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A dear friend of the ministry had a story she asked if she could tell. I said that would be great!

*"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."*

*3 John, verse 4*

Someone once said that the only thing we get to take to heaven is the Word of God and the souls of men. Shane has spent most of his life planting the seeds of the Word of God in the lives of young people. Just like garden seeds take time to sprout, mature into plants and bear fruit of their own, it takes time to see eternal results in young people. For Shane, it's harvest time.

When Cole took over the daily operation of Casa de Mi Padre, Shane moved from Casa de Mi Padre to the ministry guesthouse. Today he lives there along with the young men who have turned 18 and have transitioned from the children's home to adulthood. These days, it's where you stay when you go down to visit. In the kitchen, there is a photo on the wall that my husband Charlie took almost 10 years ago. Smiling back at you is the original group of

children that Shane raised, mostly by himself. It perfectly captures a moment in time when Papa Shane was younger, figuring out how to raise 22 children to love God and not burn the place down.

Last April I was in Guatemala for our annual "Homecoming," when all of the grown children come home with their families and enjoy a meal together. The dinner table was so large we had to set it up outside on the patio. Throughout the day, they came back, one-by-one, many with spouses and children. They come back to thank the man, used by God to rescue them. They come back to remember when the big red gates of Casa de Mi Padre first opened and gave them a family. They come for Homecoming to reconnect with that family and the memories they share. And if the story stopped there, it would be glorious enough. But, it doesn't stop there. Their

shared history and love for each other has created this big safety net where as adults they care for one another.

Christina and her husband Max made a trip last weekend to the town where Sandra lives to spend time with her and encourage her. Peter and his wife Elizabeth make sure Ruben, Peter's brother, shares a meal with them regularly. Last year Walter and some of the older boys lovingly confronted Carlos David when he was having a very difficult time. Fermina and Juan have returned to Casa de Mi Padre to become house parents to a new generation of children growing up there.

And on and on it goes. Quietly. Faithfully. In many of them, the Word has taken root and is bearing fruit. Shane is seeing many of the children in that original photo on his wall follow Jesus and do what God commanded. They love one another. It's what every parent prays will happen and it's something only God can do. I'm watching it in real time. I'm thankful God let me stick around to see it.

Every one of you who sacrificed to visit, gave your resources, and shared your love with these kids are part of the story. It's a story of rescue, redemption and restoration. And one day, it will be part of your reward."

*Fawn Brents*



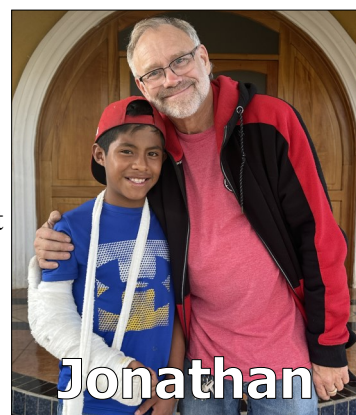


I was thankful when Fawn asked if she could share her thoughts. It is a precious collection of stories from Casa De Mi Padre she has personally witnessed. And there are many more. It is humbling and wonderful to look back and now see what the Lord has done. I am truly thankful for his faithfulness and your partnership in all of this.

The continued reality is, the rooms of Casa De Mi Padre are full of lives God continues to work in to this very day, so in the future there will be an even larger harvest. What a joy!

And just as a faithful farmer enjoys the harvest, he also must work hard and invest for the future. That service and investment comes in the form of meeting all the needs of our children today so a future harvest will grow. Here are just a few of those needs:

**Special Prayer:** Meet Jonathan. He is 12 years old and needed a refuge. His family situation had been very difficult for a long time. The straw that broke the camel's back was when his mother, in a fit of rage, broke Jonathan's arm. Jonathan was taken by the government authorities who then reached out to us to receive him for his care and protection. Please pray for Jonathan that he will experience the physical, emotional, and spiritual healing he so desperately needs.



**Budget Funds:** Each and every month we have to meet the medical, spiritual, educational, housing, transportation, food, and clothing needs of all our children. We are so thankful for all of our faithful supporters who sacrifice and give monthly to help us meet these needs. But honestly, some months it has been a struggle to stretch what we have to meet all of these needs. Our food budget alone is \$3,500 a month. For whatever reason, giving to the general budget has been down these past few months. These are challenging times for many of you and I know that affects how people are able to help. Please pray the Lord would touch the hearts of others to join us.

**Construction Update & Needs:** We are working to finish the "crown" for the Common House so we can move on to the next stage. The "crown" is a steel and concrete belt that sits on top of the walls to help hold the building together. It is technically the opposite end of the foundation. The difference is it hangs in the air. It gives the building its strength to support a second floor or roof. It enables the structure to move together as one in the event of an tremor or earthquake. Last month a city only three hours from us suffered over a hundred tremors in a few hours. We felt them, but thank the Lord we had no damage.



We still have \$10,000 needed to finish the final part of Phase 3. The next step is to pour the roof and floor for the second level. The cost of Phase 4.1 is \$31,000. Please pray and share this urgent request with others. Here is the giving link: <https://shorturl.at/F1kpQ>

I know the needs are big. But, providing for the daily needs of so many children who have lost all, to building a permanent ministry home, this is what we have been called to do. Sometimes my faith is in short supply, but, God is faithful so we continue praying, working, and asking.

We are blessed by those who share our vision of "Going into all the world to make disciples of all nations." I am thankful that for such a time as this, God has placed us in Guatemala. Praying our children continue to "Walk in the truth."

Love,  
Shane