

Update #202311 – Truly Thankful



ACADEMIA
CRISTIANA *Cambiando
Generaciones*
de Palacaguina



Palacaguina Christian Academy

Changing a Generation

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” – 1 Chronicles 16:34 & Psalm 107:1 (NIV)

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.” – Psalm 100:4 (NIV)

It is hard to believe we are coming to the end of another amazing year loving and serving the children and families of Palacaguina. And we are truly thankful for all God has done and for all He will do. With only a few weeks of class time left in 2023, we begin focusing on graduation and next year’s planning. This year is a special year as we have our first Primary School graduation to celebrate. In addition to our 27 graduating preschoolers, we have 26 graduating 6th graders. These are two major milestones for our students. In fact, for so many children in this part of the world, their 6th grade graduation is the highest level of academic achievement they will reach. In some areas, there is as high as a 50% drop out rate among students from Primary to Secondary school as many children, at this age, begin working to help support their families. We are believing for better futures for PCA students. I look forward to absolutely destroying this statistic and seeing our students continue in their education to pursue a better future than a life of poverty and manual labor. Looking forward to sharing the graduation pictures in our next update.

ENCOURAGING THE FUTURE

Our 6th graders presented this month their entrepreneurial ideas in class. From bakeries to tourism, it is beautiful to see these young minds thinking of their future. A future they have because of you.



PREPARE FOR 2023 NATIONAL DAY OF GIVING

Tuesday, November 28th is this year's National Day of Giving. This day is an opportunity for all of us to collectively express our thanks for all we have by giving to those less fortunate. As you consider where you will give on this day, we encourage you to think about PCA and the many ways you can make a difference through this ministry. There is no better way to make a lasting, sustainable change than through education. PCA not only provides an education to children in poverty, but we also provide daily and weekend meals to children in need. Our partnerships help to build homes, strengthen communities, and give hope to so many who need hope. At PCA, every dollar makes a difference and 99 cents of every dollar goes directly toward serving the children and families of PCA.



We hope you will consider one of the following opportunities this National Day of Giving:



\$5 provides a ½ tuition scholarship for a struggling family for a month



\$15 funds the cost of providing 70 children meals on a Sat/Sun

\$20 provides tuition and daily lunch for a student for one month

\$25 provides a month of supplies for a classroom

\$60 sponsors a local missionary's food for a whole month



\$75 provides a student with the books they need for a full year

\$225 provides a month of classroom supplies for Prek-3 through 6th

\$350 pays a month's salary for a teacher at PCA

\$500 pays for the graduation event for primary students



\$1,000 provides 2,439 meals through our kitchen program for a month (.41 per meal)

\$1,500 feeds 170 hungry children in 2 communities every Saturday/Sunday for a year

\$2,500 provides all classroom books for an entire grade for the year

\$3,500 funds a teacher's salary for a full year

\$10,000 would cover the 2024 operational costs of the High School

\$150,000 would cover all 2024 operational costs for PCA



\$350,000 would complete all essential construction for the PCA High School



2023 GOALS AND 2024

We give God all of the Glory, Praise, and Honor for His blessings on PCA this year. We are grateful to have met all of our critical financial goals in 2023 and have zero deficit to end the year. Thank you Lord!!!

As we begin looking towards our 2024 budget, with so many students not sponsored, we are again looking at starting the year with a deficit. Please invite others to sponsor children at PCA. With 100 students needing sponsors, that means we will start the year with a \$48,000 gap in funding. We know God can, and we have seen God every year overcome this deficit through our partners giving. But, imagine how much more God could do through this ministry if we did not have to spend each year trying to overcome such a gap.

GROW BY ONE

Thank you, thank you, thank you to those who have been sharing with others about the school. Thanks to your efforts to invite others to sponsor children, we continue to see children sponsored. It would be a huge impact if we could get 25 more children sponsored before the end of the year. So, keep sharing with others. Together, I know we can get these wonderful children sponsored. And, if we can get these, and all, children sponsored our annual deficit will disappear. Please take the time to grow by one. The impact will be worth it.

UPCOMING TRIPS TO PCA

If you or your tribe are interested in taking a trip to experience and serve at PCA, we invite you to plan a trip in 2024. We have so many flexible opportunities for your group of any age to make an impact. We are looking forward to serving alongside you and your group in 2024. If you would like more information, please contact us at bwitonski@gmail.com and we will get you more details on what a trip to Palacaguina looks like. It is life changing. Some of our upcoming trips include:

- November 27 – December 1st – Florida Church Trip – Registration Closed
- January 13-21 – Teacher Training and Facilities Preparation – Cost \$1,500 + airfare
 - June 7-17 – Youth Trip – Serving at PCA – Cost \$1,450 + airfare

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ Please pray God will continue to 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 Bailey as she grows in her leadership role at PCA and recovers from sickness.
- ❖ Please pray for Amy as she recovers in her health.

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: 213

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

Full-Time Jobs: School (25)

Current Project: Looking toward 2024

Current Project Needs: \$0

Children Needing Sponsors: 100

Construction/Uniform Jobs: 3

Total Meals Fed (2023): 29,664

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