

## Update #202302 – KICKING OFF A NEW YEAR



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de Palacaguina *Generaciones*



Palacaguina Christian Academy

Changing a Generation

*“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.  
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” – Lamentations 3:22-23(NIV)*

I want to reflect on the Lord’s compassion and faithfulness to start our update.

Knowing that every morning His compassion is new gives hope for each day. Hope that yesterday’s struggles do not define our present or future and yesterday’s successes do not limit what new works God can work in our lives today. His compassion is NEW. This fills each day with the promise of possibility and fills our heart with promise of possibility for a new ministry and school year at PCA.

And though this may be a familiar verse to many of us, our prayer is that we would never overlook the fact that the Lord’s faithfulness is great. God is faithful. How grateful we should be that He is faithful. This is so important to us this year as we face the greatest challenge we have ever faced. Knowing that God is faithful and being reminded of how faithful God has been in everything, again gives hope and confirms that we can trust in God to continually be faithful to meet every need and provide everything needed to continue Changing a Generation of children for the glory of God in Palacaguina. And I know that His faithfulness will extend to each of you as you partner with us in your prayers, support, and efforts to share what God is doing and bring PCA to your friends, family, and network. Only together, in God’s grace, will we achieve all He has called us to. Thank you!

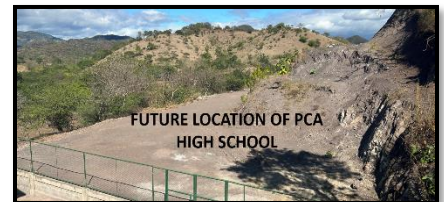
### 2023 GOALS

#### *Primary Goal #1 – Overcome a Deficit*

In our efforts to never turn away a child, our expenses stay ahead of our income. Which means every January we start the year at a deficit. Our first goal for 2023 is to overcome this deficit in operational funds. The actual deficit is \$35,000 and we are believing God to meet this need so we do not have to tell children they cannot continue their time at PCA.

#### *Primary Goal #2 – Build a High School*

Building a High School and continuing to serve these beautiful children is definitely a primary goal. Even though this will be a \$1,000,000 project to completely finish PCA and seems a truly daunting goal, it is absolutely God’s desire and completely possible in Christ. Matthew 19:26 says *“With man this is impossible, but **with God all things are possible.**”*



This year alone, we will need \$130,000 (**\$65,000 by June 1<sup>st</sup>**) in order to realize the start of this dream.

## OPEN HOUSE 2023 – YEAR 7

I was so grateful to participate in our open house program this year. Can you believe this is our 7<sup>th</sup> year to serve and love the families of Palacaguina? It is amazing to see all God is doing. Of course, the greatest blessing was to see and hug so many of our incredible students. PCA is making a difference! And praise the Lord we have the continued opportunity each year to continue making that difference.



## TRIP SUMMARY

My two weeks in January were absolutely amazing. Being able to meet with and prepare our staff to really kick off this year of teaching and ministry well was such a blessing. So many great stories to share. I will do my best to give just a highlight in this update, but if I could communicate just one thing, it would be that God is working and doing so much through PCA. We are literally changing lives and building a future for these children and the community of Palacaguina. And ALL of it is to the Glory of God. Hearing the stories of those who have come to Christ and who are growing in their faith because of PCA are, at times, overwhelming. I truly hope every one of you will at some point be able to come with me to Palacaguina and see for yourself.

We hope you enjoy these 4 stories from the trip.

*Our next trip to Palacaguina will be this June 10<sup>th</sup> through June 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please let us know.*



### STORY 1: 5-Year-Old Evangelist

When visiting Los Arados, a community where we partner with a local church to twice a week feed and minister to children, Pastora Sylvia shared a precious story with us. A 5-year-old girl from a family who is strongly against the church started coming to our outreach program. Soon this precious little girl asked Jesus into her heart. And the change was radical. This little girl is now known in the community as the little evangelist because she goes from house to house telling families about Jesus and how to be saved. Thank you Jesus for making a difference in this girl's life and for speaking through her into this community.



### STORY 2: Sharing PCA Culture

Working with the teachers of PCA to build a biblically based work culture was a highlight of the trip. I was able to exhort our staff with the Word of God to encourage them in the way we work each day to accomplish our mission and ultimately our vision of Changing a Generation to the glory of God.



### STORY 3: Abner's Testimony

Abner is a wonderful young man who has worked at PCA for the last 5 years as our Preschool English teacher. Getting to sit down and hear his testimony was so encouraging. When Abner came to work at PCA, he was not a believer. In his first year at PCA he accepted Christ in his heart and was eager to learn all he could about Jesus. For years, he grew in the Lord, but slowly. He wanted more. In August of last year, he faced a strange and

undiagnosable illness that hindered his ability to work at PCA. Not knowing what to do, he decided to step down from his position at PCA to seek medical help.

No doctor could define what was happening. Abner explained to me how

God showed him this was a spiritual attack. This was the first true challenge Abner ever faced where he had to fully depend upon God so deeply. In November, Jesus healed him of this illness and Abner was delivered, Praise God!!

Now, Abner feels so close to God and is growing fast in his relationship with Jesus as he serves his local fellowship and is seeking a future serving God. Thank you, Jesus!





## STORY 4: Visiting Families

It was beautiful to meet with and see families and friends of PCA on this trip. Each visit was filled with stories, fellowship, and opportunities to share the love of Christ with these families. Precious, precious moments.



## TEACHER TRAINING – JoAnna

For 4 years JoAnna Blocker has been such an incredible part of educating and growing our teachers. And for 4 years she has wanted to travel to Palacaguina to do the training in person. Praise God because this year was the year. JoAnna spent a week with our teachers and staff and wow, it was powerful. The teachers learned so much and we are looking for ways to grow the ministry to and training of our teachers. If you are a teacher or education trainer and would be interested in a future trip to build into our teachers, let us know and I am sure JoAnna would love to have you partner and help in this way to make a true impact in the lives of our teachers.





## 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE – PRIMARY SCHOOL IS COMPLETE

Palacaguina is now a fully functioning Pre School and Primary School. PRAISE GOD! I was overcome with emotion while standing in the school and realizing what has been accomplished together in such a short amount of time. WOW! I am in awe of God's goodness. Thank you for your partnership. Thank you for your commitment and passion to see God's Kingdom advanced in Palacaguina.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ Please pray for our staff to grow as a team and build a strong culture at PCA.
- ❖ 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 our 5 new teachers and new chaplain; Pray for success and favor.
- ❖ Please pray that God will provide to meet our \$35,000 deficit for the 2023 ministry year
- ❖ Please pray that God will provide the \$130,000 we need for the High School in 2023.



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: 208

2023 Grades: P-K3, P-K4, Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Full-Time Jobs: School (25)

Current Project: Deficit, High School Yr 1

Current Project Needs: \$35K + \$130K

Children Needing Sponsors: 105

Construction/Uniform Jobs: 3

Total Meals Fed (2023): 2,117

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