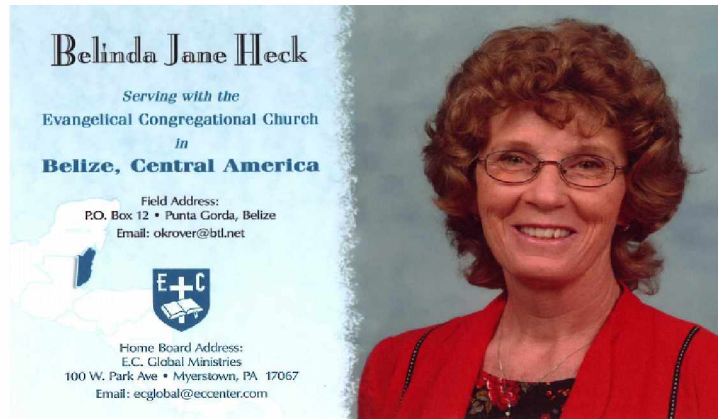




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While attending DVBS at Delightful Evangelical Congregational Church when I was five years old I learned that Jesus wanted to be my friend that would never leave me and would take me to heaven to live with him when I died if I asked him to be my Friend and Savior. That's exactly what I did.

With my family I enjoyed attending prayer meeting, Sunday School, Bible Club and all the worship services even as a child. I learned more about Jesus. In Mission Band I learned about missionaries and people in other parts of the world that needed to hear about Jesus. During a revival service I felt God calling me to give my life to him to have him be my Lord as well as Friend and Savior. I was nine at the time and wasn't sure what he would have me to do, but I knew his plan would be the best one of my life. As I continued in the church in Young People's Missionary Society, Christian Endeavor, the missionary conventions at Huntington College in Indiana along with the visits to our home and church of missionaries I felt that the Lord would have me be a missionary.

In 1970 I went to Mexico to work with Mae Royer at El Retiro for four months in preparation for full time missionary service. After finishing college with a degree in Elementary Education and Biblical Studies I went to Columbia, South America in 1973 with Gospel Missionary Union and later with South America Mission. I worked for over 17 years some times teaching missionaries' children and all the time working with the churches, children, youth and ladies of Columbia. There was theological education by extension, youth camps, women's conventions, Bible Clubs, teacher training, organizing Sunday school, church planting and supervising primary schools for Indian children. There was much to do to for the Lord and I loved living in Columbia, but it became too dangerous for me to continue working there so I moved to Peru.

For eleven years I taught Christian Education, doctrine, and several other courses at the Bible Institute in Satipo, Peru. On weekends and during vacations I would teach at church conventions, youth conventions, women's conferences and vocational Bible Institutes in different parts of the country. It was a wonderful and fulfilling ministry that the Lord gave me there.

My next assignment as a missionary is the one I am in now since February of 2003 in Punta Gorda, Belize. It is the first time I have worked in an area not declared a red zone by the United States Government. There aren't any terrorist, militant guerrilleros, mafia or even rampant thievery here. It is peaceful in that sense, but there is deep seated voodoo and occultist teaching and practices. I have Bible clubs for children in different homes around town, work with the Nazarene church teaching the adult Sunday School class and helping with the preaching at times, participate in the women's Bible studies of the Methodist church and in their services, help with the government programs for the elderly and the AIDS committee and teach at the Methodist primary school at times. The goal for Punta Gorda is to organize and build a youth center that would serve all the churches in the area. The plan is to have a sports complex, vocational training and a Bible Institute at the youth center, but the plans are on hold now for lack of missionaries to help with the ministry.

I also work with the E.C. construction teams from the States to Costa Rica and Mexico as translator and helping to get supplies and equipment for them. The opportunities that the Lord has given me to serve him are quite varied. I thank him for all these and look forward to what he has for me in the future.

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