



Good afternoon. It is time for my July mission report. I am doing well and after a three-week winter break, I am back in school. The break was extended by one week because of cold weather. Daytime highs were at +15 and nighttime lows were + 9. Although the numbers are laughable but with a cold south wind it was cold. I had a heater going most of the cold days. I was ready to be back in school as were some students but not all. Some students just wanted to sleep in class on account of their early morning.

July 7, we celebrated Thanksgiving at Amanecer near the Belize colony. We had the service outside under the roof followed by a Bar BQ lunch. Bill Kehler was the speaker. It was a cold rainy day, so everyone was looking for a spot out of the wind. After lunch quite a few of us played board games while visiting. We ended the day with a potluck fropa. Quite a few people came out, but more would have come had the weather been nicer.

July 9, I visited my cousin Eva Buhler and my friend Mary Elias who live in Cupesi colony. Eva, I met years ago in Ontario and Mary I got to know during my time at Gospel Echo's thrift store. It is nice to go visiting during the week when I have some time off. Yesterday I met Evas' sister Mary who was visiting from Canada. July 17-19, I spent painting at Amanecer. A house was moved to the location and many changes/repairs are needed. I painted the schoolhouse and the bathrooms.



All the pictures are of the thanksgiving celebration at Amanecer.

Right: the gentle man on the left and the first lady seated on the right are the Olfert family who are regular attenders at church here. They now have their papers and plan to move to Canada.





Left and right: eating lunch and playing games at Amanecer.

Bottom left: kids having fun at Amanecer.

Bottom middle: painted schoolhouse.

Bottom right: the Tajibo tree that is blooming now.

July 20 was our MEM meeting at the Casa in San Jose. We had a lot of things to discuss and then had a fellowship lunch.



July 27 we ladies drove to Hacienda Verde for a bridal shower for Irna Dyck, it was a fun afternoon. She was the other teacher who is getting married and who will be working in radio after the wedding.

This months' report is shorter than some are because there has just not been a lot of significant things happening for me. It was quite a relaxed month for me. Now it is back to the daily routine of school.

Thank you for your prayers and support, I do appreciate them. God bless and take care. From Mary Bartsch.

