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Nativity set for sale in Guatemala during June. Photo copyright Fr. Shaw Mudge, 2015.

A Typical Day in the Life of a Missionary.

A question is whether missionaries actually have typical days.

But, let us imagine that today I am in San Ignacio, Belize (C.A.), in June. I would rise about 3:30 am, shower, do some Internet work in the cool of the day for a few hours while the Internet works, perhaps a bit before sunrise, and work on a sermon. In rainy season (read: "hurricane season"), this time of day might be accompanied by a quiet drizzle or a floor-board-vibrating thunderstorm.

Let's assume a dry day. I take a break and walk to the KO-OX HANNAH restaurant in San Ignacio, about 6:15 am, for breakfast, where Christian praise music is playing in Spanish while I eat breakfast of scrambled eggs mixed with chaya, stewed-bean sauce, and salsa. Then, I am off for the day, working on the online education program that I have put together, meeting with people related to the ordination process. Attend to meetings. Have lunch at a parishioner's family style

restaurant, suddenly surrounded (while I eat) by five elementary school children who compete to show me their missing front teeth. (They like me.)

After lunch (and since I only eat two full meals a day), I venture to the open market and buy 10 bananas (5 cents each) for snacks. It is now about 80 degree heat and 90% humidity. Then on to the afternoon and evening activities as had, perhaps choir practice and Bible study. At some point, I notice that the ants that like to invade the kitchen have been thwarted on this occasion by my creating an island of fruit in a pan surrounded by water (a pan in a moat of water, within another pan). And that is all I have space for, today.

Your financial partnership with us and your prayer partnership with us are making a difference, filling real needs, and are appreciated in support of these missionary adventures.

God bless you all, and thank you for your support,

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