

Contributions

There are many ways you can help our Mission-School to continue supporting poor families in Mexico:

- Adopt-A-Student Program,
- Adopt-A-Student Advanced Program,
- Christmas Basket Program,
- Endowment Fund,
- Or donating to the General Fund.



Adopt-A-Student Program

Thanks to this Program, attendance at Panamerican Institute has been higher, and the number of students completing the three-year Educational Program has increased.

- Students adopted are given free meals and, as needed, help for transportation or school supplies.
- An account for each adopted student is set up to show income and expenses. This information is available to sponsor when requested.
- Sponsor shall receive a picture, biographical sketch of supported student and, at least three school progress reports per school year.
- You can sponsor a student for as little as \$35 per month or \$420 per year.

Adopt-A-Student Advanced Program

Academically outstanding students obtaining their Secondary Credentials from the Panamerican Institute may be given the opportunity to further their education at Tijuana Preparatory Schools, Technical Colleges, the University of Baja California or the Technological University.

You may wish to sponsor a graduate by donating part or the whole amount each semester.

- Preparatory \$1,250 per semester, 6 total.
- University \$2,500 per semester, 9-10 total.

Christmas Baskets Program

At Panamerican Institute, with an open mind, we focus on education because we believe it is our students' only chance to have a better life. Around Christmas, we also open our hearts and do our best to assure the students' families a Merry Christmas.

Receiving a Christmas Food Basket assures families of not only a nice Christmas dinner, but food for at least one week. The cost for one food basket is \$50.

Endowment Fund

To sustain Panamerican Institute in the future, in 2003, our Board of Directors established an Endowment Fund as a special effort to expand our effectiveness. This program is designed to use only the income from investments for the students education while retaining the principal to continue earning in perpetuity.

Operating Expenses

- *Accident Insurance for students
- *Office & School Supplies
- *Books & teaching materials
- *Maintenance of building
- *Utilities: Electricity & Water
- *Computer program, which includes internet service and maintenance of computers, net & printers.

You Are Always Welcome!

Please, visit "your Mission-school in Tijuana" to see students learning and our graduates working to earn scholarships to attend Preparatory Schools and Universities.

You will also see our graduates who already have a University degree helping, just to give back what they received as students. They also serve as positive role models.

Contact

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Or visit us at www.panamericaninstitute.org

Our mailing U.S. Address is shown below

Donations

Mail your needed donation

designated to Panamerican Institute

to NACCC MISSIONARY SOCIETY

P. O. BOX 288

OAK CREEK, WI 53154

Panamerican Institute



Education is Love for Life.

This Love replaces anger and hate

Panamerican Institute is a Mission-School founded by the late Congregational Minister, Rev. Edgar S. Welty in the early 1960's and it's operation **depends 100% on donations.**

Panamerican Institute provides **free** Education to students from poor families in Tijuana.

This Mission-School has been part of NACCC for many years. We are keeping kids at school working for a better future instead of letting them hang out on the streets learning behaviors that may result in jail.

All of us working as a team are creating a better and more Christian community.

Our facilities are located in Tijuana, Mexico, south of San Diego, California.

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Our Mission

The Panamerican Institute teaches disadvantaged teenage students the necessary skills to obtain and hold a job as well as contribute to their own community.

Our program emphasizes a Christian life, leading to personal happiness, and responsibility toward others through honesty, self-reliance and self-discipline.

In the 3 years that students stay in our Technical Secondary Program, we watch them grow from children to young adults. We struggle with them to overcome their economic problems, health problems, social and emotional problems, most of the time we come out victorious because we know that God cares and loves us.

At Panamerican Institute we focus on Education because experience has shown us it is the best way to serve young people and their families. Education gives the opportunity of earning a better life instead of just receiving hand outs. Earning is the key word and it does wonders for self-esteem.



Needs of the Community

Tijuana has grown from a small border town to over two million people. Much of this population is rural families headed by parents without skills needed to secure steady employment, and most youth are expected to start working by age 15 to help support their families. According to current governmental statistics, among those age 15-29 in Mexico, 3% have no education, 14% finish though grade 6, and 36% enroll in Secondary School like Panamerican Institute, but only two thirds of this group are able to finish. There is a massive need for more access to affordable quality education and computer skills in particular, which opens the way to further education and a secure steady employment.

Panamerican Institute serves families that cannot afford the expenses involved in attending school. Our students come from families with four or more children where the head of the household, when jobs are available, earns an average weekly salary of \$65 US dollars.

Our Beginnings

In the early 1960's we met in the patio of a house for English classes and typing training on three used typewriters on top of a board over two empty five-gallon buckets.

Thanks to donations from people like you, we have grown from extremely meager existence into a school with computer and science laboratories, three classrooms, a library, restrooms with running water, a kitchen and lunchroom that provides two free meals per day to our students, and an infirmary that provides medical assistance to our students and their families. Students hungry or sick are not able to learn!

Our Mission-School Today

The Panamerican Institute today operates as a fully accredited Technical Secondary School (The equivalent of 7th, 8th. & 9th. grades in the US). Financial assistance from churches, clubs, private corporations and individuals has funded our present building, where we enroll up to eighty students each year.

This Mission-School trains students in job skills while studying for their Secondary Credential and promoting Christian values.

What makes us unique and distinctive is that our staff of teachers is composed of our own returning graduates and other professionals who volunteer their skills and time to educate our students. Also, our graduates who are continuing their studies at preparatory schools and universities and who benefit from our advance Adopt-A-Student program give of their time to help with our students. We believe this is the best method of education, because our teachers do this as a vocation and they have practical workplace experiences to share. Our students have proven this to be true with their test scores which compare favorably with students from expensive private schools who pay their teachers.

This education is FREE to our students and to Panamerican Institute's extended family of graduates and neighbors.

The monthly cost to educate one student is \$120 US dollars.



Admission

To qualify for admission, students must present a record of good grades and good conduct from Elementary School. In addition, potential enrollees are visited at home to gather financial information proving their need for our free education program. Students must pass a Selection Course and an admission test.