



COMMUNITY

Lend a Hand...
Change a Life

Hand in Hand Ministries builds strong communities and transforms lives through cultural immersion, education, housing, and healthcare.

SCOTIA BANK partners with Hand in Hand providing HOPE to two families!

Scotia Bank has been in operation since 1968 and has been serving the people of Belize since then. They not only provide banking services to our people but are also committed to being a good Corporate Citizen by supporting the community where they are located. Their social responsibility initiatives support education, arts and culture, the environment, assisting those in most need and building community. One of their initiatives in giving back to the community is what led them to partnering with Hand In Hand Ministries!



In May 2016 Scotiabank partnered with Hand In Hand to bring hope to two families in need by providing them with safe homes. Homes that will be a safe haven for their families. One was built in Dangriga for a single mother with chronic illness and her three children, whose home was leaning and almost collapsing due to old and weak boards and rotten flooring. The other was built in Belize City for an elderly lady and her adopted challenged son, whose home always floods and as a result her floor is loose. Whenever it rains, she has to put pans to catch the water as the roof leaked badly. Over the years she tried to uplift herself with the little she had but had been unable to help herself until she visited Hand In Hand Ministries. Both families are now able to have hope and a more peaceful life. Both homes were built by Scotiabank staff under the guidance of Hand in Hand's building coordinators. Thank You SCOTIABANK for a great initiative!!



Progress on the Fowler Community Center



As the construction of the FCC continues, we face ongoing challenges . . . volunteer, financial and weather. Nevertheless, we keep going as our CEO reminds us of a famous quote that says "Just enough, just in time"

Hand In Hand has been blessed with wonderful people that share the same passion to do good and for this we will be forever grateful!



The BFC Leadership Group does another successful Fundraiser

Within a group or community, empowerment can be taken to involve building trust, cooperation and communication between members, and a requirement for this is that there are procedures in place, in order for it to be as effective as can be. There must be opportunities for people to meet and exchange views and opinions, and ways of recording what is agreed and done; and there must be scope for having fun and celebrating achievement. This group has managed to do all this, which is a testament of the program being effective.



Since their last efforts of raising funds to build a house, and actually gathering over 40 partners to build the house last October 2015, they are now raising funds once again, to be able to provide a second home for someone in need. It is amazing to see how they have discovered their capabilities of being able to assist someone else with a house.



They have seen what a house can do for them and they are not selfish and want to be able to see another family being blessed with the same blessings they received in time of need. Their last fundraiser was a Raffle of seven prizes and the drawing was done on the 3rd of June, 2016. Below are pictures of the drawing and a couple of the Winners who came in to pick up their prizes!

Thanks to sponsors of prizes: **The Belize City Council, BTL, IT Store, James Brodie & Company, Habet & Habet, Mikado Store & Westrac.**

St. Francis School in Goshen, Kentucky's Project to assist the Outreach Center in Belize

In May a group of seventh Graders (In Belize it would be Standard V) volunteered at Hand In Hand Ministries Head Office, Louisville, Kentucky loading items into a truck destined for our Auxier Center in Eastern Kentucky, where we provide services to families In need. Their enthusiasm in volunteering led them to want to do more, but this time going beyond the borders of the United States–The Outreach Center in Belize!



Guided by their teacher, Angela Grimaldi Ponzio, who has been to Belize, and has seen the great need, began a fundraising effort selling lemonade. They made several of these sales and managed to raise over US\$300 in just a couple days, for children they do not know from another country!



This kind of effort should never go unnoticed as it just confirms that we can all be positive influences to those around us, regardless of age! Here we have an example of children helping children!

Thank You 7th Graders!!! May our Lord bless you all always!



Want to collaborate with Hand In Hand Ministries to build a house for a family in need? Get in touch with us and find out your possibilities of doing so!

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