

Scholarship Program

I would like to sponsor a child in the scholarship program in the following manner:

- Primary scholarship (\$228)
- Secondary scholarship (\$228)
- College scholarship (\$1000)
- Partial primary scholarship
 - \$90.00
 - \$60.00
 - \$30.00
- Partial secondary scholarship
 - \$90.00
 - \$60.00
 - \$30.00
- Partial college scholarship
 - \$150.00
 - \$100.00
 - \$50.00
- I would like to help with the special needs of the school.
- I would like to sponsor a teacher
 - \$500

Name _____
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 State _____ Zip _____

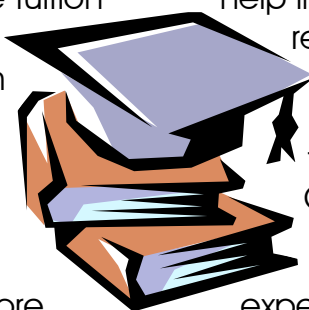
I will send funds:
 In installments All at once

Please send to:
 Colombian Christian Mission
 Scholarship Program
 Post Office Box 95
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College Age Scholarships

Many students from our churches finish high school and dream of college. But with jobs so scarce, and many families unable to pay for the tuition, college soon becomes an impossible dream. If they are able to work and study, they are so busy that they simply have no time for church. After four years away from the church, those young people seldom return. But there is a way we can help.

While we do not have a Christian college to send them to, we can help them with tuition to a public college. Instead of a job, they receive tuition help in the form of a scholarship. In return they must remain active members in the church and be involved in some ministry. This way they get their education but do not lose touch with the Church during their college years.



While college is more expensive than high school, it is much cheaper in Colombia than it is the U.S. College tuition varies greatly in Colombia. In Villavicencio you can pay for all or much of a student's tuition with \$85 a month or \$1000 per year. In Bogota the cost will about double that. But even a fifty percent scholarship is a big help. So for that reason we have decided to put the college scholarship at the \$50 per month mark.

The cost is higher, but then there are fewer students that need help at this level, since we only make this program available to active church members. If you would like to help a college student realize his or her impossible dream, mark the appropriate box on the coupon in this brochure and begin to make a dream come true!



Train up a child in the way he should go,
 and when he is old he will not turn from it.
 Proverbs 22:6



COLEGIO PENIEL Scholarship Program

The beginning of the evangelical work in Colombia was a difficult one. There was so much opposition to the Gospel that most were reluctant to take the big step into Christ Jesus. A man would lose his job or be driven off of his farm. Many were even killed in the process. It was difficult to resist the discrimination by the neighbors. It was virtually impossible to get one's children into a school to study. The Catholic Church then ran most schools. In order to register a child, the parents would have to present a certificate of good conduct from the local parish priest. Needless to say, that left most children from evangelical homes without an education. Many years ago, the problem was met by providing non-approved schools in evangelical church buildings. No diplomas could be given out, but the children at least learned to read and write. This was the case in Villavicencio in the earlier years. The church we work with in Villavicencio had a school functioning in this way.

As the years went by, the violence and religious persecution died down. More freedom was allowed. Many private schools were opened. Since private schools functioned on a moneymaking basis, they would accept anyone regardless of religious affiliation. The only problem was that their standard of education was often very low. Private schools were often very costly. They showed an inclination toward atheism and communism. In Villavicencio, many were either controlled or dominated by communist teachers. This made it difficult for an evangelical Christian to get a decent education for his children. In an effort to overcome this problem, we established a new Christian day school in the church building. Only this one differed in many ways from the old one. Colegio Peniel, as it is called, is fully approved by the Colombian government. It is allowed to give certificates as any other school. It is able to maintain high Christian standards as well as high academic standards. Most of the teachers are Christians and all teachers must be sympathetic



to the Gospel. All teachers must submit themselves to a Christian director. As more Christian teachers become available, the school hopes to hire only Christian teachers. The school operates on a non-profit basis. Yet it is nearly self-supporting

because of the tuition paid by the students. The only expenses for the school are in teaching materials and in the building. Colegio Peniel currently has pre-school, kindergarten, five years of primary school, and four years of secondary school. The school hopes to be able to add another year of secondary school each year until it has the full six years required by the Colombian government.

The school has provided a good education for the children of the believers. But it has also served as an evangelistic tool. The children are taught New Testament Christianity, instead of Romanism. The school uses the Bible for the religion textbook. Colegio Peniel works actively with the parents through a parent-teacher-school officials association to try to win them as well. The school has created much good will in the neighborhood as well. With your help, Colegio Peniel can not only provide a good social service, but can also help us reach out to many people who would otherwise be difficult to reach for the Gospel.

Colegio Peniel begins classes during the first week of February each year. Each year many parents request scholarships for their children because they simply cannot afford the tuition. With the world economic crisis hitting Colombia very hard, there are many parents who can no longer afford to pay for schooling for their children. Public schools are in very short supply and still highly politicized. Strikes take a month or two from their school year almost every year. So the



Colegio Peniel is a very popular alternative for many parents.

The Colombian Christian Mission provides scholarships each year for many of the students through its scholarship program. The scholarships for the 2010 - 2011 school year are \$228.00 US for the pre-school, kindergarten, and primary school grades one through five and \$228.00 US for the secondary school grades six through eight.

100% of the scholarship goes to the Colegio Peniel to pay tuition for the selected child. The Colombian Christian Mission does not deduct anything for processing or handling. Those expenses are paid out of the general operating fund. Anyone sponsoring a child through the scholarship program receives an information sheet and a picture of the sponsored student within a few months of the beginning of the school year – usually in March or April. Then later in the year a progress report is sent to the sponsor. In this way the scholarship sponsors are able to see how the sponsored student is doing in his/her schoolwork. The rewards of helping a child with his/her education is great. It is a joy to share in this way.



If you are interested in helping a child with a scholarship, please fill out the coupon included in this brochure to indicate your interest and send it to the Colombian Christian Mission. We will share the good news and blessing with the children in Colombia as soon as we receive your letter in the mail. The smiles and appreciation will be ample reward as a child receives the privilege and honor of being able to attend school, thanks to your generosity!

Sponsor a Teacher

Colegio Peniel is ranked in the top 10% for schools in the entire country of Colombia. We have very talented teachers that work very hard. Because the school ministers to the children of the poor, the teachers are paid a salary much lower than what they would earn working in a government school. They also do not receive the same benefits they would working at another institution.

We often lose teachers when they need to take another job for financial reasons or for better benefits for their families.

We have started a sponsor a teacher program in an effort to retain our highly qualified Christian teachers. Each year we are trying to raise \$500 for each teacher so that they can receive a bonus. While this doesn't increase their salaries to what they could earn elsewhere, it goes along way in helping them feel appreciated.

Help us make a teacher feel appreciated for the time they invest in this ministry.

Sponsor a teacher today for only \$500 per year.