



Belize NPSS Goals Report

June 21-July 26, 2017

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- 1. To teach the first basic electricity course in the Succotz area of Belize, with the vision to see this new location become the area of succession. It will be known as the Southern Toledo Technical Academy.**

We had 6 students which is a great start for a new area. Some walked, some rode in with the principal. Age was similar to Toledo District (Toledo District is where we first started the course and have done it for 25 years...its 2.5 hours drive away). Most of the students were Nazarenes given the connection to the Nazarene school. It seems like the opportunity in the Succotz area is about the same as the Toledo District. Belmopan (the capital) is 30 minutes away so there may be opportunity in students coming from Belmopan.

The school is a good location, but the living arrangements make it a bit of a challenge as I slept on a mattress on the floor (only two tarantulas!). The bond with the school is excellent and the Principal (Laverne Flowers) sees the potential for the school itself as a possible course. We wired fans into the school and rewired the computer lab. I see the value with the course being taught in the school, and yet I need time to ensure that the ideas for a course in the school are solid enough to put time into. I want to make sure that the idea of the three week course transfers to this area as it is a different contribution than having it in the school as a course.

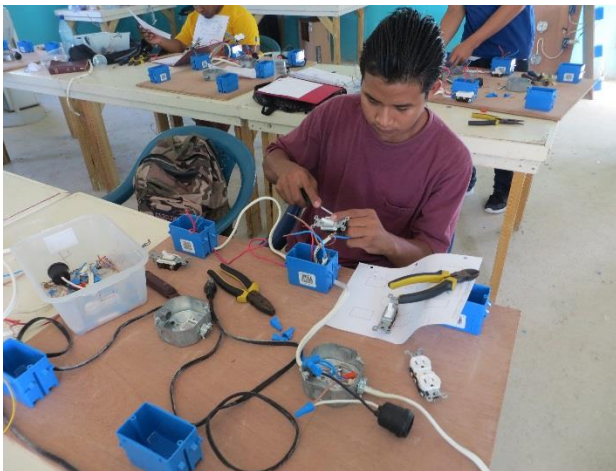
Currently electrical training in the area is sub-standard and the Principal sees the quality of the course for training. We are keeping the name Southern Toledo Technical Institute/Academy but realize that there may be a broader opportunity with the Nazarene Church/School that will emerge over time.



Don with the first Class of Students in the Nazarene School in Succotz area



Alvin Young Nazarene School Classroom



The Program includes Theory and Hands on work

- 2. To teach Ben and Martin the content of the course, giving them a passion for excellence in the content.**

Ben did not make it, but Martin did, and was an excellent student. Martin is a teacher and is the right guy to take on the course. Martin has a spirit of excellence and he sees the potential of the course. They are brothers and very active in their Churches. Martin

actually goes to a new Church but Ben goes to the Nazarene (this didn't seem to be an issue).



**Martin Cucul reviewing the notes
that we provide in the course**

- 3. To coach Ben and Martin in learning how to teach the content of the course in a manner that maintains the degree of excellence that will ensure the life of the course for many years where it will continue to be recognized by the PUC of Belize. This is a 3-5 year journey.**

I continue to see this as a 3-5 year journey. I am encouraged with the fact that they are behind him and are active not passive. They print notes, they have provide wifi and don't charge for living costs. They are with me and wanting to do the work necessary to keep the course alive.

- 4. To coach Manuel in teaching the basic and advanced theory of the course.**

Manual is a licensed electrician who started his own company after taking the course (Manny's Electrical). Manual wants to see more trained people in the area as there is some very bad electrical work being done in the area. Manual is a talented electrician who wants to see more quality people trained.

Manual came for the entire three weeks (didn't even go home on weekends). This is a great blessing. Manual has requested me to come to Toledo area as he has five students that want to take the course. Manual still needs to grow in the area of teaching...he has great knowledge but needs more help in this area. He tends to dump knowledge and will need to learn how to lay things out in a more ordered format.

I can see myself continuing to walk with Manual in Toledo but I am concerned that the Toledo area might be saturated. I need to continue to pray about this, as I have to know my own capacity and vision as to where I focus.

- 5. To build a great relationship with the Nazarene Church and to inspire them to see the potential for spiritual and economic impact of the course. To explore the feasibility of the Nazarene High School as a place for the course.**

The school is a great place for the course and our relationship has started well. They see both the spiritual and economic need and potential for impact. There is good potential for a future here.

(We noted that Onesimus Pot, who was the District Superintendent of the Nazarene Church...now lives in London!! so we contacted Junior Sarzano here in London to find out if he knows him and the School..maybe there is a work we can do together!).



**We rewired the Computer Room
in the School as part of the 3
week training**

Plans for the Future:

I am tentatively planning to go again in January for 3-4 weeks to do the course in Toledo district with Manual.

We are planning on the second course in the summer of 2018 in the Succotz area to continue the journey of succession with Ben and Martin. The hope is to see the Nazarene School/Church take greater ownership of the course, and to continue to bless Manual with his work in Toledo.