today's early childhood offering focus on the learning process along with other important functions. Along with the time spent in facilities like ours, children enjoy learning curriculums, play, and socialization. Each of these, works together to equip these young children with skill they will need when they transition to Primary School level. Some children will certainly progress more effectively than other children, in spite of their own challenges at home, where some of them are not cared for in the proper way, due to the fact that

parents/guardians not being able to provide for them with their basic needs. This is where Hand In Hand Ministries come in and assist them in a holistic manner by providing them with basic meals, medical attention, clothing and education through our Pre School.

Being introduced to the learning process is an important step for these children. They soon embark on a whole new world of learning. These children are not only experiencing normal brain growth, but verbal and physical skills as well. Early childhood education teachers use a variety of techniques for instructing. They use lesson plans, worksheets, and even teacher resources for these young students.



Top Row: Florene Sankey, Sherlette Gamboa, Kay Pook (Winner)
Bottom Row: Karla West, Anna Nicholson

Miss Plus Belize a Success!

On the 16th of June, 2012, Hand In Hand Ministries, held a first of its kind pageant, "Ms Plus Belize 2012" in an effort to raise funds that will go towards the efforts of our Outreach Center, which is a daycare treatment center for children marginalized by poverty and disease.

The event was done in collaboration with NICH & Occasions Boutique, who sponsored the dresses for the ladies. Five wonderful and beautiful ladies volunteered themselves to help us in our endeavor and competed in four categories, namely, Introductory & Greeting, Talent, Formal & Evening Wear and finally, Question & Answer.

They worked hard and practiced for two months, along with the direct assistance from Ms. Nadia Armstrong, HHM Outreach Center Director, and Ms.

Lauren Burgess, HHM Local Committee member. The event was one of Class, Elegance and Eloquence!!

Our Mistress of Ceremonies, Ms. Lauren Burgess, who is also a social icon in Belize, made sure she captured the audience attention all night and they all enjoyed the show. Our Judges, Rev. Anthony, Mrs. Soutar and Ms. Sajja were exceptional. Our entertainers consisted of ballet dancing by the Craig Sisters, fashion show displaying clothing from LUV & Occasions Boutiques, modern day dancing by The New Generation Dance Company and last, but not least, was the performance by Dr. Jose Espat, who serenaded the beautiful ladies.

The show was a successful one and the audience is requesting that we make it an Annual Event of Hand In Hand Ministries. Thanks to all our other Sponsors who donated prizes for this event that made it possible and successful!

