



THE Alvarez FAMILY

March 2026

Dear Church Family,

This new year has just been going by so fast. We are already in March, and we hardly know where January went. Belize has had unusually cool weather the past few months. We have enjoyed the delay before the hot and sweaty days return.

In January, we held a Stewardship Conference for our church members. There were classes given by a Christian businessman, Mr. Brian Lehman, and Pastor Ryan Marsh from Faith Baptist Church in Berne, Indiana. Our desire for our church family is that they would understand how to manage their personal finances and glorify God with their money. Please pray that the Biblical truths taught would stay in the minds of the people. We also had a big day in our new church plant while they were here, with 106 in attendance and a lot of people saved.

The church plant in San Estevan has been doing well. Each Sunday morning, we have about 25-30 come to the services. We also have a Bible study in this village on Friday nights. A few of my helpers and I go early each service to set up and visit the people. It is a special joy to me to have my three daughters help teach the children and work in the nursery there as well. Please pray for this new church to grow. Pray that the people would come to know Christ.

It has been an incredible blessing to have Keith and Theresa Baker here working with us! They have started a King's Kids Bible Club for the children on Sunday nights. On Thursday evening, they teach another children's class. For our Sunday school hour, they teach a married couples' class. This couple has just gone over and beyond to teach the children God's Word. The church children feel so loved. We rejoice to have fellow laborers.

Thank you to those who have faithfully given to sponsor teens for high school. There are more opportunities to give if you would like to be a part. One of the sponsored teens, Ava Chuck, will be graduating this year. We have been helping her for four years. She comes from a low-income family with no dad in the house. Her mother works to provide for Ava and her two sisters who live with her. We have told Ava that we would like for her to further her education, so we would like to help her for junior college. Her sister, Britney Chuck, is also a sponsored high school student. She will finish her second year this June. Both of these sweet girls are very faithful to church and are helpers in the King's Kids children's classes.

Please be in prayer for the month of March. We have two teams coming. One is TAN (*Teaching all Nations*). This team will be presenting their Bible institute curriculum. The other team is a construction team from Fayetteville Baptist Church, Bedford, Indiana. This team has graciously donated funds for new bathrooms and a playground for the church. The Lord has been so kind to us! May He receive all the glory.

While both teams are here, we will be conducting a few outreach services in villages, as well as in our own church services. Please pray for these events. Pray that we would have wisdom and guidance from the Lord in all areas.

In Christ,

Israel and Tonya Alvarez