



HURON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER MAY 2017



CAMPAIGN PROGRESS ANNOUNCED

At the recent Huron Christian School Membership meeting held on Monday, May 8th, an announcement was made with regard to the progress of the Same Foundation Next Generation Capital Campaign. Below are excerpts from that evening's presentation. We are so pleased that so many people were able to attend and celebrate this significant moment in the campaign story.

God answers prayers to bring glory to His name, the name that is above all names. Prayer is about giving God an opportunity to prove Himself to you. That is who He is. That is what He does. And if you have the faith to dream big, pray hard, and think long, there is nothing God loves more than proving His faithfulness.

Mark Batterson, the Circle Maker, pg 197

Miraculous events, guided by the God of the impossible, are woven into a much bigger story. Huron Christian School and the capital campaign – again miraculous, humanly impossible. The God of the impossible is not done writing this story. We are experiencing a miracle and the story is still not done.

That miracle takes the form of \$3.1M raised or pledged to this building project to date. This is completely God's work. It is beyond anything we could have ever hoped for or imagined. And that causes us to pause and reflect. Psalm 46:10 puts it this way: ***Be still and know that I am God.***

This story is obviously not over. As a campaign committee and a Board, we are reflecting on what the ending will really look like.

- a. What is the real story that God is writing for Huron Christian School in all of this?*
- b. What is the real story that God is writing for EduDeo and COCREF in the Dominican Republic?*
- c. What is your role in this ongoing story?*

After all, God knew where we would be at this point in the campaign, long before the campaign started. God worked in the hearts of the people who have been visited to give what they have given. Is God telling us that our vision for Huron Christian School, or for schools in the Dominican Republic is too small? What's the bigger story that He has planned for us? Again, what part does each person play in God's story for Huron Christian School?

God's story for the capital campaign is not over. We will continue this campaign with the same passion that we started with; making sure that everyone has an opportunity to be a part of this exciting story. We will continue to prayerfully listen to God's leading as we strive to be obedient to His calling for Huron Christian School. **Agnes Waanders, Campaign Chair**

God is magnificent; He can never be praised enough. There are no boundaries to His greatness. Generation after generation stands in awe of Your work. Each one tells stories of Your mighty acts. Psalm 145:3 & 4 The Message



EDUDEO UPDATE

BUILDING CHRIST-CENTRED EDUCATION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

"We are so grateful that people from Canada and across North America have come to support this ministry" says Mario Matos, Executive Director of COCREF (Coligios Cristianos Reformados), EduDeo's partner in the Dominican Republic. He is standing outside Los Guandules, a school in San Pedro de Macoris in the Dominican Republic. The entire school is gathered behind him.

"For 35 years, we have been providing children from marginalized communities in the Dominican Republic access to Christ-centred education, changing their lives and their future for the better. And above all, giving them the opportunity to know Christ. Without Huron Christian School's support, that wouldn't be possible."

Los Guandules is one of the 15 Christ-centred schools in the Dominican Republic benefiting from the over \$45,000 received thus far from Huron Christian School's *Same Foundation Next Generation* Capital Campaign. These schools serve 3,500 students who will be greatly impacted by HCS's generosity.

Here's how Huron Christian School has made a difference so far:

Transforming Teaching, Training Teachers

Having talented, passionate teachers is a core part of giving a child a quality education. COCREF is welcoming 45 new teachers – teachers who don't understand what it means to teach from a Christ-centred perspective. HCS's investment is showing these teachers how to bring the Gospel in every subject, equipping them, and the students they teach, to become agents of transformation.

Education for the most vulnerable students

COCREF aims to provide quality, Christ-centred education to the poorest of the poor in the Dominican Republic. These families contribute what they can towards their children's education. Their contributions alone, however, are not enough. HCS's capital campaign is providing the financial grants these families need so their children can go to school. EduDeo is currently sponsoring 73 students from the DR's most marginalized communities.

Leadership Development: A Foundation for Success

Over the last year, COCREF school leaders have been learning how to run a thriving school: from forming values, to recruiting the best teachers, to managing finances. These leadership skills are building the foundation COCREF schools need to bless students now – and for years to come.

What's Next

The funds raised by HCS will continue to bless schools in the Dominican Republic over the next 3 years – providing grants for 73 students across two schools, training an additional 50 new teachers throughout 2017-18, and continuing to invest in COCREF as an organization – ensuring children in the Dominican Republic are transformed through Christ-centred education for decades to come.

