



NEWSLETTER March 2023

2023-Camp at Full Capacity!

Our 2023 winter camps (January 4-February 4), were blessed with a full slate of campers and mission teams for the first time since 2020. (We did not have camps in 2021 due to COVID and we had much smaller camps last year with no mission groups.)

We thank the Lord and you all for contributing to our recent matching fund drive- we raised a total of \$53,232!! Those funds helped us:

- Receive nearly 500 campers, all of whom were touched by the love and power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Provide each camper with a backpack which they colored. The backpack was printed with this year's camp theme "Jesus set me free" (John 8:36) and then each camper took it home with the following food items:



- A 4 lb. bag of rice
- A 1.5 lb. bag of uncooked black beans
- Two family-sized cans of tuna
- A bag of pasta shells
- A package of cookies

Also, thanks to your support, the camp can and will continue to grow and impact more and more children, their families, their neighborhoods and the mission teams for Christ! Here are examples of the growth and outreach of CPRC:

- We had an abundance of staff and mission teams so that we had almost a one-to-one ratio of children to youth/adult helpers.

- Our Lord made sure we had plenty of food and water for everyone, with a record 150 people served arroz con pollo (rice with chicken) for supper on Sunday, January 15.

- The staff superbly ministered the story of Joseph and his brothers with new camel, spider, and rat costumes at our repainted and revamped amphitheater.

- For the first time, we had an ex-camper, who is now a pastor, bring a full group of campers from a marginal neighborhood in the Puntarenas area.



- There was an awesome and unique cultural exchange that took place between all of the USA mission teams and the campers and Costa Rican staff, with many campers, staff members and mission groups saying they finally felt meaning in their lives.

The Lord continues to remind all of us how valuable and precious we are to him—so valuable that he gave his life on a cross to die for our sins and won our victory over death with his resurrection from the dead. JESUS SET US FREE.

Summer Camps are Around the Corner

We have had requests for an English Camp and a Special Needs Camp (camp for people with disabilities) and we hope to have those camps the last week in June. We are calling out to you for mission teams or individuals to help with those two camps, and of course, our summer kid's camp, July 2-15.

Enjoy Costa Rica in the summer while you help share the love of Jesus. We anticipate there will be a lot of interest in coming in the summer so please let Mark and Lois Finney (lois.finney@gmail.com) know as soon as possible.

Thank you to all Teams helping with the January/February 2023 Camps



Above - Schmidt/Finney Family Mission Team with a group of campers. Family members in back row: Sophia, Micah, Samuel, Zach, Olivia, Sarah, Nevaeh, Lois, Mark, Ella, & Isaiah.

Middle right - Woodland Hills Mission Team, St. Paul, MN: Judy, Fawn, Michelle, Brendan, Jeff, Tim in the back with staff members in front of them.

Bottom left - Mission Team from Faith Lutheran, Hutchinson, MN: Front, Bodie & Sam; Middle, Grayson, Shannon, Brenda (staff) & Paul; Back, Wyatt, Kristen, Luke & John

Bottom right - Dick & friend Kathy from Hutchinson, MN helped build a new bridge leading to the swimming pool. Did other projects at Camp also.



Paul, Luis (local welder) & Missionary Jim completed the new staging and storage area behind the amphitheater.



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

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