A close-up photograph of two young boys of similar ethnicity. The boy on the left is smiling broadly, showing his teeth, and has his arm around the shoulder of the boy on the right. The boy on the right is also smiling widely, with his mouth open in a joyful expression. They are both wearing simple, light-colored shirts. The background is a soft, out-of-focus outdoor setting with greenery and a pale sky.

THE BELIZE PROJECT

Missions Program

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Our mission

Our mission is to empower individuals in Belize through Christ-focused initiatives in rehabilitation, economic development, and education.

We want to see Belizeans fulfill their God-given potential! You can be a part of what God is doing in Belize through our Missions and Volunteer Program and help us bring meaningful impact to Belizeans through Christ.





Our model

We match the demand for cultural immersion and field experience with the needs of impoverished communities in Belize.

Our two target demographics are:



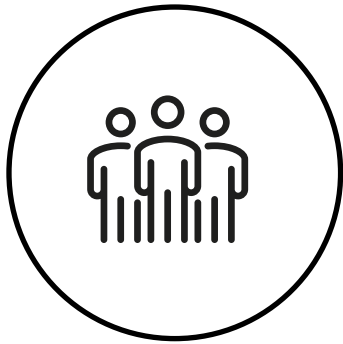
The participant



The community members engaged in project work

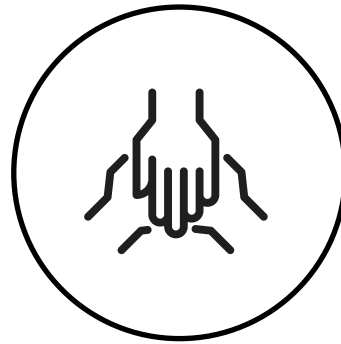
This model has enabled us to self-fund significant engagement and investment in communities most in need. Our financial freedom allows us to combine activities that might not align with traditional funding guidelines and to design tailored program experiences for diverse participant groups.

Program types



Internship/Individual Placements

Personalized and guided projects based on the needs of the community and skills of each volunteer



Group Programs

Groups from institutions, businesses, and other affiliations work together on one to three shared projects.



Semester Programs

This program enhances student learning by combining academic courses, field studies, and practical development projects

Site Locations

The Belize Project operates in Belize and the USA, carefully selecting sites and partners to meet specific criteria.

Our local partners

We meticulously choose our local partners following rigorous standards. We are committed to partnering with organizations that are known for their ethical and efficient utilization of resources.

Our project model

How we choose projects can be broken down into six steps.

- 1 Community assessment
- 2 Stakeholder Dialogue
- 3 The Belize Project Participants
- 4 Project Contributions
- 5 Collaborative Project
- 6 Project Review





Assessing need and evaluating success

The Belize Project relies on local experts. These individuals have a deep understanding of the development challenges, as well as the social and political factors, like corruption, that might impede the success of social initiatives.

Project selection

A Project Assessment form evaluates projects based on three main aspects: the quality of the volunteer experience, the project's necessity, and its alignment with The Belize Project's objectives.

Once a project is assessed, approved, and ready to be implemented, it must adhere to several critical conditions, listed on the right.



Project conditions

- **Mandatory community leadership** involvement in any project.
- **A requirement for community** or counterpart contributions towards the project's efforts.
- **Design features** that promote independence and sustainability, where applicable.
- **Public disclosure** of the limits of The Belize Project's contributions to each project.
- **Public acknowledgment** of the community's promised contributions.
- **Meaningful and safe participation** for all project participants.

Physical presence

The Belize Project's field offices are operated by a mix of local and international employees. Our staff play an integral role in the program by fostering cultural immersion, offering support, forming lasting friendships, and serving as mentors throughout the participants' experiences.

Program Components



Language classes

Language courses are available as an option in all our programs and are conducted locally alongside other students, with an emphasis on developing conversational fluency.



Cultural and adventure activities

The program's activities encompass traditional elements like hiking and exploring archaeological sites, as well as attending local cultural festivals and events.



Accommodations and health & safety

Accommodations include Homestays and Group Living. Safeguarding our volunteers is paramount. We recognize that it's unrealistic to eliminate all risks, but we are committed to minimizing them through carefully planned programs and stringent safety protocols.

Safety rules of conduct

The Belize project implements a tailored health and safety code of conduct for each site, taking into account the local laws and unique risks of each location.

To address and meet the specific health and safety needs of each volunteer, we draw on a variety of resources, including:

- On-site Program Directors, local staff, and partner institutions
- Local healthcare providers and facilities
- Individual health profiles and needs of the volunteers
- Advisories from the Belizean government
- Guidance from the Centers for Disease Control



Medical attention

Should a participant need medical care, our staff will promptly escort them to the closest clinic, which is conveniently located within a fifteen-minute drive from any of our sites. We maintain thorough incident reports for any such occurrences, monitoring and documenting them throughout the program.



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Post-Program Debriefing

The post-program phase involves a comprehensive interview and evaluation of the program.

By joining our program with The Belize Project, you can expect to:

Learn how to communicate effectively in another language.



Challenge your assumptions about prosperity, resource distribution, and service.

Grow personally and spiritually in your relationship with Christ.

Understand the complexities and challenges of small scale development work.

Work collaboratively with a diverse and intergenerational team.



Face some of the most difficult and rewarding situations in your life so far.





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