

SOME OF THE COMMUNITIES WHERE PIONEERING GARIFUNA TEACHERS TAUGHT & EVANGELIZED IN BELIZE

TEACHING PERIODS 1880 – 1980 (100 YEARS)

GARINAGU have been in this country from the end of the 18th Century and the beginning of the 19th Century—1799 to be exact, notwithstanding the rounded population figure of 150 by 1802.

GARINAGU were here from times of SLAVERY TO EMANCIPATION 1838

From Settlement in 1799 to Crown Colony in 1871

To Internal Self-Government in 1963—To BELIZE in June 1973—To Independence in 1981.

Their major contributions to the building of this nation called Belize, are promoting Roman Catholicism via the Jesuits and EDUCATION. The Garinagu EDUCATED this Nation. Each and every Belizean stand on the shoulders of Ancestors who benefited directly or in directly to being educated in or near their communities no matter the conditions. Hence one of the reasons of a day for all of Belize to celebrate these and other contributions of the Garifuna people.

Below is a list of some of the communities in Belize, where Garinagu opened schools for the purpose of teaching and evangelizing by the pioneering year, on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church. There are a total of 77 communities in this 100-year span.

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1880 to 1980—Toledo District (18 Communities)

Barranco, Bigfalls, Corazon Creek, Crique Sarco, Dolores, Dump, Eldridgeville, Laguna, Medina Bank, Monkey River, Otoxha, Pueblo Viejo, Santa Ana, San Benito Poite, Santa Elena, San Jose, San Miguel, Sunday Wood

1920 to 1980—Cayo District (9 Communities)

Bullet Tree, More Tomorrow, Rancho Dolores, Roaring Creek, San Ignacio, San Jose Succotz,, Santa Familia, Tea Kettle

1920 to 1980—Corozal District (12 Communities)

Calcutta, Caledonia, Chan Chen, Chunox, Paraiso, Patchakan, Progreso, San Joaquin, San Narciso, San Roman, Santa Elena, Sarteneja

1950 to 1980—Stann Creek District (15 Communities)

Bella Vista, Commerce Bight, Dangriga, Gales Point, Georgetown, Hopkins, Melinda, New Mullins River, Old Mullins River, Pomona, Seine Bight, San Isidro, San Roman, Sittee River

