



## Monteverde Friends School/Escuela de los Amigos Monteverde, Costa Rica

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*The buildings the required project includes, from the left: the school, including the second floor, and on the right, the Meeting Room and the library managed by Meeting volunteers.*

Dear «Salutation»,

We had not planned to ask for funds again so soon, but a crisis has arisen for our Friends School, our Monteverde Friends Meeting, and the Meeting's community library. Those associated with the Friends Meeting can expect a separate letter as well.

**Using newly adopted standards, regulators have declared the electrical system for our entire campus inadequate. The Ministry of Health informed us that they will have to close our campus until the system meets the new standards. They have not yet finalized that order, but can implement the closure at any time.**

Unless we address this quickly, we will not be allowed to open the school for the 2024-25 school year that starts August 12<sup>th</sup>. The two huge challenges are the repair budget, at \$123,878 – far more than our small community can usually handle – and the short period in which we must raise those funds.

A licensed electrician has completed a detailed electrical plan to meet the new standards. That has been submitted, and approved by the regulators. Bids on the work are in, and the Meeting has accepted the best and most reliable bid.

The biggest hurdle still lies ahead for the Friends Meeting, and for our school: raising over \$123,000, in addition to our usual operating funds. We have some commitments for about a quarter of that amount, but we have a long way to go.

**Monteverde Friends School will contribute \$10,000 from its reserves. We are looking to our broader community for donations to at least match that so that our school can continue its important work.**

**Our amazing support community helped us to stay open through the pandemic. We truly hope we find similar support now.**

To make tax-deductible donations from the United States or Canada, by check or online, or to transfer funds in Costa Rica, please click below for instructions. Please indicate “electrical repairs” under the dedication for online donations, and in the memo line for checks.



We are deeply grateful that we can turn to our wider community when faced with extraordinary needs like this. We appreciate any support you can offer.

In peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liza Ewen', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Liza Ewen  
Head of School