

December News from Outpost Ministries

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We would like to begin this newsletter by welcoming everyone to 2008. 2007 was a terrific year at Colegio Cristiano Pixabaj with over 125 children receiving a quality education free of charge. 2007 also taught us a lot and has prepared us for 2008, in which we will be welcoming an additional 130 students. The following newsletter highlights what has been going on over the past month at Colegio Cristiano Pixabaj as we head into our second year. Enjoy!



Team Three from Living Word Assembly and from Minnesota:

With the second school year right around the corner, Colegio Cristiano Pixabaj stands ready to welcome over 130 new students thanks to the hard work accomplished by three teams over the past two months. Our most recent team was made up of a group from Living Word Assembly in Virginia and two couples from Minnesota. With only a week to get the second level to a point where three classes would be available in January, the teams worked hard all day, sometimes even during the night, to get the work done. After finishing the roof and the scaffolding, the team got right to work on the stucco, drywall, insulation, installing the doors, rough electrical and building the railing. Their work put us over the top and has ensured us the space for next year's students. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us during the recent three weeks of construction and we look forward to finishing the project in February 2008.

Clemson University Comes to Pixabaj

On January 3, 2008, a 3-person team from Clemson University in South Carolina joined the faculty of Colegio Cristiano Pixabaj, Sololá to help prepare for the new school year. Dr. Carol G. Weatherford, Dr. David Weatherford and Mr. Jason Clayton joined the faculty for an intensive four days of teacher education in-service training focused on helping the teachers utilize the new teaching methods of “service learning”. The objective of the training was to help the faculty utilize the concept of service learning to assist students in applying classroom learning in real life situations.

To integrate the concept of service learning into Colegio Cristiano Pixabaj extensive time was devoted to helping the staff to better understand, not only the children they are teaching, but also the staff they are working with. Throughout the week, the staff and the team from Clemson worked together to develop new service learning techniques and came up with two wonderful projects dealing with school-wide recycling and an adult education program involving literacy and writing. We are excited to see the fruit from this one week in the years to come.

Looking Ahead

Over the next month we will be getting ready for the 2008 school year, which begins January 21st. Soon after that we will be welcoming a team from Tehachapi, California who will be coming down to help finish the second story.

We are still in need of people willing to sponsor children for the 2008 school year. If you or someone you know might be interested in sponsoring a child please visit our website at www.theoutpostministry.com or call our toll free number in the States at 1-800-281-2516. You can also contact Carlos directly by calling him in Guatemala at 011-5802-1100.

Blessings,
Outpost Ministries



Prayer Requests

School Year

School starts January 21st. Please pray for passion and strength for the new and returning students as well as the teachers. Please also pray for the new style of service teaching that will be incorporated into this year's curriculum.

Teams: Please pray for the upcoming team from Tehachapi. Pray they will be safe in their travels and that their time here is blessed.

Sponsors: Please pray that we receive enough sponsors for the remaining children who currently do not have sponsors.