

HUTCHINS NEWS

GRAND OPENING!

The preschool is now open year round!!! We are so excited to announce that after almost ten years of prayers and an incredible amount of support from our donors the school is open all year! Now we are able to form an integral place in our community and with the families we serve. We are a school that works almost exclusively with high risk children. What does "high risk" mean; it means children who are living in extreme poverty, live in single income families, have a family member who is ill or has a mental health diagnosis, and migrant families.

We provide a safe place for these children to thrive under otherwise very difficult circumstances. The children absolutely LOVE coming to "their" school! It is so precious to hear them yell from their yard, "Don't worry teacher, I will be at school today!" Our staff is also extremely happy to have a full time, full year job. Their passion for children and their wellbeing is truly a gift from God.

Future Planning in our MOM/BABY ECFE program:

Christ based (Early Childhood Family Education)

As we move forward into the future, we have recognized another opportunity to develop in another area, a more permanent location. These past three years we have been meeting in an area outside of San José called Guacima Las Vueltas. The area is different from our present location because we are surrounded by coffee, however in Guacima, it is very flat, hot, and has a lot of farms (from livestock to Mango fruit). The moms in this area have very little ability to find work unless they clean homes or know how to work with livestock, yikes!

So, that being said, we see a need to help educate these moms to be able to make a small income to help with food stability. We have developed a program that includes bringing other women who are small business owners to help these moms grow in their ability to provide for their children. We are excited to see the growth in the coming year!

Story from the Preschool:

One day all of the teachers and I (Jill), were outside with the children talking about our rescue goat (whose name is Chupita). Chupita was scratching at the ground up on top of this big rock wall and the ladies told me she was maybe trying to escape. I responded, no way, this is the most spoiled goat on the whole mountain that cannot be true. Then, little Jose Miguel said to us all, "No, Chupita doesn't want to escape, she is trying to find a treasure!"



New School



Future Location - Guacima Las Vueltas



Chupita, the rescue goat and the school mascot.

Current needs:

- Computer for our school as our other one does not work any more. Cost: \$500
- Artificial grass - many people ask us why artificial grass, until they are here during rainy season. Without artificial grass our children cannot play outside, the mud is incredible and because of the humidity, it does not dry out. Cost: \$6,000 (Our grass area is decently large)

- John and Jill Hutchins