



Cole and Sarah McCauley, your hands and feet for the orphaned

"And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." - Matthew 21:22 *"You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions." - James 4:3* *"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." - John 15:7* *"Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." - John 16:24*
"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." - John 14:13-14

We've all heard the phrase, "go big or go home." In the past I only used this phrase before I was about to hit a home run in the 9th or throw down a rad dunk on the bball court. (If you don't catch my sarcasm, let me remind you that I am 5'5".) Since coming to Casa de Mi Padre, though, this has been my motto for prayer, for asking for the things we need. Apart from the material and financial needs, with which our Father has been so gracious and generous to provide us, we also have many spiritual and structural things that we, "go big or go home" with.

At the end of our school last year, we were meeting and analyzing how the school year went, how our children did that year, and judging if it was preparing our children best for a future serving God and living in Guatemala. As we considered these things we prayed. I remember telling our Director of Education to dream... don't let the norm define what's best for our children. Let's go to God, love Him with all our heart, mind, and strength, and **plead** with Him to show us what is best for the children, what will help them learn the academic material best and prepare them for the challenges in Guatemala. Then we all joined, at times together or in private, in executing this secret ingredient: faithful, sincere, and expectant **prayer**. Often something like this was our heart: "O King Jesus, Lord of Lords, the Ultimate, the Beginning and the End. Father, we want to be more like you. Whatever you must do, conform us to your image. Lord, **we ask** that you would show us how to best educate our children. How do we best prepare our children for the future? **Please**, Father, we need wisdom; as Solomon asked, give us wisdom to lead this great people and the ability to discern right from wrong! Enlighten us and show us what is best and what they need. Do your will. Help us to be Godly examples for them; give us the structure that will best prepare them. O Father, **we ask** for these things; **we ask** that we would have children who become faithful daily followers on mission, whether in their job, full time, or in other countries. **We ask** that our children would mature faster than the average child. **We ask** that you would send us someone who would teach fluent English to our children. **We ask** that our children would be prepared for whatever career they desire to pursue. **We ask** that you would help us best prepare these children. Fill us with your Holy Spirit; unify us and glorify your great name though us all."

Of course, those aren't the exact words every time, but many times each of those sentiments were requested in faith! We have seen God give wisdom when needed, humble people's hearts (mostly mine), bring people to repentance (again mostly me), provide for this need and that need, provide people to work, restoration, joy, faith, and so many things as we have trusted and leaned on His goodness and faithfulness. **Praise** God! We believe that He has brought us to a beautiful way of preparing our children. In Guatemala, many people finish college, even their masters degree, and then can't find work in their area. This has weighed heavily on our hearts at times. So, beyond getting a few extra teachers this year and renting a small house with four classrooms, (before, all the students and teachers were in our dining room together), we have implemented a new school schedule that we believe will be of great benefit to our children's futures.

We have academic studies from 7:30 to 12:30 each morning with 1 teacher to 5 children, and we have seen this really help the students who are normally more



distracted. After the academic education, the afternoon from 2-4 is reserved for practical and edifying education, with the idea that our children will have many different skills that will better prepare them for a variety of job possibilities. We have some basic life skills classes, PE, independent reading time, piano and violin classes with Sarah along with times for daily music practice. We also have first aid classes, which Reina Isabel, one of our former children who is now a nurse, is teaching. Fermina, also one of our former children, is teaching cooking classes and plans to begin sewing classes (we were generously donated 6 sewing machines). Fermina and I are attempting (**job proposal below**) to teach English classes. If a person is fluent in English, they can get a call center job at the snap of a finger, which makes more than minimum wage. In the majority of Guatemala, most people don't even make minimum wage. So, when our children grow up and move out of Casa de Mi Padre, they could at least work at a call center, and if they aspire to do more, then we can still help them pursue further education for a different career.

We are very excited about these new learning opportunities for the kids! We are 5 weeks into our new school year, and it seems like things are going well and our children are learning a lot. They have really liked music and cooking classes! **Please pray** with us as I was earlier praying in this letter for each child as we train and prepare them for whatever future work God calls them to. Growing up and then finding your place in the world as an adult can be tough for anyone; it is especially difficult for the young people who we care for through Child Rescue.

Also, please **pray** that God would send us more missionaries to help; I could see a few additional positions being of great assistance to the work here at Child Rescue and have been **praying** for them for a long time. I believe that there are people ready now or that God is preparing brothers or sisters for this work. Could that be you? We need an activity director who I envision organizing these afternoon activities and education, especially a quality teacher for English as a second language to our children. If we could get someone who could make this their focus, it could change our children's lives. We need a couple who would have a heart to take on the ADVANCE program for young people 18



and up who have moved out of the children's home, but are still receiving our help as they finish their education and transition to living on their own or finding a spouse. These young adults need help walking through this time in life, and although Shane and I do our best, our attentions are divided as we still have to run the orphanage and attend to the construction of the permanent Casa de Mi Padre. We could also use someone who would help me in the administration of all we do and all the people we oversee in our work. **Please pray** for these needs with us, brothers and sisters! God is continuing to work mightily, and we securely wait and serve Him the best we can! All Glory and Honor to our God!

Well, that's all for now! We'll talk to you soon!
In Christ,
The McCauleys and the Kids of Casa

Special thanks to our anonymous donor(s)



We were blessed to be able to purchase a new Toyota Hiace microbus for our ministry this month! We are so grateful for the generous donor(s) who made this possible. We pray that this vehicle will help us in our mission work for many years to come.

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Praises for God's blessings in the last month

- **The school year is off to a great start!** Along with academics, the kids are excited that this year they also get to learn practical skills such as cooking, sewing, English as a second language, and first aid as well as have daily time to practice musical instruments.
- **Our family attended a conference for missionaries here in Guatemala.** We were blessed with a weekend to get away from our normal routine, fellowship with other missionaries, be encouraged by preaching and workshops, and just spend time together as a family.
- **We purchased a new microbus for the ministry** with funds from an anonymous donor. We are so thankful to now have reliable and comfortable transportation for all our girls in their new home!



Prayer requests

- **For the young adults in our ADVANCE program:** that they would be filled with the Holy Spirit and have wisdom and strength to walk righteously in a crooked and perverse generation.

Financial needs

- Consider becoming a monthly supporter; one-time gifts are also appreciated. Visit our website for more details about how much your giving can help our mission work!

We would love to visit you!

We are planning our next trip to the USA for April 21 - May 12.

Let us know if you would like us to speak or do a presentation for your church, small group, or other gathering. We seek to encourage all our listeners to be "on mission" wherever and however the Lord calls them as we build up His kingdom together.

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