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COFFEE CUP MINISTRY

We have been corresponding with Rebecca Pound who works with the pastors in Belize. The following letter is from her telling us about Pastor Bernaldino Cal, pastor in Toledo, Belize.

Pastor Bernaldino has pastored the same church, without pay, for approximately 15 years. He is, as are many of the pastors here, a subsistence farmer, working his land to meet the needs of his family.

He has nine children, eight boys, and one girl. The three youngest are still at home.

In the past year, Pastor Cal has been through a lot of difficulties. He has an unexplainable recurrent sickness, his wife is having some health issues, and now his eldest son is in the hospital with something that has not yet been identified.

One of his sons (Clifford) attended high school at the school I was in charge of here, and is now working with me full time. Most everyone from the States that has met him has commented on the special giftings God has given this young man. He has a wonderful heart for the Lord and a desire to serve Him with his life. He is currently working with me to teach workshops, develop and translate discipleship material, and start Bible study/home groups in the churches. He has been very ill for more than a year, but has pressed on in spite of many overwhelming circumstances.

I believe God has some great things He desires to do through this family.

Please pray for the Cal family as they are all fighting a sickness that has not yet been identified. Two of the boys are especially ill. You can send e-mail greetings to them at:
teamtoledobelize@gmail.com

Coffee Cup Sunday offerings help support pastors in Belize financially. Please forgo a cup of coffee or soda once a week and give that money as an offering to help support our brothers and sisters in Belize. Next offering will be taken October 4th. Look for the large coffee cups in the hallway at the back of the sanctuary.