



Faithfully following Christ and radically loving the world

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. – John 15:10-11

A LOVE BEYOND OUR OWN

Dear Friends and Family,

One of our deepest prayers at Casa de mi Padre is that the Lord would never allow us to become accustomed to the pain the children in our care have endured. We ask Him to keep us humble and tenderhearted, always remembering that beneath a child's behavior there are often hurts, fears, losses, and traumas that we cannot immediately see. We pray for wisdom to understand them, patience to walk beside them, and grace to minister to each child as faithfully as we can.

Most of all, we ask for the filling of the Holy Spirit. Human affection and good intentions are not enough. We need God to saturate our hearts with a patient and sacrificial love beyond our own strength—a love that continues when ministry is difficult, inconvenient, or painful. We pray that all our brothers and sisters who serve these children every day would be filled with joy unspeakable and with a love that can come only from Christ.

We love these children deeply. Few things are more beautiful than wrapping our arms around them, giving them hugs and kisses, and watching a hesitant face slowly break into a smile. As they learn that they are safe and truly wanted, doors begin to open for discipleship. They become more willing to listen, receive correction, and believe that the counsel we give them comes from hearts that genuinely desire their good.

We are thankful to see the fruit of years of discipleship in Reina, who grew up in Casa de mi Padre and is now living in our family's home since she turned eighteen. She is learning to make more decisions for herself, and it has been beautiful to see the Holy Spirit convicting and leading her—putting down the telephone, opening God's Word, and seeking what pleases Him. We also continue walking with Liseth (Fermina), who grew up here and is now the mother of our girls' home. These young women remind us that our responsibility does not end when a

child turns eighteen. Discipleship continues as they learn to follow Christ as adults and parents.

During the past several months, the Lord has entrusted two sibling groups to our care.

The first family includes David, Víctor,

Enrique, and Jackeline. They are sweet children who sincerely want to do well. David desires to be a good example in our home. He is not perfect, of course, but he tries hard. His younger brothers are also taking steps toward doing what is right, even when emotions and impulses sometimes get the better of them—as they often do with ten and twelve-year-old boys!

Within the past month, we also received Heidi (10), Otto (9), Abigail (7), and Daisy, who recently celebrated her fifth birthday.

These younger children have brought so much joy into our home. I love holding them, cuddling them, tickling them, joking with them, and tossing them into the air. We are thankful for every opportunity to show them that they are loved and wanted.

Please pray that the Lord would help us do much more than provide for their physical needs. ***Pray that through our words, discipline, affection, and daily example, they would learn to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength—and to love their neighbors as themselves.***

Recently, the Lord gave us a beautiful opportunity to teach this lesson in a way I do not believe Jackeline will soon forget...

One day, I needed to travel to Guatemala City to pick up a visiting mission team, so I invited Jackeline, Floricelda, and Dulce, three of our preteen girls, to come with me. I treasure these smaller outings with the children. In a home filled with so many people and



responsibilities, it can be difficult to find uninterrupted time together. A long drive, a shared meal, and a day away from our usual routine often create opportunities for deeper conversations. When I take children on trips like this, I sometimes give each of them a little money and encourage them to watch for someone in need. I want them to learn that money is not given merely to spend on ourselves. We can use it to bless the elderly, people with disabilities, and those who may not be able to care for themselves. But I also remind them that giving money is not enough. We want people to know the love of Christ and to be reconciled to their Creator.

As we approached a restaurant, we noticed a man sitting outside in a wheelchair and asking for help. He looked dirty, discouraged, and deeply dejected. Jackeline immediately wanted to give something to him, and Floricelda also contributed a little. We stopped to speak with him. He told us that he believed in God and even quoted portions of Scripture, but there was a heaviness about him.

We encouraged him with the truth that God is good in every circumstance. His character does not change when life is painful, and His faithfulness does not depend upon our feelings. We prayed that God would encourage him, reveal His purpose for his life, and help him understand that even in his condition he could live for the glory of God. I also encouraged him not to think that he could only receive from others. Perhaps God could use him to bless those who stopped to help—by thanking them, praying for them, speaking hope, and reminding them that they had been used by God.

Before leaving, I asked whether he owned a Bible. He said that he did not. We promised that if we could find one nearby, we would return and bring it to him. Finding one was more difficult than expected, but after searching for some time, we discovered a little store that sold Bibles. We purchased one, went back, gave it to him, and invited him to eat lunch with us. His circumstances had not changed. He was still dirty and discouraged. But the girls welcomed him to our table and loved him where he was. We ate together and continued talking about the Lord.

I shared part of my testimony and told him that I had also once been completely lost, but Jesus Christ had shown mercy to me and rescued me.

It was not an elaborate ministry event—simply a meal, a Bible, a conversation, a prayer, and a few children learning to love someone the world might easily pass by.



Later, as we walked together, I held Jackeline's hand on one side and another girl's hand on the other. Jackeline looked up at me and asked:

"Papa Cole, why do I feel so happy? Why do I have so much peace inside of me?"

After asking that beautiful question, she looked up at me, waiting for an answer. I told her, "Jackeline, it is because this is what God created you for. That morning, we had spent time in the Word of God and tried to love the Lord with our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. Then we had gone out and tried to love our neighbor as ourselves. This is the life for which we were created:

"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

¹¹ And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail." -Isaiah 58:10-11

Our hearts often tell us that money, possessions, attention, premature relationships, or forbidden curiosities will satisfy us. Yet none can give the lasting joy and peace for which we long. Our deepest satisfaction is found in knowing God, walking in His ways, and pouring out His love upon others. Jackeline wrapped herself around my arm, hugged me tightly, and smiled.

Brothers and sisters, moments like that fill my heart. There is hardly anything more beautiful than seeing a child begin to understand that following Jesus is not merely a list of rules. It is the path of life, joy, peace, and true freedom.

Thank you for praying, laboring beside us, and giving so generously. I know I say it often, but I have never been anywhere that I have seen the hand of God move as clearly as I have here. Loving these children and watching the Lord transform their hearts is one of the greatest joys and privileges of my life. ***Please pray that God would impart this same heart of sacrificial love to every brother and sister who serves here—that we would never become hardened, distracted, or satisfied with merely completing our responsibilities, but would see each child clearly, love them patiently, and continually lead them to Jesus.***

WITH GRATITUDE IN CHRIST,
THE MCCAULEYS AND THE KIDS OF CASA
WE'LL TALK TO YA SOON!



Praises for God's blessings

- Thank you to everyone who donated to help us purchase a new 17-passenger van for the boy's home. We now have the full amount needed, and are looking forward to getting a new vehicle in the next few weeks!

Prayer requests

- That the Holy Spirit would keep every caregiver humble, tender, and filled with sacrificial love.
- That Reina, Liseth, and our older children would pursue Christ as they enter adulthood and parenthood.
- That our newest children David, Victor, Enrique, Jackeline, and also Heidi, Otto, Abigail, and Daisy would know they are loved and grow in God's ways.
- **PRAY FOR LABORERS** The harvest here is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few. Would you please pray earnestly that the Lord would send more workers? We need people who will come and pour their lives into these children. We need **help with media and communications** so I can spend less time documenting and promoting the ministry and more time discipling the children and leading the home. We need **people who can teach practical trades**, maintain and develop the property, cover shifts, and give needed rest to the Guatemalan brothers and sisters who continually pour out their lives here. We **especially need a mature Christian couple to help operate a home for our young people who turn 18** and walk closely with them as they move toward independent adulthood. We could also use **someone to assist with mission teams**, transportation, and the many practical responsibilities that arise when groups visit.



There is so much more that could be done, especially as we continue working toward moving to the land and developing smaller family homes for the children.

Still, we are joyful and deeply thankful for everything the Lord has already provided. We will continue serving Him faithfully with the people, strength, and resources He has placed in our hands, trusting Him with what comes next.

Giving opportunities

- **Child Sponsorship:** Currently, we have many empty spots that need to be filled by new sponsors. Our child sponsorship program makes up a vital part of the ministry of Child Rescue by helping support the day-to-day

needs of the children in our care. Donors who commit to give \$50 or more monthly are eligible to become a Child Sponsor. Every year, child sponsors receive a couple of personal letters from the particular child they are sponsoring. Each child has several sponsors to help meet their needs. Contact our Child Sponsor Coordinator, Anne Carter, for more info: casachildsponsorship@gmail.com



- **Construction:** We are making steady progress with the 3rd family-style home! We still have big funding needs for the commons house.
- **ONLINE GIVING:** Use the QR or visit our website <https://savingkids.net/give>



CHECKS: In the memo, write whatever category you wish: "Construction" or "Child Sponsorship" etc. Checks with no memo go to General Fund. Make checks out to and mail to:

Child Rescue,
11201 Parallel Parkway
Kansas City, KS 66109

Questions? Contact our secretary Meghan at Maywood Community Church (913)-721-2760

Special opportunity!

- Have you ever wanted to visit Casa de mi Padre, but didn't have a mission team from your church to come with? This October, we're opening a special trip to anyone who would like to join us as we celebrate a beautiful milestone in the life of one of our girls.

Andrea is turning 15, and we will be celebrating her quinceañera!

One of our former interns is already planning to come simply because of her love for Andrea and the children, and we would love to welcome others who feel the same way. Up to 14 people can participate in this trip.

Trip dates: October 21–27, 2026

Andrea's quinceañera: October 24

Deadline for signing up: August 24

This will be a wonderful opportunity to spend time with the children, experience the ministry of Casa de mi Padre, and help us make Andrea's 15th birthday a joyful and unforgettable celebration.

Because the safety and well-being of our children always come first, everyone who joins us will need to complete a background check and follow our child-protection policies.

All requirements, costs, and other details are explained in our mission trip packet.

Go to <https://savingkids.net/mission-trips>
Then scroll to the bottom of the page for the mission trip packet.



You do not need to come with a church group—you are welcome to come individually!



If you are interested or would like more information, please send us a private message or email us at mccauleys@childrescueint.org

