

# Venture News

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### TAREIG/Local Country News

## Franks Eddy Village Pride

The Franks Eddy Village is located in central Belize covering the area from the Sibun River to the old Belize River and Beaver Dam. The village population is just over 500 people and has continued to slowly grow as new comers to the country begin to enjoy all the natural outdoor activities in the area.

Originally a small farm village in the 70's, the area was a central stop for local farmers to store produce in a small agricultural co-operative's store room. Eventually the building was converted into a school started by donations from a Catholic mission and later garnered government support as more residents began to move into the area. As the population increased, the government saw the need for more funding and support of services, the area become an official village by the 1980's. Although some services are provided by nearby St. Matthews village, Franks Eddy has come into its own notoriety. The old dirt road has recently been re-paved, and local business that support tourism has begun to thrive.

Each year in October, local residents participate in a world-wide pride impact service project and come out to the streets for an annual trash-cleanup. This local display of local pride has also spread to other nearby villages.



Annual Franks Eddy Trash Cleanup

### What's in a Name?

Did you know that the Frank's Eddy village was named by one of it's former local residents? The area was formerly part of the St. Matthews village and according to local history, the village's name was generated by one of those newcomers some years ago. An American by the name of Mr. Frank lived along the Caves Branch River, and one day while swimming at the eddy downstream he lost control and was later found floating down the river. The locals began to refer to the area where he drowned as the Eddy Frank, and later the name was change to Franks Eddy.



Newly Paved Frank Eddy Main Road

*Project Spotlight***FIRST FAMILY WINTER VISIT**

*The Haggmann's  
realize the fruits of  
their labor*

After a few years of backyard labor, the Hagman's 2015 winter visit to Camino Del Rio was welcomed by the results of the fruits of their labor. After planting a variety of greenery on their spacious corner home-site, they were amazed by the growth of the Royal Palms that now line-up along the driveway. The Mexican Lime tree has begun to produce fruit with limes as large as oranges. The juicy selections made for a delicious and refreshing limeade that that was enjoyed while they relaxed in the warm afternoons. The papaya trees had also produced fruit, but there were none left upon their arrival as birds like papayas, too.

While in Belize, visits into the countryside are always part of the journey. Hanging out in the Farmer's Market in San Ignacio loading up on fruits and vegetables, along with new discoveries is always a favorite past-time. The aromas from a French bakery lured them into the shop for freshly made bread that was enjoyed with their at-home dinners. Being in Belize during Super Bowl weekend, their team of the New England Patriots were at play and they sought out to watch the game while

overlooking stunning views in the valley near Cahel Peche. During the second week of their stay, they drove south to Placencia and stayed at Maya Beach. The Caribbean Sea was a clear turquoise blue and perfect for swimming. While in the area, they visited new friends who have retired and are living in Belize for 6 months of the year.



**Fruits of the Labor**

Much of their time at Camino is spent reading, gardening, bird watching, cooking and eating. They take daily walks to the Caves Branch River for a refreshing swim to get away from everything.

**CAMINO RECIPE**

Belizean Fish Cakes

(4 servings)

**Ingredients:**

16ozs/1 lb fish (fillet or fleshy fish)

1/2 cup bread crumbs

1/2 small sweet green peppers \*

1/4 of a small onion

1 beaten egg

1/2 tsp each of salt, pepper, thyme

1 small onion (minced)

1 tbsp celery

(Tilapia fish are found swimming in the Sibun and Caves Branch river near Camino)

**Directions:**

1. Flake or mash fish.

2. In a bowl put fish and all other ingredients.

3. Mix well. Shape into round balls, flatten slightly.

4. Heat fat in frying pan (skillet).

5. Roll again in bread crumbs.

6. Fry on each side until golden brown.

Serve hot.



Tilapia fish at Camino Del Rio

*History/Activity Spotlight***THE HISTORY OF BELIZE: THE SPANISH INVASION: PART 4 OF A MULTI-SERIES**

*The decentralized Maya States made it challenging for conquerors; taking over 170 years to control*

The Spanish conquest of Yucatán was the campaign undertaken by the Spanish conquistadores against the Maya states in the Yucatán Peninsula, covering south-eastern Mexico, northern Guatemala, and all of Belize. Shortly after their first expeditions to the region, the Spanish initiated a number of attempts to subjugate the Maya and establish a colonial presence in the Maya territories. This campaign would prove to be a lengthy and dangerous exercise for the conquistadores from the outset, and it would take some 170 years and tens of thousands of Indian auxiliaries before the Spanish established substantive control over all Maya lands.

The first encounter with the Yucatán Maya occurred in 1502, when the fourth voyage of Christopher Columbus came across a large Maya trading canoe off Honduras. Most of the conquistadors were motivated by the prospects of the great wealth to be had from the seizure of precious metal resources such as gold or silver. From the reports of great riches in central Mexico or Peru, many made attempts to conquer the newly found area; however, the Maya lands themselves were poor in these resources.



*Martín de Ursúa Arizmendi, A Spanish Conquistador*

The Spanish conquest of the Yucatán Peninsula was hindered by its politically fragmented state. Unlike the Aztec and Inca Empires, there was no single Maya political center

that, once overthrown, would hasten the end of collective resistance from the indigenous peoples. Instead, the conquistador forces needed to subdue the numerous independent Maya cities almost one by one, many of which kept up a fierce resistance. As the Spanish engaged in a strategy of concentrating native populations in newly founded colonial towns, native resistance to the settlements took the form of the flight into inaccessible regions such as the forest or joining neighboring Maya groups that had not yet submitted to the Spanish using ambush tactics to overcome the resistance.

In 1535, peaceful attempts by the Franciscan Order to incorporate Yucatán into the Spanish Empire failed after a renewed Spanish military presence at Champotón forced the friars out. Champotón was by now the last Spanish outpost in Yucatán, isolated among a hostile population. When the powerful lord of Mani converted to the Roman Catholic religion, his submission to Spain and conversion to Christianity encouraged the lords of the western provinces to accept Spanish rule. In late 1546 an alliance of eastern provinces launched an unsuccessful uprising against the Spanish. The eastern Maya were defeated in a single battle, which marked the final conquest of the northern portion of the Yucatán Peninsula.

In 1618 and in 1619 two unsuccessful Franciscan missions attempted the peaceful conversion of the still pagan Itza. In 1622 the Itza slaughtered two Spanish parties trying to reach their capital which ended all Spanish attempts to contact the Itza until 1695. Over the course of 1695 and 1696 a number of Spanish expeditions attempted to reach the capital from the mutually independent Spanish colonies in Yucatán and Guatemala and with the defeat of the Itza, the last independent and unconquered native kingdom in the Americas fell to the Spanish in 1697.





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- Emphasize local community involvement and community service support,
- Provide for a network of other TAREIG corporate owned and commercial developed projects.

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#### CORPORATE PHILOSOPHY

Offer quality products and a satisfying customer experience.

#### Closing Note

### RIGOBERTO—KEEPING CAMINO BEAUTIFUL

Keeping Camino Del Rio beautiful and looking like a walk in the park is managed by Rigoberto Diaz. Rigoberto lives locally in Frank's Eddy Village with his family of ten children.

Rigoberto is from Belize and grew up in the Orange Walk district after living in Guatemala for a few years during his youth. He moved his family to the Franks Eddy area 12 years ago. Working at Camino Del Rio since 2010, he has been the keeper of the beautiful gardens and flora onsite.

In his spare time he enjoys football and recently retired as pastor at the Full Gospel Church of God in Franks Eddy. He always has a smile on his

face and is willing to help in every way. So come down and visit him soon to enjoy the beauty that he has created.



**Rigoberto Diaz and his friendly smile**