

Mudge Making a Difference Newsletter. June 2016.



Bishop Philip teaching students from Georgeville at the Cathedral of St. John The Baptist, Belize City, Belize, 2016; we all transform the future of the country, one moment at a time.

Transforming Countries for Christ

I have begun realizing lately, that what we do in our making a difference ministry is bigger than a handful of students in a distance learning program, in part because is it not the number of students, it is more about who they are.

And the ministry is more than helping a handful of people through their ordination processes, whether applying or moving from the transitional diaconate to the presbyterate, again because it is not the number of students, it is about who they are.

And the ministry is more than the several thousand lives we may touch in a year in just Belize, let alone the hundreds of others who browse and delve into our Web sites each year, for it is not about the number of students, it is about who they are.

What we are doing is bigger than the ministries on paper. It is bigger than the Anglican Church in Belize. What we are doing is transforming the country of Belize, for example, because of the ministry of the handful of students and people in the ordination process.

This was brought home to me poignantly recently when a chaplain to the military in one country told me that my preaching course was transformative in his ability to reach people in his congregation on base. He had taken a preaching course in a provincial Anglican seminary, but he found the results of our course to be more effective because it connected him with his congregation in a way that his provincial seminary course did not. The result: the military in that country were being impacted effectively with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And as I look back across the people with whom I have interacted personally, I see that I have met and talked with some rather influential people in the country of Belize, for example, as well as the down and out. It is only now that I begin to understand that what started as modest goal a few years ago, has turned into a ministry that helps transform a country at several levels. And our effort is one part of God's effort to do that.

It's humbling to step back and see the bigger picture. And thank you for your part in helping to make it happen.

God bless you all,

Fr. Shaw, and on behalf of Mtr. Julie.
SAMS missionaries with the Diocese of Belize.

Support.

Please pray, and continue to make checks out to: "SAMS". Put "**Shaw and Julie Mudge**" in the memo, to support what we are doing.

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