



NEWSLETTER November 2023

2024 Camp Theme – “My life is hidden in God”

Colossians 3:3 says: *“For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.”*

As we contemplate the 2024 camp theme, we realize that it will be a challenge to teach it to adults, let alone children. How do we teach children (and adults, too) to die to this world and live for Christ? How do we teach them that Christ will protect them from vulnerability and exposure to so much harm and danger in this cruel world? The answer is in His hand. He’s got the little bitty baby; he’s got you and me brother, he’s got you and me sister, he’s got the whole world in his hands. And per the pencil sketch drawing, he’s got the little lamb which represents us, God’s children, in his hands.



In the midst of an uncertain world filled with so much bad news, the message of salvation through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection will always conquer all our fears. He is with us and nothing will snatch us out of his hand.

To our CPCRC supporters: Thank you for helping us to move the camp forward and provide free camping for over 500 children this coming January alone, and for helping us to receive more than 10,000 children over the last 18 years!! Thank you, all, for your faithfulness to the Lord and to the ministry that He has entrusted to us. As we move forward into 2024, may we do so without fear or anxiety for our lives or for those whom we love because “our lives are hidden with Christ in God.”

God bless you, Brother Paul

\$30,000 Matching Fund Drive is On

All donations to CPCRC will be matched from now until December 31 at midnight.

We’ve once again set a goal of raising \$60,000 in November and December 2024. We pray that you would consider giving towards these projects that we’ve established for 2024:

1. Backpack for each child full of food supplies and a gospel storybook for children – Cost - \$20,000
2. Electrical Update – along with a paved road to the camp, we soon will have public electricity. In addition to connecting to the new power lines via underground wiring, we also will be updating our

current electrical system with more solar panels and repairs to our existing electrical wiring system. Cost - \$18,000

3. Farm Improvements – We are so grateful for your donations several years ago to our Farmer John Ag Center.

We are currently getting a permit to build. Then, we want to furnish it by purchasing some animals. Cost - \$12,000

4. Building Upkeep - \$10,000.



Thank you for your continued support to Camp Penuel!
Without YOU camps are not possible.

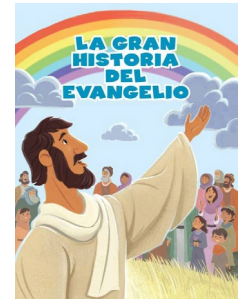
7 Youth from Canada help with many projects



We praise the Lord that our mission house is getting a lot of use. We recently had a mission team of 7 youth visit us from the Toronto, Canada area. They participated in many activities including building a raised garden bed with the local school children (see the picture below), planting nearly 200 shrubs both at the camp and at a partner ministry in Puntarenas that sends children to the camp, teaching English to adults and children at Paul and Thelma's local church in Esparza, and leading a day camp with local children. They led 8 people to the Lord, 6 children and 2 adults.



The Backpack pictured below with the 2024 theme logo on it will be packed with food supplies and a child's Gospel Storybook. Each child will receive this backpack as a gift for the family.



In September, the camp housed the Costa Rica Special Needs National Soccer Team, who went on to win the tournament in Mexico in October. Congratulations to them!



If you or your organization are interested in bringing a mission team or family group to the camp, please contact Mark and Lois Finney at lois.finney@gmail.com. Coming during camp sessions is very popular, but as shown by the group from Toronto, and a large group which will be coming next June, we can receive groups at any time of the year.

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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