



## NEWSLETTER July 2018

### “Amphitheater Grand Opening”

Only I, Paul Bernhagen, a Minnesota-raised boy, would think of inviting people to celebrate the Grand Opening of our OUTDOOR Amphitheater in the middle of the rainy season in a tropical country. But 300 folks showed up and despite threatening clouds and a “little” rain, the performance went on at 5:15 p.m. Our guests snuggled into their seats, our Pastor Jorge Luis Soto prayed, we cut the ribbon and the audience was thrilled with a comical drama entitled, “In the Chinese Forest.”

After we recessed and ate nachos, we returned for the feature presentation—“These are the Days of Elisha!”

We even had an explosive light show when Elijah was carried up to heaven! The message—The Potter is Jesus, and he is filling jars (souls) with fresh oil (the Spirit) in these last days and he’ll receive all jars as they are, even in their brokenness. He restores them, makes them new, makes them whole, and fills them up with his new life and love!

We give glory to God for over 1,000 volunteer hours, mainly from a 2017 New Zealand mission team and multiple others who built

the theater. Also thanks to our pastor, church and wonderful staff for their hard work of excellence in preparing for this day! **To the Lord Jesus be the glory!**

—Brother Paul



### Mission Team Opportunities

If you or a group you belong to is planning a mission trip to the Camp, check out the website and book a week or two. January is a popular month for teams so get your name on the Camp calendar soon.



A morenga tree sapling was given to every family who attended the dedication. The Camp grows many of these trees. The foliage is harvested for the use of humans and animals. A very healthy product.



The Bernhagens (Roy, Thelma, Paul & Rebeca) from Costa Rica are coming to Minnesota for the month of August.

They want to meet with as many Camp Penuel supporters as possible while they are here. Plan to attend one of the “Open House” Opportunities—one in the Twin Cities area and one in Hutchinson. Hope to see many of you!

### You’re Invited



Mark & Lois Finney  
invite you to a  
gathering at their home  
to meet  
Paul and Thelma and  
family on  
Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018  
Time: 2 to 5 p.m.

Address: 8 Woodhill Lane, North Oaks, MN 55127  
Call 651-503-3180 if you need directions.

### You’re Invited

Open House Coffee Party  
At: John & Gail Gillard Home  
1363 Westwood Rd  
Hutchinson, MN 55350  
Date: Sunday, August 19, 2018  
Time: 2 to 4 p.m.

Many new projects and events happening at the Camp. Paul and Thelma want to share the latest news about the Camp. Many changes but the gospel presented to the children remains the same.



July 1, the first day of the summer camps —  
God provided this double rainbow!

**Mission Teams  
make things  
happen!**

The Imperial Family from St. Louis



Mission Team from New Orleans pictured with Rick and Kathy Cross. The Crosses are the owners of the van pictured below. They live half time in both Costa Rica and Texas!



**PRAISE REPORT:** The Crosses (Rick & Kathy) are a couple who have been involved in helping at Camp Penuel for many years. They have recently retired and built a home in a town near the Camp. They purchased a 12-passenger van for use in Costa Rica.

They plan on using it to help get missions groups from the airport to the camp and whatever else God would call them to do. We give all praise to Jesus for making their dream a reality.

## Dedication pictures



The dedication with a bit of rain but cleared up for the main event.



**Congratulations!!  
Camp Penuel Costa  
Rica is now a certified  
Blue Banner Farm!**

What does this mean?

The Blue Banner Ecology Program in Costa Rica was founded to improve education and information about the environment. It is a certification program granted every year to those communities, farms and beaches that score at least 90% for all requirements—appropriate use of water, land, fuel and energy, minimizing herbicides/pesticides; preserving water sources; and educating others. The goal of CPCR is to be 100% organically certified over the next 5 years. The award was given to the Camp in June!

**To make a tax deductible contribution you may use the enclosed, self-addressed envelope. Thank you for your past interest and support. Without YOU this Camp is not possible.**

**For more information about the Camp, check the website—[www.cp-cr.org](http://www.cp-cr.org)**