

## Update #202111 – Persistence, Prayer, and Provision



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### Palacaguina Christian Academy Changing a Generation

*“Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you.”*

What a powerful promise we have in these words of Jesus in Matthew 7:7. The Hebrew words for these three verbs, ask/seek/knock, are in the present continuous tense which means they can be translated as “keep asking, keep seeking, and keep knocking.” Jesus is encouraging us to pray and not give up. We see this principle again and again in scripture. We must be perseverant in our prayer and never give up serving and doing what is right. In our perseverance we will receive, we will find, and God will open that door. In our update this month, you will see firsthand examples of God’s provision through our/your prayers.

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

*Luke 18: 1-8 “Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up...[read 7-8]”*

*Romans 5:4 “perseverance [produces] character; and character, hope”*

### PROVISION

During our normal weekly meeting, we prayed. Reynaldo and I prayed for a critical need that could only be met through God. In order to open the school next year, we had an immediate need that had to met within only a few weeks. And how would we come up with \$7,000 in 2 weeks!! We prayed. But we were not the only ones praying. A small church nearly 2,500 miles away was also praying in that same exact hour on Sunday. God was moving in their hearts and leading them to make a special donation to PCA. How could we have known (God knows), we were so unable (God is able), we could only ask by faith (God was so willing to provide). That Monday when I received the call, and the direct answer to our prayers, it was incredible to see God’s incredible hand on PCA and how He provides in miraculous ways. Thank you, Jesus! And thank you to all who continually keep us in your prayers and allow God to move in your hearts to impact the kingdom.



### HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH AMAZON SMILE



As many of you will likely be shopping online this season, I want to encourage you to use smile.amazon for your purchases. It makes no difference in your purchase price or transaction, but amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to Arete Schools United. In 2021, we received \$135 through the Amazon Smile program. That is the equivalent of 40,000 meals, 27 ½ scholarships for local families, or ½ of a teacher’s monthly salary. To sign up, simply login to your Amazon account through smile.amazon.com and select Arete Schools United as your charity. A portion of all your purchases will go to the school. And please tell others!

## COVID UPDATE (from the local PCA director)

It has been almost two years since the news about a dangerous virus that was killing people in China began in December 2019, then we observed how it spread throughout the world, soon it was in Nicaragua, the first case of covid was officially declared on March 18, 2020, by health authorities.

Since, we have lived an experience without precedence in our small town of Palacaguina; 200 kilometers (125 miles) north of the capital. Always from Nicaragua, we are hoping that little by little things can improve, however it seems that we must learn to live with this new reality.

Despite all this, at PCA we feel blessed because with all the tragedies, mourning, pain and suffering, God has protected us. At PCA we have not had a major impact, we thank God that he is protecting our students, parents, and workers. We pray that doors continue to open for PCA, to protect and bless each of the sponsors of this beautiful school, we know that without the help of the sponsors this would be very difficult to achieve.

Thank God for our sponsors. In our new role, by God's grace, we have learned to live with new rules of hygiene, safety and social distancing.

*"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity" 1 Corinthians 13:13*

## PCA's NEW SIDEWALK

It is such a blessing to see how the staff and parents of PCA, each year, are taking more ownership of their school. Nearly every day during the rainy season, teachers, parents, and our students must walk through mud in order to come to school. A sidewalk would make such a huge difference, however, with so many projects and needs, it has continued to be at the bottom of the priority list. I am so proud of our teachers who decided to take action. Raising the money to get started, they initiated the construction of sidewalks in front of PCA.

The parents of PCA gladly participated and helped finish the project. Raising more than \$750 locally, they were able to build new sidewalks for the school. That is so much money to our families and it demonstrates the pride and commitment they have to investing in the futures of their children. Way to go PCA!!



## 2021 PROJECT FOCUS AND GOALS

2021 PCA Projects, by importance, include:

- Construction of our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom building (\$32,470)
  - Phase I: Excavation/Foundation/1<sup>st</sup> Level Walls - \$9,960 **MET**
  - Phase II: 1<sup>st</sup> Level Roof/Windows/Tile/Finishing - \$10,470 **MET**
  - Phase III: 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Walls/Roof/Railing - \$6,350 **MET**
- Moving perimeter fence and build retaining wall for 5<sup>th</sup> grade expansion - \$6,500 **MET**
  - Building front sidewalk - \$1,250 **MET**
  - Leveling tractor work for Cancha (Gym) - \$3,000
  - Prepare/Equip the 4-6th grade play area - \$1,000
- New gate needed at East entrance to the primary school - \$1,000

### NEXT PROJECTS (2022)

- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Phase IV: 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Windows/Tile/Doors/Finishing - \$5,690 – (\$3,000 **MET**)
  - Build roof/floor to complete the cafeteria area gap - \$2,500
  - Paint primary school - \$1,500
  - Expand roofing over 4-6th grade play area - \$6,300

We look forward to sharing more details about these projects as they begin.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ Please continue to pray for God to open doors for sponsorship of our students and the completion of our important construction projects needed to finish building the school.
- ❖ Pray for wisdom as we approach our hiring season for next year. Pray the Lord will bring the right people our way as we hire an additional teacher and support staff.

## PCA SPONSORSHIP

We have 60 students unsponsored at PCA. We strive to never turn a child away due to not having a sponsor, but the budget challenges for having many students unsponsored are difficult. Consider sharing the opportunity to sponsor one of our students with friends or family. Only \$40 a month sponsors a child and provides a uniform, books, a daily meal, and access to an education and the gospel of Jesus Christ.



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: 169

Grades: PreK3, PreK4, Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Full-Time Jobs: School (20)

Current Project: Tractor/PlayArea/Gate

Current Project Needs: \$3K/\$1K/\$1K

Covid-19 at PCA: 3-parents; 4-staff; 0-kids

Construction/Uniform Jobs: 3-7

Total Meals Fed (2021): 116,327

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