



Acres of Impact

Case for Support





Welcome to Arbor Christian Academy, the place that students like Emmanuel and Jwray call their second home. The place where they received access to a quality education, Christ-centered teaching, and safety.

For two years Emmanuel couldn't find a school in San Francisco de Macorís. While he was a bright and driven young man, dyslexia was keeping him from being admitted to other schools. Desperate for a place to learn and belong, Emmanuel's mom brought him to ACA. While his academic needs were beyond any programming ACA had available, we knew that he belonged with us. We were a safe place for him to learn and grow at a pace that worked for him. In just a few short months, Emmanuel's reading and writing improved, his confidence grew, and for the first time he didn't feel different. He had teachers and friends who saw him for who he really was, and he was not alone.



ACA is the place where Jwray found safety. She moved from Haiti after the recent earthquake destroyed her home. She lived through the loss of family and friends only to enter a country whose language she did not speak and whose customs she did not understand. However, in Haiti she had learned English, so ACA was a perfect option for her. Not only did she get a great education, but she found spaces to process her loss and grow in her faith.

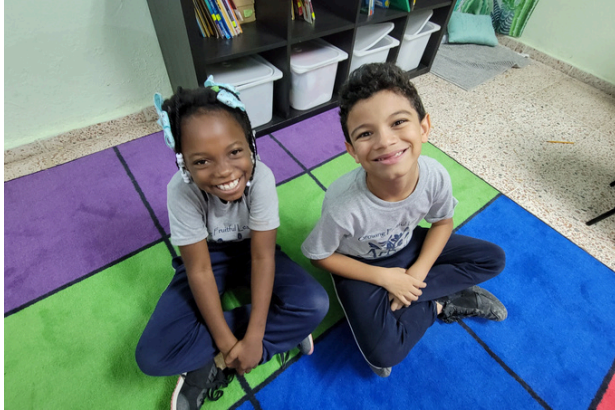
Emmanuel and Jwray's experience at ACA, (one of acceptance, growth, and transformation), is not unique to them. It is a thread that runs through the story of each student at Arbor Christian Academy as the Spirit of God moves among us. Now is the time for expansion. We need a campus of our own so that more families in San Francisco de Macorís can join Arbor's transformational community. We need you! The harvest is ripe. Join us in the work God has started.



ACA Student Body 2022-2023

MOTTO

Growing Fruitful Leaders



VISION

Arbor Christian Academy exists to provide an exemplary Christian education with a bilingual immersion program, where students are provided with age-appropriate academic rigor and students and families have the opportunity to know Jesus Christ as their personal savior.

MISSION

**Equipping the mind and educating the heart
to impact the nation**

OUR STORY

The ministry of Arbor Christian Academy is made possible through the work of missionaries, local staff, and donors who work together to change student lives.



2014

Two donor-supported missionaries with TeachBeyond were sent to launch the project.



2017 - 2018

More than seventy donors raised \$70,000 to build the second level with four additional classrooms.



2019

Individuals and churches came together to begin sponsoring students each month.



2022

Our local and international community raised \$400,000 to purchase 2.5 beautiful acres of land.



Today!

Join us in raising \$3 million to complete the first two phases of our campus. These facilities will allow us to serve over three hundred students. Many have already given. Will you be next?

WHY MOVE?

1

We are out of space today! We struggle to operate effectively with our limited facilities.

2

Local Dominican law prohibits the sharing of space between churches and schools.

3

Additional outdoor spaces, sports fields, and parking are required by the ministry of education.



Church Parking Lot/Playground/Lunch Room

Arbor Christian Academy Building

4

We need to grow to meet the demand of our community. Our enrollment could triple with expanded facilities.

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With a larger campus, we could expand our current programming to include special education services, physical education/athletic teams, music and art education, second language support services, and afterschool activities.



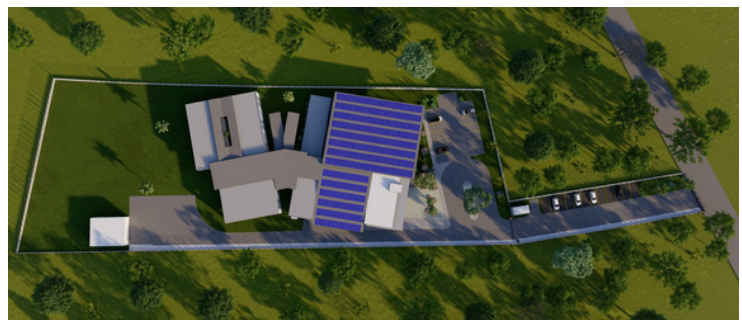
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Additionally, this space will allow us to expand our TeachBeyond partner ministries, such as Descubre Inglés and Open Schools Worldwide.

THE DESIGN



In July of 2023, a team from Engineering Ministries International (eMi) came to San Francisco de Macorís to help us design our new campus. After listening to our hopes and dreams for the future, they worked tirelessly to investigate, test, and create three campus designs. We chose a design, refined the plans together, and then eMi spent three months creating detailed architectural renderings.





BUILDING PLAN

The construction of our campus has been divided into three phases:

- Phase 1: Infrastructure, preschool, elementary school
- Phase 2: Additional building for expanded preschool, library, computer lab and music/art/vocational classrooms
- Phase 3: Additional building for middle and high school

Phases 1 and 2 can be operated with our current programming.

Phase 3 allows expansion through grade 12 at a later date.

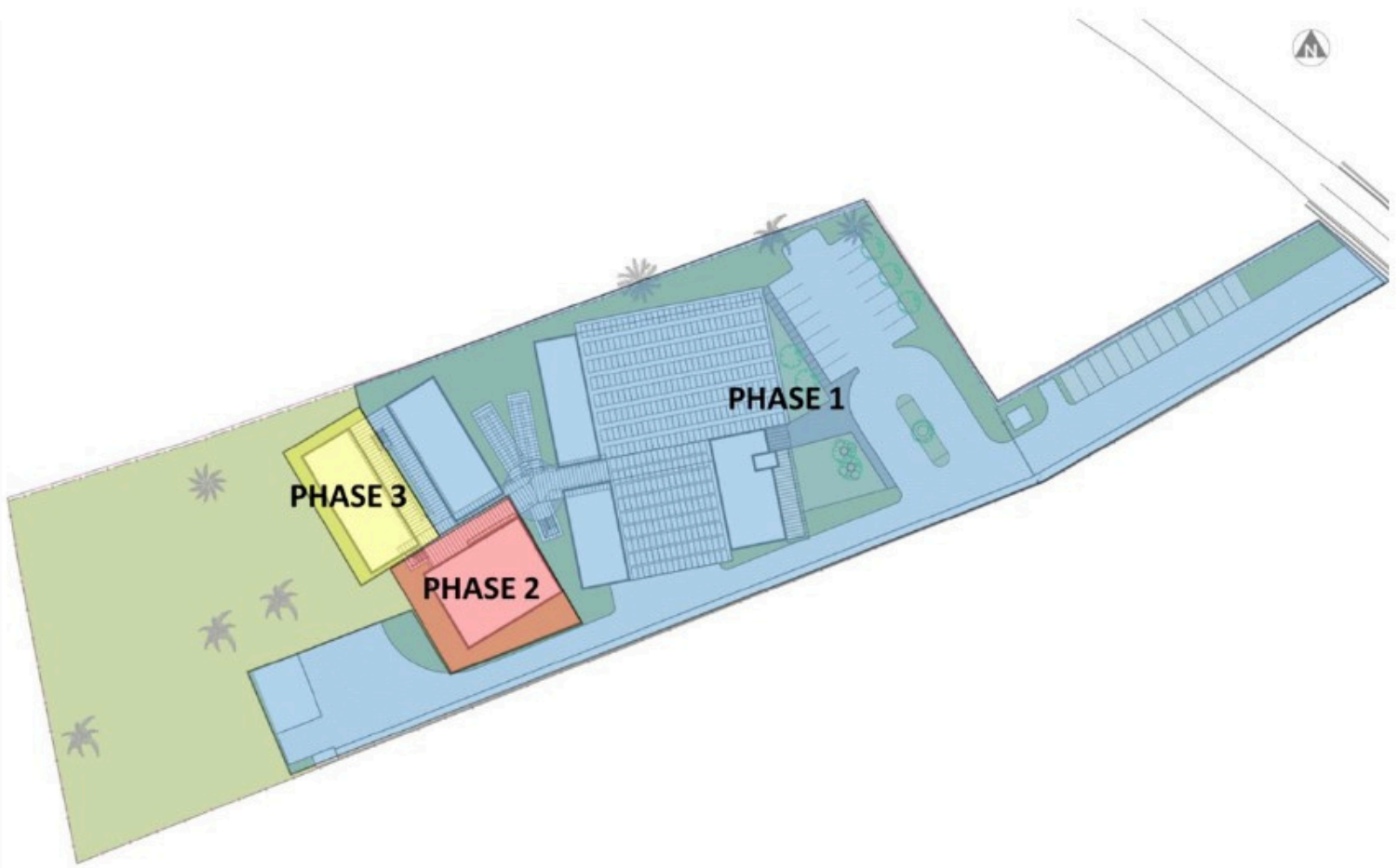
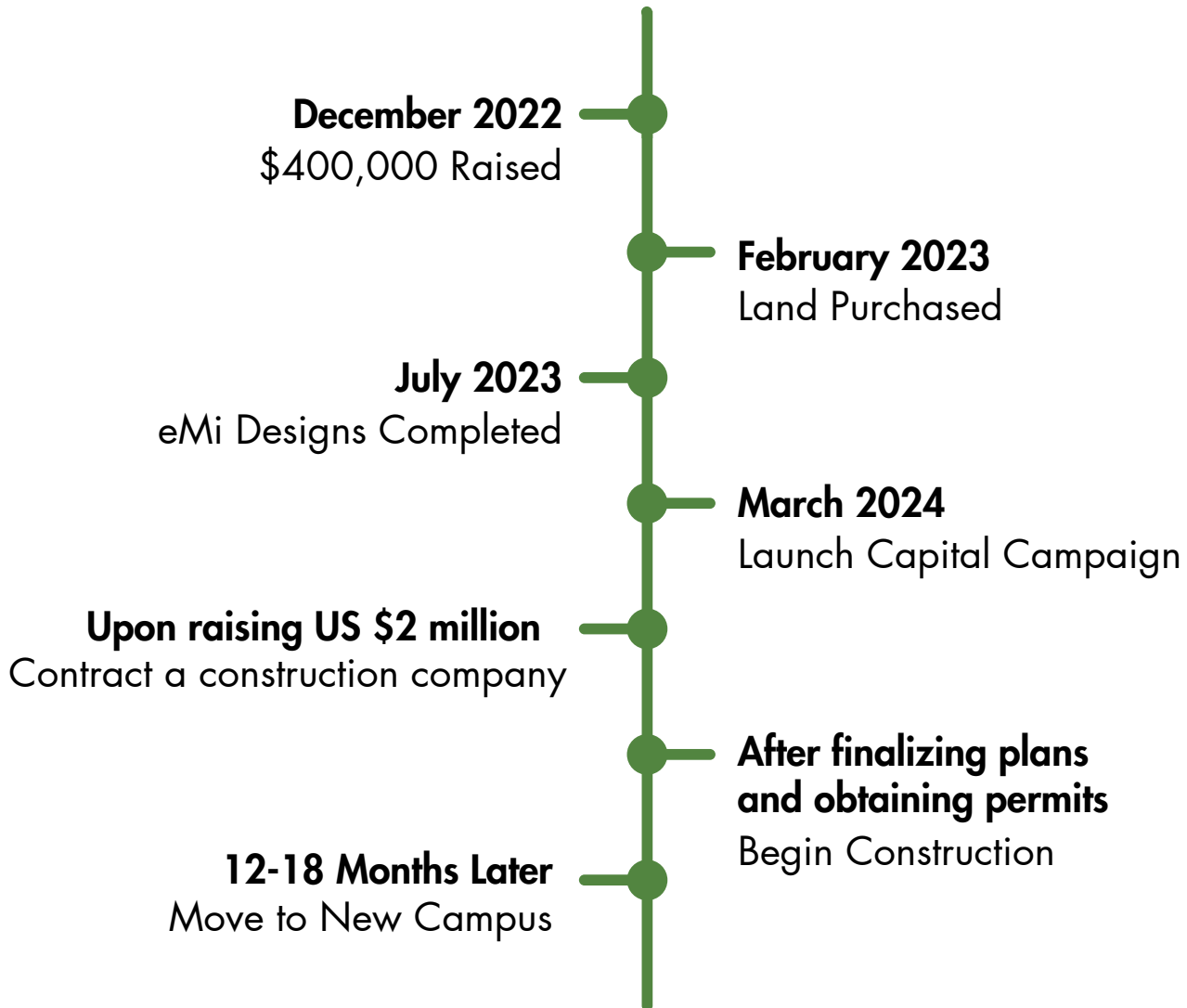


Figure 07.1: Proposed Phases of Construction
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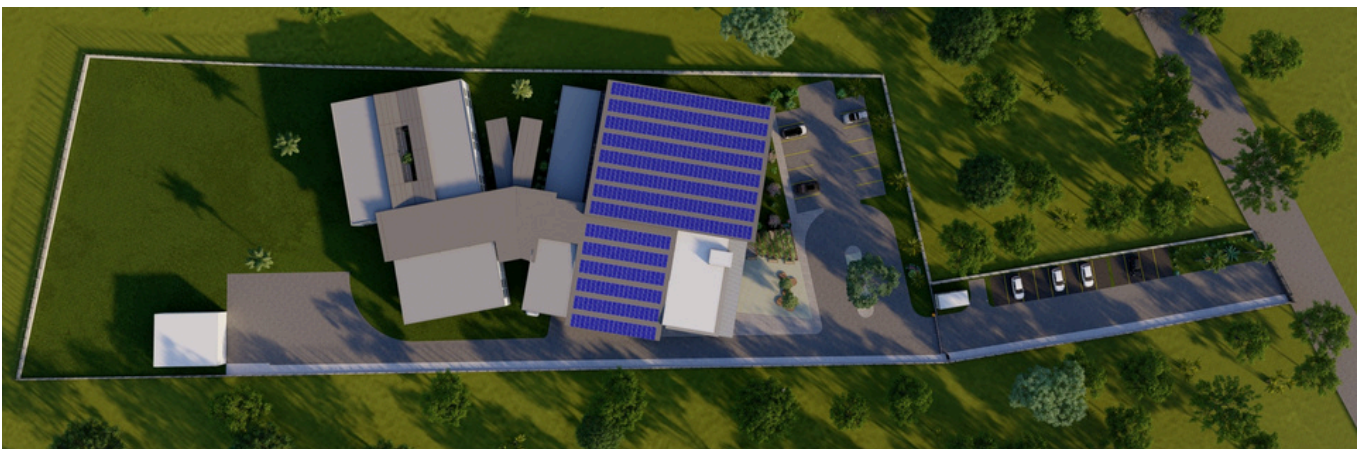
Phase	M ²	# of students	Funds Needed
1 Preschool & Elementary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration Building • Elementary Educational Tower (9 classrooms, 6 small meeting rooms, 4 offices) • Library & Computer Lab (temporary) • Covered Sports Court • Boys & Girls Locker Rooms • Bathrooms • Cafeteria • Kitchen • Playground • All supporting utilities and infrastructure 	2,050	252	\$2.4 million
2 Expanded Preschool & Auxillary Classrooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool Building (3 classrooms, common room) • Additional Bathrooms • Computer Lab • Library • Music/Art/Vocational Education Classroom 	445	84	\$0.6 million
3 Middle & High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Educational Tower (9 classrooms, 6 small meeting rooms, 6 offices) 	540	270	\$0.5 million
	3,035	606	\$3.5 million

PROJECT TIMELINE



Psalm 66: 5, 12

"Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man... we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance."



TESTIMONIES

A Message from ACA's Founder

For nearly ten years I have poured my heart into founding and expanding the ministry of Arbor Christian Academy. Through the many trials and changes we have faced in our short school history, I have seen God move in mighty ways. His fingerprints can be seen everywhere I look. They are etched in the walls of the building, they cover the students, and they have knit our staff together into a strong family. As I reflect on where we have been, it gives me great confidence in our future. God is here. He is changing hearts and lives, bringing hope, and transforming educational practices.



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The more I study the statistics of this country and see them play out in real life, the more passionate I become about ACA. They aren't just numbers to me, they are children with faces and names. They deserve better. This is why I'm here. This is why Arbor is here.

(Ellen Kujawski, ACA Director)

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“Here I find hope and a family. I'm Haitian, and in this city there is a large community of Haitians. This school has brought a complete change to this community. The families are starting to change the way in which they think and the way in which they show love because the students here are bringing the things they learn into their homes.”

(Byse Masson, ACA Teacher)

“My school is helpful when I have difficult moments and very kind. They inspire me and I learn English quickly.”

(Carolyn, 4th grade student)

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A moment that marked my life at ACA in my early days was when I was able to witness the sweet way Ms. Guzman disciplined a child who behaved inappropriately in her classroom. She went out with him into the hallway and with a soft tone led the boy to reason about his behavior, reminding him of the values that are a central part of the institution and how this would help him to have a better relationship with his classmates. Seeing this action marked my heart.

(Juana Mercedes, ACA Teacher)

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Arbor Christian Academy is the most fun and organized school I know. My opinion of this school is that they have the most generous and kind students and staff. They have welcomed me here...and brought me closer to God.

(Mirnalí, 6th grade graduate)

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"We were looking for the light at the end of the tunnel. Arbor Christian Academy was that light."

(Angie Rosario, ACA parent)

“We live in a society that is losing faith. Normally schools prioritize knowledge, which is important, but an important part of child development is also knowing God, knowing His commands, and knowing His Word.”

(Nicaury Guzmán, Descubre Inglés Teacher)

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

By donating to Acres for Impact, you give students in San Francisco de Macorís the opportunity for a quality education! There are three ways to get involved financially.

All gifts are tax-deductible through TeachBeyond, a registered 401c3.



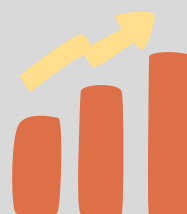
GIVE TODAY

Talk with a team leader to give by cash, check, or secure online EFT.



MAKE A PLEDGE

Pray over how God would have you join us in ministry and set up a regular giving schedule.



DONATE APPRECIATED ASSETS

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Thank you for prayerfully joining us in ministry so that students in San Francisco de Macorís can receive a transformative education for generations to come.