



## NEWSLETTER March 2022

### Press Release—Camp Reopens

With your help and prayers and the hard work of many volunteers and contracted workers, we got the Camp ready once again. On Sunday, January 23, 2022 we received campers for the first time in two years. We had to implement some changes in activities due to Covid-19, but the Lord still ministered his love in a special way through the staff to the children. Here's some of the data which summarizes what happened during the four-week camping season:

1. 295 children attended camp; over 200 committed their lives to Christ
2. 100+ adult volunteers (staff and group leaders)
3. Over 5,000 meals and innumerable cups of coffee served
4. Outstanding compliance by everyone with wearing masks, distancing and using hand sanitizers.

So, we are proud to say: **0 confirmed cases of Covid-19!**

Thank you, Lord for your provision, your presence and your protection! —Brother Paul



### We Matched the Match

Thank you to everyone for your donations from late November through December 31, 2021. Donations totaled \$30,715 and \$30,000 was matched, so thank you, thank you! Your generosity went towards COVID compliance costs, infrastructure expenses such as building and roof renovations, and helping with the increased cost of sponsoring a camper (now \$40 for 3 days at Camp rather than \$25). Praise to our Lord for this gift of over \$60,000!



This swimming area is new to the Camp. It is part of the river on the Camp's property. More work will be done on the area in the future.



**Thank you for keeping the Camp in your prayers.**

**Thelma and I are awaiting your visit.**

**—Paul**



## Future Camps and Projects available for Mission Teams

Travel restrictions seem to be lessening and people are wanting to come to help at Camp Penuel in 2022 and 2023. You are all welcome to come and join in, bringing children to know Jesus as their Savior.

There are some young adults with special needs who are very anxious to come to the Camp for three days as well as Costa Rican students learning English who wish to be part of an English Camp. BUT, we need helpers. Please consider a mission trip, maybe even as soon as this summer to help lead a week of English Camp/Special Needs Camp in late June.

In addition, there are numerous projects at the Camp, so any work teams are most welcome, too. There are plans for having children's summer camps the first two weeks of July, God-willing, so consider coming then.

There are already groups interested in being part of the Camp sessions in January of 2023 and a group interested in coming on their spring break in 2023. So please, consider coming either as a group or couple or individually. If you have questions, or want more information, please contact Mark or Lois Finney at [markofinney@gmail.com](mailto:markofinney@gmail.com).

## Lots of Fun Activities during Camp Session



Evening devotions include a bonfire and roasting marshmallows. The staff always provides a skit with the devotion. This scene is from the "Prodigal Son." →

## Paul's family came to help and get a break from the Minnesota winter



Pictured with Paul in the background are Mom (on right) and sister Luann (next to Mom) and some of her family. They came to help at the Camp and to enjoy a break from winter. Their help and support was appreciated. Others in the picture are Elissa, Steve (Luann's husband), Andrew and Emily Meade and their children, Aria and Beckett, who provided a lot of the entertainment.



To make a tax-deductible contribution, you may use the enclosed envelope or donate through the website - [cp-cr.org](http://cp-cr.org) or mail a check to CPCR, Attn: Luann, 2431 Churchill St., Roseville, MN 55113.

For more information, check out our Facebook and You Tube pages — Camp Penuel Costa Rica.