



# AWAKE

# UPDATE

## PROUD OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

## WE ARE IN A CRUNCH.

Of both time and money.

Unity School in the Burial Grounds needs to grow. Completion of the planned \$105,000 expansion is expected by September. It will add three desperately needed classrooms.

**We have the students** – registration has begun.  
**We have the teachers** – salaries paid by government.  
**And we have some of the labor** – two teams of able-bodied and motivated workers arrive in just a few days. More are on the way. More are needed.

**Of course, what we don't have is enough money.**

Thanks to the generosity of several people and our partner church La Jolla (CA) Presbyterian, we now have the funds to acquire the huge T-slabs, rebar and concrete that will form the foundation for the floor of the new classrooms. But an additional \$64,000 + is needed to complete the project by the end of summer.

Teams from Westminster Presbyterian, Lubbock, TX, 1st Presbyterian, Arlington, TX, and 1st Presbyterian, Boulder, CO, have helped construction to get well underway.

### LEAP OF FAITH



Unity Pastor Ernest Betson says that he and his wife, the school's principal, felt compelled to open registration early because so many parents came to them begging to get their children into school.

Ernest estimates that registration for the three additional classes, and the rest of the school, will be full in a

matter of weeks.

Even with the expansion, we sadly expect to again turn away many children because we simply don't have the room.

### PRECIOUS CINDERBLOCKS

Burial Grounds parents aren't sitting around waiting to be given a school for their children. They're taking action.

Kenny Logan, TAW's multi-talented construction manager, has a vested interest in Unity School beyond his professional duties. His daughter attends Unity and in a few years, his son will follow.

### THE KENNY LOGAN INITIATIVE

Kenny had an idea: **parents, like him, should invest in their children's future, too.**

He challenged his fellow parents to raise \$100BZ per household to purchase half of the cinderblock needed for the expansion. This way, parents would be meeting TAW partners *halfway* for the continued construction of the school – it would be both a symbolic and a financial gesture.



Kenny Logan, Construction Mgr.

Even the ever-optimistic Kenny didn't expect what happened next.

The parents' response was overwhelming. Quickly, they started raising the money. People, who live in haphazardly constructed huts made of whatever discarded material available: plywood, tarps, old signs and doors – anything that would form four walls and a roof – scrambled to come up with their share. And because of the response, the parents have doubled their commitment and will purchase *all* of the cinderblock needed.

The goal now is \$200 per household. To put this in perspective, that amount is about two-thirds of an average Belizean's monthly wage. Most in this community make much less.

## CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

# \$64,300

TOTAL NEEDED TO COMPLETE PROJECT

## WE HAVE DIFFERENT GIFTS, ACCORDING TO THE GRACE GIVEN US ...IF IT IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS, LET HIM GIVE GENEROUSLY.

ROMANS 12:6,8

IMMEDIATELY NEEDED

# UNITY SCHOOL PHASE 2

BUILDING FUTURES



Unity School Parent  
The First to Raise Her \$200BZ Share

## PROJECT NEEDS

- **\$105,000 Project Estimate**
- **Construction Teams**
- **Desks & Other Classroom Furnishings**
- **Long-Term Volunteer Teachers  
6 mos. – 2 Yrs.**
- **Unity School Scholarships**
- **Fencing Materials**
- **Security Lighting**
- **\$8,000 for Soccer Field  
& Playground Landfill**
- **Soccer Uniforms & Trophies for  
Jesus Rangers**
- **Sewing Machines & Fabric**

**W**E KNOW THAT THESE GOALS ARE AMBITIOUS. BUT WE ALSO KNOW THEY ARE OBTAINABLE.

AS PAUL WROTE IN HIS SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS, "...I KNOW YOUR EAGERNESS TO HELP ...I HAVE BEEN BOASTING ABOUT IT."

BLESSINGS,

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