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Serving Christ Ministries (SCM) is faith-based evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical nourishment to suffering children, demonstrating God's love for them and improving their quality of life.

Founders John E. Roberts and Dr. Victor Gongora began discussions at a work meeting in the Dominican Republic in 2010 on what they might do to help others. They were not sure "what" but they did know they were being asked to do something. Then during a trip to Blue Creek, Belize in June of 2011 they decided on a general plan to help provide for the spiritual and physical nourishment of children. Thus the journey began over a small can of sausages and a few crackers in a dimly lit veranda of a small motel in Blue Creek.

We hope this initial annual report will give you a look at who we are, why and how we do what we do, and a glimpse into the impact we have been able to have so far.



Serving Christ Ministries is committed to helping children all over the world, while strengthening the local communities and churches. Both by sharing, and demonstrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ, intentionally partnering with local vendors, organizations, churches and schools to meet the local community needs as well as the needs of the children. Our vision includes short term mission teams that will do both local community work as well as ministering to the children. Serving Christ Ministries exists to assist the church in doing what God has asked all of us to do. Through these

partnerships, we are able to strengthen international Christian relationships, assist communities with local needs, mentoring and giving spiritual and nutritional support for children, as well as the message of salvation as they grow.



History / Chronology:

- 27 Oct. 2011: Corporate filing
- 16 April 2012: Belize project opens, feeding 5 children from 3 schools - San Ignacio
- 5 May 2012: Establish legal corporation in Belize
- 25 June 2012: IRS approval of SCM - USA 501c3 status retroactive to 2 Oct. 2011
- 6 July 2012: Belize Registry formal corporate approval
- 23 Oct. 2012: Scholarship program initiated-Ghana
- 13 Dec. 2012: Christmas celebration San Ignacio, now serving 28 children

"The Menu" & cost/child

- 2 eggs .25 USD
- Beans .03 USD
- Banana .10 USD
- Bread .15 USD
- Milk or Juice .23 USD

Total: .76 USD/day

Our first year: San Ignacio, Cayo District, Belize

As you can see by the events listed we have started small. Originally planning to feed needy children from a single school in San Ignacio; but the need and interest from other school principals was so great that the program now provides a free breakfast to children from St. Andrews School, Sacred Heart School and Nazarene School. We began with 5 children on the first day and quickly grew to serving 17 children. Currently we are serving 28, but have served 38 different children in all. The ministry plans to serve more children in their present location as fixed operational costs (rent etc.) have been met. And hope is to open near schools in other locations in the city and in other districts of Belize as opportunities and funding provide.

Each school principal and faculty from the respective schools select the students. Letters of approval are gained from parents and approved by the school before participation in the program. School days number approximately 190 days/year and we hope to have summer programs as well beginning in 2013.

Currently all the eggs, beans, bread, and fruit are locally grown and we are in negotiations with a local dairy for milk. We mix milk currently as it was the most cost effective. The goal is all local grown. Our location is only two blocks from the local farmers markets and daily we buy fresh fruit etc.

Donations have ranged from cash, to beans, cereal, time, equipment etc. Just to give you an idea of how we operate. Currently the only paid salary is for the local cook. They rise at 0500 each day to go to our location near the schools and begin preparation, cooking, then serving with volunteers through the clean-up phase normally by 0900-0930. We pay them \$15/day, 5 days/week. The Department of Health in Belize requires food-handler training and certification annually and we could not operate without this commitment. The other 21 volunteers each donate their time and other items as they are able.



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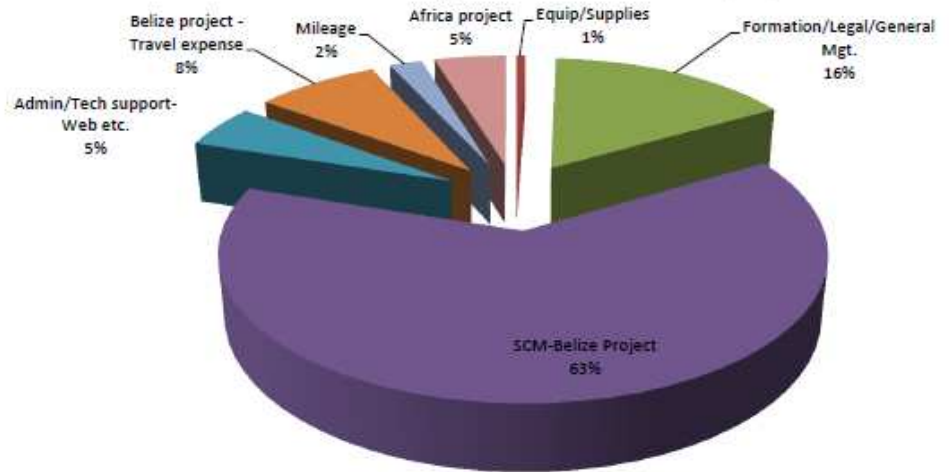
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Contributions: 2011 - 2012 = \$12,574 USD
Expenses 2012: = \$ 7,880 USD

SCM USA - Total Operational Costs All projects



Ghana: Serving Christ Ministries and Dr. Anthony Nosh Akunzule are working to bring Serving Christ Ministries to Ghana. An MOU has been drafted to partner with a non-profit organization in country. **Pictured at right, Dr. Akunzule & Belinda; she is already benefitting from the work of Serving Christ Ministries and Dr. Akunzule.** Belinda is the youngest of five children whose widowed mother is a subsistence farmer. Belinda attends a boarding school which is 4 hours away from her home by boat. Belinda is able to attend school thanks to a scholarship from Serving Christ Ministries - USA. **Since the discovery of HIV/AIDS** in Ghana in 1986, over 160,000 children have been orphaned. Dr. Akunzule is exploring a partnership with the Asutsuare community Women's Development Society to provide resources for projects that can help women increase their family income and provide for their children.



13 December 2012; Belize: Special Christmas Celebration

As with children all over the world, these asked if they could also have a Christmas lunch prior to school being adjourned until January. The volunteers came when they heard, and the cook (David Gongora pictured to the right) returned with his helpers including mother Gloria who has assisted throughout the process tirelessly. Gift sacks with fruit and small Christian necklaces were provided and smiles were abundant. All the children were quick to point out that they would certainly return in January on schedule. Making it known that we should be ready.



(Isa 6:8) Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, "Here am I, send me."

