



# THE Alvarez FAMILY

June 2025

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

***It has been an exciting couple of months.***

In May, we enjoyed celebrating our oldest daughter Alyssa's "Sweet 16" birthday. This girl came to Belize with us when she was only three months old. She has grown up seeing all of the changes and blessings of ministry here in Belize. We are so proud of Alyssa and her desire to be a help at church, teaching Sunday school and working in various other ministries. It would be a blessing if you prayed for her and her future. In May, we also had many visitors, as we celebrated Mother's Day, and many of them received Christ as their Saviour.

The first Saturday of June, we held several village outreach programs. We held raffles and gave the Gospel message. Many souls trusted Christ. The next day, Sunday, several visitors came to our services, and 4 trusted Christ. Our church attendance has been growing. Soon we would like to add another bus route in a new village. These past months, we have seen more than 45 people saved, and we have also had baptisms.

Tonya and I just celebrated our 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. As we reflect on past years, we feel grateful to have stayed together through the good and the hard. Recently, we received some good, yet completely unexpected news. Tonya is expecting a baby boy sometime this November. We were quite shocked at first but are thankful that everything seems to be going well with the pregnancy so far. Please pray for our new little guy, who is already so loved and desired.

Please pray for our upcoming events. In July, we have a group coming from Valley Baptist Church in Mesa, Arizona. Right after that, we have our annual *Fires of Evangelism* Conference. The following week is our Teen Summer Camp and Vacation Bible School—a lot of activities to plan and budget for. Our main goal is to lift up Jesus and reach our community for Christ. Please pray that our focus would stay on the Lord. Pray that in the midst of so much work, we would remember to be like Mary and sit at Jesus' feet.

If you would like to sponsor a student to go to high school, there is still time to do so. As we have mentioned before, high school is not free, and parents must pay \$400 – \$500 a year per student. The government has plans to fix this, but for now, most schools require tuition fees. Any donation towards a student would be greatly appreciated. You can send the check to FBMI; put "School" in the memo section, or email me at [israel.alvarez@fbmi.org](mailto:israel.alvarez@fbmi.org). We encourage the teens to go to school so that they can have a better education.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

In Christ,

Israel & Tonya Alvarez