

Update #202112 – ANOTHER GREAT YEAR



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de Palacaguina *Generaciones*



Palacaguina Christian Academy Changing a Generation

It is amazing to think we are coming to the close of our 5th year ministering to and educating the children of Palacaguina. Feels like we just began. Every year, it is incredible reflecting on all God continues to allow us to do each year. And we are extremely blessed to have so many wonderful Brothers and Sisters partnering with us. Every day, we get to make a powerful difference in the lives of every child at PCA, their families, as well as communities all around Palacaguina. And it is a pleasure doing it all together with you, our partners.

OUTREACH TO JINOTEGA

Every month, God opens doors for us to reach the lost and minister to new communities. This month several of our teachers visited Iglesia Vida (Life Church) in a very poor, remote area of northern Jinotega. Jinotega is a neighboring state to Madriz where we are located in Palacaguina. Our team delivered 40 packages of food to families in severe need along with New Testaments we share through our partnership with the Gideons. Meeting in homes to minister the gospel, the local church is praying and believing God to build a chapel and one day a Christian school. There are many school-aged children in the community who are unable to attend school due to having to walk more than an hour to the nearest school. What a blessing for us to be able to reach out to this community to bring the hope of food and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord for these wonderful opportunities, doors being opened, and new ways for the impact of your partnership to grow.





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, and amazon will donate a portion of your purchases to Arete Schools United. In 2021, we received \$135 through the Amazon Smile program, which is the equivalent of 40,000 meals, 27 ½ scholarships for local families, OR ½ of a teacher's monthly salary. It is incredible how only \$135, raised through shopping, can accomplish so much. 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!!**

END OF YEAR UPDATES

Our staff has been working hard to complete our end-of-year sponsor updates while finishing up the school year and we are almost ready to send them out. The kids are looking better every year as they continue to grow and learn in a positive and love filled environment. It is encouraging to hear the testimonies from parents of the value PCA is to their children, their families, and how grateful they are to have such a wonderful, Christian school available to them. They are so thankful. Words are not enough to truly express their thanks for an opportunity that is literally changing the lives of their children and giving them hope for the future. You are such a blessing and we hope you know that your sponsored children and their families are praying for you and thanking God for you regularly in their prayers, as are we.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We are overwhelmed at your generosity and God's provision. Please continue to pray for God's provision because He is absolutely answering your prayers. We have nearly completed all of our required projects to be ready for opening 5th grade next February. Only the railing, playground, and finishing the fences are left. We hope you are as encouraged as we are by all of the ways God has **MET** our project needs this year.

2021 PROJECT FOCUS AND GOALS

2021 PCA Projects, by importance, include:

- Construction of our 5th/6th grade classroom building - \$32,470 (\$26,780 **MET**)
 - Phase I: Excavation/Foundation/1st Level Walls - \$9,960 **MET**
 - Phase II: 1st Level Roof/Windows/Tile/Finishing - \$10,470 **MET**
 - Phase III: 2nd Level Walls/Roof/Railing - \$6,350 **MET**
- Moving perimeter fence and build retaining wall for 5th grade expansion - \$6,500 **MET**
 - Building front sidewalk - \$1,250 **MET**
 - Leveling tractor work for Cancha (Gym) - \$4,000 **MET**
- New gate needed at East entrance to the primary school - \$1,000 **MET**
 - Complete front primary school fence: Phase I of II - \$1,795 **MET**
 - Build roof/floor to complete the cafeteria area gap - \$2,200 - **MET**
 - Chain link fencing needed to complete the perimeter fence - \$500 **MET**
- Safety railing for new 5th/6th grade classrooms - \$1,075 (\$700 **MET**; **Need \$375**)
- Prepare/Equip the 4-6th grade play area - \$1,000 (\$400 **MET**; **Need \$600**)
- Complete front primary school fence Phase II - \$905 (\$400 **MET**; **Need \$505**)

NEXT PROJECTS (2022)

- 5th/6th Phase IV: 2nd Level Windows/Tile/Doors/Finishing - \$5,690
 - 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, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade

Full-Time Jobs: School (20)

Current Project: Railing/PlayArea/Fence

Current Project Needs: \$375/\$600/\$505

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

Construction/Uniform Jobs: 3-7

Total Meals Fed (2021): 119,281

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