



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

“We always thank God for all of you... remembering your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”- 1 Thessalonians 1:2–3



This month’s letter feels especially meaningful. As I write, I’m filled with gratitude for all God has done through **Shane’s faithful leadership** and with hope for what He will continue to do as we step into this next chapter.

It’s hard to believe we are finishing our **tenth year working together**. What a ride it’s been!

If Shane were a businessman, I’m sure he’d be a millionaire—maybe even a billionaire by now. If he were a historian, he’d hold a doctorate and be one of the leading teachers in the world. If he were a general, he’d probably have taken over Greenland by now!

But the point is this: I’ve never seen anyone so **devoted and single-minded in his calling**. From the time Shane wakes up to the time he sleeps, his heart and mind are fixed on his Father in Heaven and the children God has given him.

There have been times over the years when Shane and I didn’t see eye to eye. We are especially thankful for our dear friends **Fawn Brents and Becky Moyer**, who counseled, prayed, and worked with both of us through those challenging seasons. Those “iron sharpening iron” moments (Proverbs 27:17) have refined us—shaping us for the glory of God, our own sanctification, and the good of the children. Today, I’m grateful that we serve together in unity and love for the children of **Casa de Mi Padre**.

Shane has served **faithfully for over 36 years** of ministry. He has founded two ministries that will outlast him—and if I’m honest, I wouldn’t be surprised if God calls him to start another.

If I had been asked to imagine the ideal founders for a children’s home, I might have pictured a couple with business experience and years of parenting wisdom... But **God had something far greater in mind** for Quiché, Guatemala.

As Scripture says,

“The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is blameless toward Him.”

— 2 Chronicles 16:9

God knew these children didn’t just need an organization—they needed a **family**. Many of our children were broken, abandoned, or abused—some cast out, others betrayed by those who should have protected them. Their scars tell the stories of unimaginable pain. But God saw them, and He sent Shane—a man who would pour out His love, exhort them, and teach them with patience and grace.

One of my favorite sights is watching Shane kneel in front of a child, his large hands gently cupping their face as he smiles and tells them, “*You are loved. I’m proud of you. God has a plan for you.*” That is the heartbeat of Casa de mi Padre.

Fifteen years ago, Shane heard God’s call to be *a father to the fatherless* (Psalm 68:5), and he obeyed with complete abandon. He has been a man of conviction, a faithful father, a dynamic teacher, and an **autodidact** who loves to learn and share. He is a man who stands firm in what he believes to be right, yet humbly listens when shown another way.

When I think of Shane, I think of a man whose **life preaches the gospel** as much as his words ever could. He has built not just a ministry, but a *testimony of faith* that we now have the privilege to continue.

A New Chapter

Beginning in **2026**, Shane has entrusted the **leadership of Casa de Mi Padre** to us. He will continue serving here by leading mission groups and helping with the Advance Program for young adults who have moved on from our children's home. We receive this responsibility with *trembling joy*. As the Apostle Paul wrote:

"The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." — *2 Timothy 2:2*

What was planted in faith will continue to grow—not because of who leads, but because **God Himself is faithful**.

I often say I've never been anywhere where I've seen God's hand move more clearly—and that same hand continues to hold us fast today. There is a divine favor on this home, and we humbly strive to love and serve Him out of deep gratitude.

Our merciful, powerful God has special plans for the children of Casa de Mi Padre. Beyond loving and restoring them, I believe He desires to raise them as **"oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor."** (Isaiah 61:3) Some will grow strong here in Guatemala, while others may go to the hardest parts of the world—willing to risk everything for His glory.



Carrying the Legacy

We are honored to carry on this legacy—to build upon what has been faithfully laid. As Psalm 127:1 reminds us:

"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain."

We love our children deeply and desire to see God glorified in every corner of Casa de Mi Padre. Thank you, brothers and sisters, for your love, your prayers, and your continued generosity. As we enter this new season, please **pray for wisdom, unity, and endurance** as we lead and disciple these precious lives for His kingdom.

We'll share more soon about this transition and all God has in store.

Until then, we remain grateful—for Shane, for you, and for the God who never stops building His house.

*With humble gratitude,
**The McCauleys and
the Kids of Casa***

We'll talk to ya soon!

Financial Needs

Rent for 2026 for Casa de Mi Padre:

Our landlord has raised the rent for the first time in 14 years (very fair, we think). We'll need **\$12,000** for next year's rent. It is due at the first of the new year.

Cole Needs a Computer Big Enough for The Job:

My old computer has been faithful and served me well, and it will soon bless either Lukie or Reyna, who are planning to live with our family soon since they are at the age when they need to move on from the children's home. However, it simply doesn't have the memory or power to handle all the documents, photos, and media we use daily for the ministry. A new computer with the capacity to manage everything efficiently will cost **\$3,800**.

Monthly Ministry Budget:

Right now, only **44%** of our monthly needs are covered by regular donors, leaving **\$9,000 each month** uncovered. God often provides through unexpected gifts—large or small—but your ongoing support makes all the difference.

THANK YOU for CHRISTMAS Love & Donations:

We are ecstatic to share with you that, once again, you have all exceeded our expectations and we are now all set to really celebrate the Birth of our Lord and Savior!!! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

To Support by Mail:

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Praises for God's blessings

- **Christmas gifts and donations goals have been met!** Thank you to everyone who helped us reach (and exceed!) our goal before our Nov. 15 deadline. We look forward to seeing the smiles on all the children's faces when they open their gifts next month!

Prayer requests

- **For an impactful "summer" church camp next month.** Pray for the staff and young adults of our Advance program as they prepare for camp. Pray that the teenagers who attend the camp will be challenged and inspired through the teachings, services, and activities to serve the Lord whole-heartedly. Pray that many youth from our community would attend.
- **For us as we transition into becoming the directors of Casa de Mi Padre on Jan. 1.** Pray that the Lord would continue to grant us wisdom, stamina, and provision as we enter a new phase of leadership. Pray for our founder, Shane, as his role changes in this transition, also.



Giving opportunities



2026 Rent Due Jan. 1

We need \$12,000 for rent for 2026. It is due at the first of the new year. **Donations** through checks or online in "McCauley Special Projects and Rent" - include a Memo of **RENT**



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