



## *Tabitha International*

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**James 1:27 This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father,  
to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.**



**Mr. Bowen** – Programme Coordinator for UNICEF in Belize  
**Ms. Pennill** – Head of the Department of Human Services in Belize  
**Donna Walsh** – Founder of Tabitha International  
A volunteer from Italy working at a children's home in Belize

Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> we meet at the UNICEF office in Belize City to present our foster parent training materials. All present agreed Tabitha International's materials were acceptable, meeting the standards of the government of Belize and the UNICEF organization. The UNICEF representative, Mr. Bowen, said they were "exceptional". The meeting adjourned with tentative plans to hold our first training in November. Our praise and thanksgiving go to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since our arrival two and a half months ago we have (in 90° heat with 100% humidity) obtained a work visa stamp in our passports, received our possessions from the States, set up a home and headquarters for Tabitha International, transferred vehicle titles, put the finishing touches on our first teaching module, found a church we are comfortable in, began making friendships within the community and the local churches, volunteered our time helping out with teaching of the youth group at our church, received the go ahead of the government to begin our training, survived one hurricane and the threat of another. Nevertheless we feel strong and healthy. This can only be the empowering of God because we would be unable in our own strength to accomplish that much in such a short time.

Several lessons have been learned.

1. Integrity counts
2. Patience of spirit is better than haughtiness of spirit.
3. Envelopes with the sealing glue on them stick together in this climate and are unusable. (All 1000 brought from the States.)

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