

# Rodney M. Gordon Christian Development Center

**Baptist Association of Belize**

## Development Center Property

January 2010

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

We want to begin this letter by thanking you all for your support to the ministries in Belize during 2009. God worked in amazing ways to make it possible for us to open the Rodney M. Gordon Christian Development Center in May 2009. Since May, we have hosted 6 US mission teams here, and 3 local groups. We hosted two weeks of Baptist Youth camps here and we hosted a Regional Baptist Association meeting and a National Baptist Association meeting as well as a Baptist Bible School graduation here.

2010 is going to be a very busy year here at the Development Center. We currently have 12 mission teams scheduled to lodge here between January and August. We will also have our usual two weeks of Youth camp here in July. We have had to turn away some groups already because of conflicts with dates. We currently can only host one group at a time. God has blessed this facility and He is already using it to provide ministry to the people of Southern Belize. We know that this is only the beginning. Only about 4 acres of the 37 acres

have been developed so there is still room for much growth.

It is only because all of you have been obedient to God's call, that the ministry of this Development Center has been made possible.



# Baptist Association of Belize needs \$6000.00 US.

As many of you already have heard, the Baptist Association recently has had some disputes regarding the Title to the Development Center property. After much prayer and meetings with the National Baptist Association Executives, we have a legally binding agreement with the family who holds the lease of the property. We now need to raise the funds to pay the balance of \$6000 US on the property. Once the balance is paid in full, the Title will be transferred into the name of the Baptist Association of Belize. The

\$6000.00 pays for 53 acres of land. The Association will then retain 37 acres for the Development Center and the remaining 16 acres will go to the original holders of the lease.

We estimate that there has already been close to \$150,000.00 of development done on the property. The funds for this development were provided by all of you... through your churches, your ministries and your personal donations. We feel that we need to help the Association secure the Title to this property before we go

any further with development, **so this year, instead of raising funds for building projects, we are asking for donations toward the \$6000.00 balance on the property.**

Once the Title is secured, we will begin raising funds for further development and planning building projects. We feel that once we have raised the \$6000, that it should only take a few weeks to have the title in hand.

## Your Donation

If you or your church or organization would like to donate toward this project, you can send the money to:

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**Riverside Baptist Church**

**1919 Hwy 52**

**Helena, AL 35080**

**Note on check for:**

**Rodney Gordon CDC**

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If you have any questions regarding this project or the handling of funds you can contact our **Pastor, J.J. Stanbridge at 205-426-1910.**

You can contact us directly at: **011-501-626-7030 or 011-501-663-2916.**

If you would like to contact us without the long distance phone charge, you can find us on **Skype under "johndarlene1010"** or on **Yahoo Messenger under "johndarlene1010"**. We have a webcam and can be available for a video chat if needed. Both Skype and Yahoo supports video chat.