



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

*Merry Christmas! We pray that your Christmas season will be blessed with much joy and a renewed appreciation of God's amazing gift: His Son Jesus! Please join us in praising our Lord for His gracious provision for our mission work with the children and young people of Casa de Mi Padre, and pray for His continued guidance as we venture into a new year...*

We celebrate Christmas early here at Casa de Mi Padre during the first week of December when a mission team comes from the USA. The team helps at our annual youth camp and then gives gifts to all of the kids in our children's home after our special Christmas program. It is such a blessing to have brothers and sisters in Christ come down here and share their time, talents, and love with the children and youth. Thank you, all of our friends and supporters, who ordered gifts and sent donations to help make Christmas special for the children! We've made a link (that will be posted on our Facebook page) to a video of our Christmas program; we hope you can enjoy hearing some songs in English and Spanish, a debut piano performance by Yaser David, a drama of the life of Christ, and some stories that Cole shares about some of the kids' life changes that have occurred during their time in our care. **Praise** the Lord for touching the hearts of these precious children and that they can learn of the good tidings of great joy of Christ!

Camp this year was filled with many opportunities for our youth and other young people from our city to learn more about God, think about how to apply His word in their lives, and respond to His call on them. The missions team assisted in teaching classes and working in the kitchen, but we were especially pleased to see how the young adults in our ADVANCE program stepped up to be leaders this year. We are so blessed to be able to continue our mission work with these young people who have aged out of the children's home. **Pray** that our ADVANCE program young people would continue to grow on the foundation of God's word they received at Casa de Mi Padre. **Pray** that they would be bold witnesses of Christ as they go out into the world. **Pray** for a missionary or missionary couple who could live and serve here and take on the the ADVANCE program, to give those young people transitioning to self sustainability the undivided time, direction, and leading they truly need.

One of the young men in our ADVANCE program wrote and translated a letter that he would like to share with you. We hope you enjoy this update on how the Lord is working in his life.

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Hello, I'm Ruben. I would like to share a little about what has happened in my life recently. I moved out of Casa de Mi Padre home at the beginning of 2020. It has been an experience with ups and downs, but God has shown his mercy and love in my life in different ways. Sometimes we have and make plans for our lives, but God's plans are better than ours. This reminds me of the verse in Isaiah 55:8 that says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." I want to share a little of what happened to me this year. A few months ago, I had plans to go do an internship in Spain since I finished university at the end of the year. I had made my plans and was already getting my papers ready. I felt excited for a new stage in my life. I was going to be gone for approximately 6 months. Over the course of this time, it had been difficult since I did not have a stable job and I was

### Christmas Memories



Christmas carols at Casa de Mi Padre



The McCauley household

having a hard time supporting myself financially. There were times when I was working, then there were times with no work and I was left without money. But God continued to be faithful in difficult times. Every morning in my devotions, I prayed to God to provide me with a job. I went to several job interviews, but they always told me that because I was studying they couldn't give me the job due to schedule availability.

I spent almost a year looking for formal employment, but it didn't happen, so I gave up and continued working where I was, when there was work. I started making my plans to leave next year. But I felt that it was not the time and that leaving the country very young and alone was a risk since it was another country, culture, and many other things. I kept praying to God that if his plans were not for me to leave the country, he would provide me with a job. I felt somewhat discouraged because it was being difficult financially.

At the beginning of August of this year, I decided to start applying again. I started sending my paperwork but they didn't call me, and if they did it was to tell me to come back when I finished my studies. But I didn't give up. There was a job fair, I got my paperwork ready, and I went hoping to stay in Guatemala. But it didn't happen, they just told me that it was the type of profile they were looking for, but I would return at the end of the year when school was over. So that time I returned home very sad and gave up. I remember going into the house with the family I live with, and I told them that I couldn't stay. They told me to rest assured that God was going to provide a job. I entered my room and I felt somewhat discouraged and sad. In the afternoon, a friend of Casa de Mi Padre and a sister in Christ, who knew me from Casa since I was little contacted me. Her name is Gloria. She writes to me telling me that she works for CEMACO in the Capital. And wondered if I was interested in a job, and I told her yes! That message was the beginning of God's response to my life. I sent them my paperwork, but after a week they didn't call me so for a moment I thought it was going to be as usual. But it wasn't like that! They contacted me, I started doing the interviews, and then I had to go to Guatemala to take a pen test. I was a bit nervous, but I went. It was difficult to take the test since it was my first time, so I returned home somewhat thoughtful since I was not so sure that I would pass the test. It took a few days when I thought they weren't going to call me so I just waited. I remember well when the human resources person wrote to me telling me that I had passed the test and that I had to go to the capital to sign the contract! I almost cried with emotion and, all excited, I went and told the family I live with. It was God's answer so I wouldn't leave the country next year.

Now I am working for CEMACO [a



big furniture and home goods company with many stores]. And I understood that God's plans are perfect and that, in the least expected moments, God uses circumstances and people to show the plans that God has for our lives. So I told my pastor, and he told me that he also thought it was a risk to leave too young because of the influence of the world. And I was glad I stayed.

I currently serve the church in the youth ministry, and my pastor told me that God wants to continue using my skills and talents for his service. And now I know that God will also use my finances for his glory. And maybe in a few years I can go do my internship. I'm just excited about what God will continue to do.

Thank you to everyone who is and was part of my spiritual growth, your prayers, your words of encouragement as well as your financial support to be where I am now. Glory, honor, and praise be to God.

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We **praise** God because this is actually the second time this past year where Ruben had a big decision to make and took it to the Lord. He is growing up well, **Praise** the King, and keep **Praying** for Ruben along with praying for everyone in our home! Well, that's all for now; please continue to petition on our behalf! We'll talk to you soon!

In Christ,

The McCauleys and the kids of Casa

## New Year 2024

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## Praises for God's blessings in the last month

- **A joyful Christmas celebration!** The kids in our children's home had a fun time remembering Jesus birth by singing carols, putting on a drama, and receiving gifts. Check out a video of the Christmas program on our Facebook page.
- **Youth camp** was filled with many opportunities for our youth and other young people from our city to learn more about God and think about how to apply His word in their lives.
- **Young adults in our ADVANCE program** who stepped up to be leaders at camp this year.



## Prayer requests

- For the **construction** of the new facilities of Casa de Mi Padre to proceed quickly so we can all be on the same property as soon as possible.
- **Preparations for the new school year** that begins in January. We are reorganizing our teaching to include more bilingual studies for speaking English and more time in the afternoon to work on practical skills and music practice.

## Financial needs

- A ministry van. We are still praying and working toward raising around \$40,000. Write "van" in the memo of your check; online, click on "Special Ministry Needs-McCauley."

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