

Update #202309 – THE TIME IS NOW



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CRISTIANA *Cambiando*
de Palacaguina *Generaciones*



Palacaguina Christian Academy

Changing a Generation

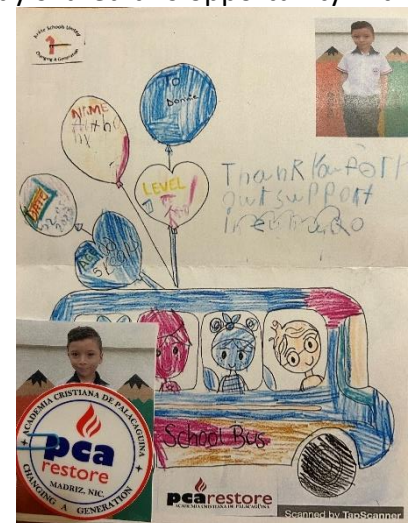
“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens” – Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” – Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

The next few months will determine many things for PCA and the future of our students. By God’s grace, we have been working diligently to meet all requirements to open and operate the High School. Thank you, Jesus, that we have received written approvals from the local and regional offices. We are only awaiting written approval from the national office, and we will have the permission we need to begin High School. Now we must step up our prayer. Asking God to provide for this amazing opportunity to continue making a powerful difference in the lives of our students. They literally have no where else to go and we are determined to ensure every child at PCA has the opportunity to continue their education in a safe and Christ-centered environment. Please join us in praying for God’s will to be done on this earth as it is in heaven.

GROW BY ONE

Our new volunteer sponsorship coordinator, Amy Gilson, recently mailed out a wonderful tool for each of us to make a serious impact at PCA. This tool is a key component of PCA’s future and how we can reach our goals of not only the High School but being fully funded. The tool...is an information booklet that tells the PCA story of the last 7 years and includes a child who needs to be sponsored. PLEASE pray about who you could give this booklet to and encourage to join PCA and sponsor the child included with the booklet. If each of us does this small annual activity, PCA will be fully funded, and no children would be unsponsored in just a few iterations of this program. THANK YOU to those of you who have already shared this opportunity with a friend or family member. And for those of you who still hold this packet, PLEASE share this with someone and lets together ensure the future of PCA so we can continue to grow God’s kingdom, make a real difference in Palacaguina, and Change a Generation!



HIGH SCHOOL

Just to give a little more information about the status of the High School project, as mentioned in the opening of this update, we are so close to having the official approvals we need from the Nicaraguan Ministry of Education to open and operate PCA's High School. Now, we did not raise the infrastructure funding we needed by July to build the High School classrooms and administration building. But through the creative thinking of our staff there is a way we can still open the 7th grade. We will be pivoting to multi-purpose an existing classroom to provide the new grade in the afternoons. Though not ideal and creating some logistical difficulties, God opened this door. Through the money we did raise for the High School, we were able to make the infrastructure changes necessary to transform our 6th grade classroom into a multi-use space.

What we still need is the operational funding for 2024 to make the High School a reality. We will still need to raise the salaries for the four new employees needed to operate the High School. This is currently not covered, and we will need to raise the money or the commitment by December 1st or the High School will not happen. We need the following funds or commitments raised:

- High School Director: \$4,400 annual (\$367/mth)
- High School Administrative Assistant: \$2,500 annual (\$209/mth)
- Teacher One: \$3,000 annual (\$250/mth)
- Teacher Two: \$3,000 annual (\$250/mth)

ACADEMIC HONORS: #1 AND #2



Two of our PCA students received incredible honors recently. We are so proud of Hannah and Edwin who received 1st and 2nd place in multiple levels of competition. First, they won 1st and 2nd place in the local city math competition against students from the public schools in Palacaguina and were sent to represent the city of Palacaguina in the state competition for all



schools in the state of Madriz. THEY WON 1st and 2nd place again in the state competition for all students across the state of Madriz, Nicaragua. They will go on to represent Madriz in the national math competition coming up. What a testimony of the achievement of our students and the quality of education they are receiving at PCA. All thanks to you, our wonderful partners. Thank you for making the education of these beautiful children a possibility.

SOCIAL IMPACT

Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me." We are grateful for the continued open doors to love and minister to physical needs in and around Palacaguina in the name of Christ. Our monthly help to Dona Simona was a little more special this month as several of our new teachers were able to participate in sharing a meal with her and her son. It is important as we help others, to build into our staff the importance of helping others in Jesus' name.



2023 PROJECTS AND GOALS

- Operational Deficit - \$20,020
- Finish PCA – ULTIMATE GOAL of \$1,000,000
 - Step 1: \$5,000 to complete dirt work (**MET**)
 - Step 2: \$5,000 to install first foundational wall (**MET**)
 - Step 3: \$12,900 for minimally required staff (**NEED BY DEC 1st**)

Moving the below items to 2024

- Step 3: \$30,000 – Administration building part A.
- Step 4: \$25,000 – Infrastructure A (Bathrooms, Water System, etc).
- Step 5: \$36,000 – Complete initially required classrooms.
- Step 6: \$28,000 – Initial hiring of High School staff.

Matthew 19:26 says “*With man this is impossible, but **with God all things are possible.***”

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ Please pray for our deficit and that God will grow our sponsor network quickly.
- ❖ Please pray for the families and students of PCA that they will feel God’s love through us.
- ❖ Please pray for the future High School of PCA, and our next big step in this journey.
- ❖ Please pray for Bailey as she steps into a new leadership role at PCA.
- ❖ Please pray that God will provide to meet our deficit (\$20K) and critical projects (\$13K).



Dios te bendiga de la familia Witonski!!! (God Bless you from the Witonski family)

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PCA At-a-glance

Number of total Students: 210

2023 Grades: P-K3, P-K4, Kinder, 1st- 6th Grade

Full-Time Jobs: School (25)

Current Project: Deficit, High School Yr 1

Current Project Needs: \$20K + \$13K

Children Needing Sponsors: 103

Construction/Uniform Jobs: 3

Total Meals Fed (2023): 21,154

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