

**MISSION STATEMENT:** We exist to serve those affected by incarceration by being ambassadors of *life change* through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## DESTINATION: *Belize*

*Written by Michael Clancy*

Bill Houser, a truck driver for Jubilee, had an encounter five years ago with Shawn, one of the students in the Aftercare Program. As the two stood just inside the dock of the Lebanon store waiting to ride the industrial elevator to the third floor, Shawn struck up a conversation with Bill and learned that he was once a missionary. Excited to hear this, Shawn said, "One day, I am going to go on a mission trip!"

Now, years later, Bill and his wife Judy would lead a team of nine people to Belize, three of whom were graduates of the Jubilee Aftercare Program. Shawn was one of them. The others were Felix Diaz and myself.

As members of one of the seven churches that make up the Lebanon District Mennonite Churches, Bill and Judy were asked to maintain the relationships they developed as former missionaries to Belize more than 50 years ago. Since this partnership began, they have helped to lead two teams to Belize.



Since Jesus delivered Felix, Shawn, and me from addictions, we have given ourselves to the call to go into all the world with the Gospel. And, because of our shared story as graduates of Jubilee, we have a bond like no other. When I entered Jubilee in 2004 Felix was my supervisor. In 2016, as a volunteer for Jubilee Ministries, I met Shawn while teaching a Bible study in prison. Later that year, Shawn joined the Aftercare Program and I became his pastor, mentor, and friend.

On March 30, 2022, nine people left Pennsylvania for Central America. I could tell nine stories of nine lives that were impacted by the wonderful people in the beautiful country of Belize, but my focus will be on these three former students of Jubilee.

Years ago, who would have thought that this group of men who were "just students" would be carrying the Good News of Jesus Christ to other parts of the world? I know I didn't until 2018, when I was approached by a fellow employee of Eastern Mennonite Missions who asked, "So, what other countries have you been to?" I thought nothing of the question when I answered, "I have never set foot off of U.S. soil." The person's reply scared me, "Well, in September I'll take you to Central America." I was intimidated with the idea of traveling that far outside of what was familiar. But in 2018 I headed to Belize for the first time. The experience was so powerful that I was determined to incorporate missions into my discipleship of the men I am privileged to serve as a pastor and urban missionary in the City of Lebanon. Shawn was the first person to make this dream a reality.

Everywhere Shawn goes, he brightens up the room with his smile. It was easy to see why the children of San Narciso flocked to him, especially a 13-year-old named Haizen, and a 12-year-old named Jonathan.

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*Felix, Shawn, and Michael on their mission trip to Belize.*

# Jubilee Ministries 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament Review



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Neither boy is growing up with a father. Because of the poverty, most men have to find work far outside of their villages. The boys' fathers work three weeks out of the month, far away from home, just to make ends meet. Shawn's life was forever impacted as he engaged with Haizen and Jonathan.



Haizen & Jonathan, the two boys Shawn met on the trip.

Felix, who typically says no to just about every invitation, said yes to this trip! Felix doesn't know exactly why he said yes, but after 10 days in Belize he has said that he can't wait to go back! I believe this was God stretching him because someone in Belize needed to hear his story. After Felix graduated from the Jubilee Aftercare Program, he went to school, earned a degree, and is now a certified addiction counselor. With many years of experience, he was able to connect with a man he met in San Narciso who was struggling with alcoholism.

During the week we worked on building block walls for a house at the back of a church. I didn't keep track of the hours, but the entire team gave everything they had to accomplish the task and complete the walls before we left. Under normal weather conditions, this would have been simple, however, with a heat index of over 100, each day was challenging.

Bedo, the only paid foreman, said, "I have worked with missionaries before, and usually they are excited and give everything they have on the first day, but the rest of the week, they don't work. But you guys, even in this heat, gave everything you have, every day, all day!"

This team was a complete team. Each person brought a heart of servanthood, and each received the blessing of the village of San Narciso. 🙏

*Michael Clancy, an urban missionary with Eastern Mennonite Missions, is a graduate of Jubilee's Aftercare Program, a volunteer with Jubilee in the Aftercare Program and at the Lebanon County Correctional Facility, and the pastor of Freedom in Christ Fellowship in the City of Lebanon.*





To Whom It May Concern,

*I am an 84-year-old woman living with cancer of the lung. I was an Army nurse from 1966-1968 stationed in Japan. We took care of strictly Vietnam casualties. I did a lot of shopping in Yokohama and the other cities. I was especially looking for pearls and other jewelry.*

*Recently, I had the jeweler from All County Jewelry, Coins & Antiques (450 East Cumberland St. in Lebanon) come to my house and look at my jewelry. He gave me \$400 for some of the jewelry.*

*When he got up to leave, he asked me what I was going to do with the money. I told him I have been sending a child to camp in the summer through Jubilee Ministries. He gave me another \$400 and said, "Let's send two children to camp!" So, the \$800 is from me and the man from All County Jewelry, Coins & Antiques. There are still good people in this world! Praise God!*

*Jean*

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Each summer, Jubilee provides camp scholarships to children who have a parent or immediate caregiver who is incarcerated, or a part of our Aftercare Program.

They spend a week at one of our partnering Christian camps where they can simply be a kid, have tons of fun, and learn about Jesus!

This year we have been provided with enough resources to send 40 children to camp. We are excited to have 25 registered as of this writing!

**Thanks to Jean, Terry Breidenstine at All County, and our other camp supporters who make this possible.**



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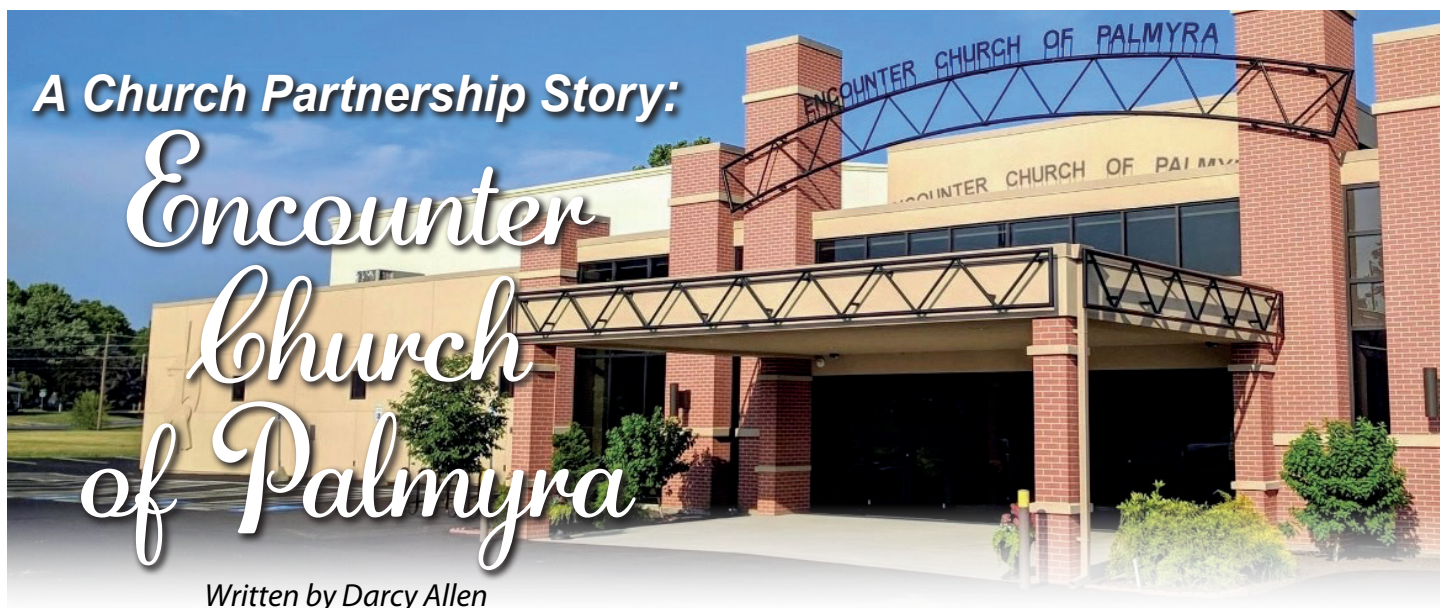
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## A Church Partnership Story:

# Encounter Church of Palmyra

Written by Darcy Allen

Encounter Church of Palmyra has been partnering with Jubilee since 2020. We knew about the local thrift stores, and how they provided financial resources for the ministry, and wanted to get more involved! I was deeply touched when I heard the testimonies of life change through Jesus from those affected by incarceration.

Some members of our congregation took a tour of the Lebanon facility after hearing Matt Hershey speak at our church. During the tour, we were all moved by John Balderrama's excitement in sharing the history and impact of the ministry. John is Jubilee's Volunteer Coordinator. Everyone in that group ended up becoming a volunteer after that night!

I enjoy volunteering every week and am thankful for making close connections with the staff at the Palmyra store. Everyone is so welcoming, and it is honestly a blessing for me to be there. I love to think that my little part in hanging clothes

allows Jubilee to provide goods for people that need those items, and makes life-changing ministry possible in prisons and Jubilee's Aftercare Program. One of our volunteers from Encounter has told me that her job sometimes is to stir paint. She said as she is stirring that paint she prays about her impact at Jubilee.

The Holy Spirit is stirring the hearts of our volunteers at Encounter, and those who are affected by incarceration! Encounter Church is blessed to come alongside this wonderful ministry with volunteers and financial support. We are also very excited about Jubilee's future ministry vision and their Capital Campaign which will make that vision a reality!

To learn how your church can connect to Jubilee Ministries through volunteer and financial support, and to take a tour, please contact Matt Hershey at [matth@jub.org](mailto:matth@jub.org).