

God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

Ephesians 3:20
(The Message)

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Dear Friends,



Kristel, Sulmi, Evelin, and Ginelli taking a break on the bleachers at the Special Olympics.

I like this verse, especially in the Message translation. It reminds me that God is the one who is going to make things happen here. I'd like the twenty year old boys to act more like men and take some responsibility and leadership at **Jesus' Deaf Church**. They are still fighting against God and really need a Deaf, male, Christian role model. I've tried talking to them and listening to them, but in the end it will be God who succeeds in helping them to flip the switch and walk in the light.

I'd also like for the two boys who are going to vocational college in September to have an interpreter. Right now there is no one for them except some Jehovah's Witnesses who sign "some". God's got a plan. I just wonder who he is nudging and who will come.

These "worries" are heavy on my heart . Yet, I am encouraged by Paul's words that remarkable things will happen through God's power and his spirit within us.

School is wonderful. We had a busy May which included two national competitions: the Special Olympics and the spelling bee. We just finished the National Spelling Bee for the Deaf which is a HUGE event here in Belize. We practiced every day after school since February. Ginelli won the junior division and Sulmi came in second. Edgar came in third in the senior division. We were proud of them. When we returned to school all of the students were lined up with balloons forming a tunnel and cheering as we walked through it. The TV interviewed our three winners.



For a week people in town were stopping the children to tell them “Congratulations”. Winning was a moment they will not soon forget.



Girl's Night continues to be a time where I can see God's Spirit at work. Our Bible study almost always gives me goose bumps when someone, usually Angelica, comes up with an amazingly inspired interpretation of the verse we just read. Last week we read Psalm 1. It says “Blessed is the man...who is like a tree planted by streams of water...” Angelica made the connection that the stream is God's word and God's power. When the tree soaks up the water from this stream it becomes strong. Yes! She proves to me again and again how the spirit intervenes to help even non-readers understand God's Word.

In the picture to the left, the girls are playing with the camera in Hilary's computer that twists and distorts the picture. It was fun to do something nonsensical.

“**My Girls**” are a blast. They are always full of giggles and rarely take life as seriously as I am inclined to do. Today Sulmi and Kristel offered to wash the van. I got them started and then went inside to type this newsletter. When I went out to check on them, I caught this picture.

Three more weeks of school and then I will take a two week vacation in Maine. It will be wonderful to spend time with my family up there. When I return, Linda Stauffer (from Lancaster) will come to Belize to help with VBS. Hooray!

Hope you all have a wonderful summer.
Grace and Peace,
Nancy



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