



# NEWSLETTER November 2021

## Camp is On—January 2022

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says that there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. After nearly two years without camps, our season has come. It's time to re-open the camp. With God's favor, we will be receiving campers once again on Sunday, January 22 until Saturday February 18.

These dates coincide with the short school break that Costa Rican public school children will enjoy. For over 300 campers, God-willing, part of that vacation time will be enjoyed at the camp. Re-opening the camp after two years of not having children is requiring a lot of work.

As we get close to re-opening the camp, we appreciate your prayers in the following areas:

1. That the Lord will give us the wisdom and strength to get the camp fully ready for campers on January 22, 2022.
2. That during the four weeks of camp, that there will be no Covid-19.
3. That campers, group leaders, staff, and any mission groups will follow protocols strictly to achieve goal #2.



4. That despite very limited physical contact with the campers, each child will receive and experience the Father's hug and love!

I truly believe that God has appointed this season for us to re-open, but I ask that you help sustain us in prayer. What we are venturing upon is not an easy task. We truly need God's help. God has an excellent track record. He's never failed us, and he never will, so I want you to know that I really appreciate you joining us in praying for the upcoming camps.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of you for keeping the ministry of the camp dear to your heart. We have received countless expressions of encouragement from you, and as we worked through the pandemic, you continued to remain faithful in your giving. That means a lot to me and all of the children's ministries throughout Costa Rica whom we serve.

God bless you, and have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas! As we finish this year and start the new one, with God's favor, may we be united like never before to win our world for Christ who very humbly came as one of us, fulfilled our forgiveness on the cross, and rose again to give us life! To Jesus be the glory and honor forever!

— Brother Paul

## Matching Funds are Available

Our CPRC match is on and we are hoping to raise at least \$25,000, which will be matched. With \$50,000 God-willing, your match money will be used for:

- Camper sponsorships (\$12,000)- We now realize that the cost for a child to come to our 3-day camp is \$40 since food, paper products/crafts, and transportation costs have all greatly increased in price.
- COVID compliance costs (\$5000)- We've incurred extra expenses to renew our health permit. Also, we will need to invest in disinfectants, hand sanitizers, and other supplies to open the camp so it adheres to

COVID prevention practices and keeps campers, staff, and mission teams safe.

- Infrastructure expenses- (\$33,000) –With camps restarting we must do building and roof renovations, painting, cleanup/sanitizing, landscaping, and also restore solar power.

**The match is on until December 31, 2021.** We are hoping to raise \$25,000 to provide \$50,000. Costs have greatly increased.

Solar power system needs to be restored as there is no other electricity connected to the Camp.



**Many renovations and general repair took place during this past year.**



**Ceiling replacement in the Boys' Dorm**

**New solar panels installed to provide electricity to the Camp.**

## **JOIN us at Camp Penuel Costa Rica**

We welcome families and small groups to come to CPR either when school children will be here in January/February or come in spring and help with English or Special Needs Camps. Although Covid cases in Costa Rica are currently declining, we ask that you wear a mask at Camp and that you are fully vaccinated.

There are some forms that must be completed before you come. Let Mark or Lois Finney (markofinney@gmail.com) know if you wish more information.



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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 CPR, Attn: Luann, 2431 Churchill St., Roseville, MN 55113.

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