

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

**Belize**

General Information

- Population: about 334,000.
- Located on the northeastern coast of Central America. It is bordered by Mexico just to the north.
- Receives about 165 inches of rain a year.
- Belize is best known for the Belize Barrier Reef, located off of the country's coast. The Reef is massive, second in size only to Australia's Great Barrier Reef.
- Home to over 900 known Mayan historical and archaeological sites.
- Religious freedom is guaranteed in Belize.
- According to the 2010 census 39.3% of Belizeans are Roman Catholics, 30.9% are Protestants (8.3% Pentecostal; 5.3% Adventist; 4.5% Anglican; 3.7% Mennonite; 3.5% Baptist; 2.8% Methodist; 2.8% Nazarene), and 15.2% profess to be irreligious.
- Once a Catholic-majority country (57% in 1991), the Catholic tradition has been eroded in the last decades by the growth of Protestant churches, other religions and non-religious people.

Challenges

- Belize has a diverse society, with many cultures and languages.
- Locals bathe and wash their clothes in the river at the pila in the village.
- Very few have indoor plumbing.
- Escalating crime. Canadian missionary recently murdered although it may be motivated by theft.

Prayer

- Baptist missionaries: (Read the report from Dan and Vicky Weaver; link below). They ask that they will be able to earn the trust of the village.

Reference

- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belize>
- <http://www.weaversinbelize.org/ministry-in-belize/>