

The Mennonites

The Mennonites began arriving in Belize in 1958 from Manitoba, Canada, Chihuahua, and Mexico.

They reside in the Orange Walk and Cayo District in six main communities: Blue Creek, Shipyard, Little Belize, Progresso, Spanish Lookout and Barton Creek.

Mennonites are easily identified by their apparels, the women who wear bonnets and long dress and the men with denim overalls and hats. The Mennonites have made it a point to have their own school, church and financial institution in their community.

They are well grounded in agriculture, as most Belizean benefit from the sale of their poultry products throughout the country.

Furniture crafted by the Mennonites has also been placed on the Belizean market. Throughout the country they are recognized as a group of hard working people.