

...St. Michael Family:

Thanks so much to the good people of your church for the constant prayers, love, support and treating us as your Christian family.

Good news follows! We have some 30 people in confirmation classes (4) at this time in Palmar Arriba alone! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

School Year-Palmar Arriba

We are concluding our school year. On June 8th is the last exam and we will have a closing service at 8 in the evening. All of the classes have memorized Bible verses and hymns and songs to present to their parents. We are actively preparing for the new school year. At this point, we have inscriptions open for new students until June 15th and then we will interview new teachers from June 15th to the 30th. The kids will receive their report cards on the Tuesday you are here and there will be an opportunity to see them that day as we will have a special activity with them.

We are hoping to receive up to 150 kids for the new year. We hope to integrate perhaps up to four of our children with disabilities in the classroom as well. This year, two have participated since February. We have enough desks and chairs for 175. We will need to buy three chalk boards and three fans, but we have this left in our budget. We will paint the school in July, but we also have paint that Brian and Jeanette brought with them and they are willing to donate some for the school. We are thankful for this contribution.

We did buy more than 100 books at the book fair that concluded this past weekend. We will have photos and thank you cards from Kissayris and myself. Kissayris and my sister-in-law Ruth will have photos of the children that you can distribute to the sponsors.

We are finishing the school year in the black. We are still calculating the totals, but the news is positive. We have kept every single staff person and all are on contract and have received their due benefits. We are thankful to the Lord for His manifold blessings!

Of our 5 year plan, we would like to see the school raise 40% of its own funding this coming year. Our goal was 20% this year and we are still calculating our costs as the school year has not yet ended.

Projects for next school year include:

- a. Building of a Playground.
- b. Remodeling upstairs classrooms.
- c. Internet access to our computer lab.
- d. Potential remodeling of house on the hill.
- e. Potential planting of garden on the hill side and alongside the school property.

Water-Las Americas Mercy Project

Our church in Las Americas is half built. Lord willing, the roof will go on in August and perhaps finish the construction by the end of September. We have now connected water to the property with a pump as of this last week. The storage unit to house the filtration system is built and a window to slide in and out the water is now complete.

Internet Cafe -Palmar Arriba

We are able to begin this project by July 1 should there be monies available. The roof will be built during the month of July by a firm and so Brian will have a month of down time to assist us in the building of this cafe. We estimate the costs at \$4000. We initially stated \$3500, but we will be able to find the difference. Would this be doable by July? (Note: St. Michael sent a check for \$4,000 from the school fundraisers to fund this.) We have 5 computers to begin the internet. We have a young man with experience in running it as well. We project that the monies would go 50-50 to the school and the group home. This would be one of our long term sustainability projects for the school and the group home. We feel there is NO competition at this point and that we will have a lock on the market. It would be feasible to have this up and running by the end of August were we to begin in July. Brian is responsible for the construction and Pastor Ries will assist him in rounding up the free labor who will build this...

In Christ's love,

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