



Faithfully following Christ and radically loving the world

“In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will.” — Ephesians 1:11

“Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.’” Isaiah 46:9–10

ACCORDING TO THE COUNSEL OF HIS WILL

Brothers and Sisters,

My wife and I are now about eight months into leading Casa de mi Padre, and I have found myself looking back in awe at the providence of God. Five or six years ago, I began taking on more responsibility alongside Shane. At first, I helped with smaller needs, but over time we carried much of the work together. Those years were a gift from God. I learned from a man with a deep father’s heart for children who had lost so much through sin and brokenness.

Shane taught me sacrifice. I once asked him, “So, do we get a day off?” He looked at me confused. “Day off? Parents don’t get days off. Where would the children go? They have to be cared for.” That was Shane. Not a philosophy—just fatherhood. We often worked thirteen-hour days. After putting the children to bed, we would finish whatever remained. Then Shane would let me out, lock the door, and say: “Cole, not everyone can say they gave thirteen hours to the Kingdom of God today. Be thankful for the opportunity to serve.” And I was.

Those were precious years. We became close friends—challenging, forgiving, and growing together. God used that partnership deeply in my life and in this ministry. And Shane could work like three people. From early morning until late night, he was constantly about the Lord’s work. I hope to follow his example, though I’ve also learned I need more sleep—and I have a wife and five children who need me as well.

When leadership of Casa de Mi Padre began shifting to me, I knew one thing clearly:

I would need help.

I have prayed about that for years. I knew how much it had meant for Shane to have someone beside him, and I knew I would need faithful men and women as well.

There have been moments of uncertainty, asking, Father, how will You provide what this work requires? But I have never doubted that He will. George Müller, a missionary in the 1800’s, saw ministry as partnership with God. If the work is His, then its needs can be brought to Him. That truth has strengthened me. Our Father owns the cattle on a

thousand hills. He knows every need before we do. He knows what Casa de Mi Padre will need next month, next year, and long after I am gone. And He is fully able to provide what is necessary for His purposes. I do still experience anxiety at times. But the Lord keeps reminding me: ***This is His work.***

These are His children, and He is a faithful Father.

I am deeply thankful for our Director of Operations, Edgar Hernandez, and our Assistant Director, Claudia. They are not only coworkers but dear friends and essential partners in this work. I also believe the Lord has taught me something important during seasons when very few missionaries or interns from the USA were coming: His heart is not limited by nationality. He can raise up Guatemalan men and women who love Christ, desire His glory, and pour themselves out for others. I believe Edgar and Claudia are evidence of that. Please pray for Edgar and Claudia—that God would strengthen, guide, and protect them.

At the same time, I still believe God may bring others from outside Guatemala—not to replace local leaders, but to serve alongside them and strengthen the work. This is where God’s providence has been especially clear. Last month I asked you to pray that the Lord of the harvest would send laborers. I want to clarify something: ***our intern Ally’s visit was already planned long before that prayer request.*** She had long desired to come serve at Casa de Mi Padre. So this is not a story of immediate response to prayer. It is something more beautiful: ***God was already preparing what we would need before we knew we needed it.*** Ally came for two and a half months. In her first week, we unexpectedly received four new children—three of whom were girls ages four, seven, and ten. Overnight, our girls’ home went from having space to being full. For Liseth, the mother in that home, it was a major transition. She suddenly had three young girls to welcome, care for, teach, and integrate into family life. And where was Ally placed? ***In the girls’ home.*** For the next two and a half months, during a critical season, she was there—helping, playing, supporting Liseth, and simply being present. No one planned that

timing. We did not know the children were coming when Ally arranged her internship. But our Father did. He knew every detail in advance. He knew Liseth would need help. He knew Ally would be there. He knew the timing of every life involved. **He is the**

God “who works all things according to the counsel of his will.” This does not end our prayers for laborers. We are still praying. But before I tell any more, I want you to hear from Ally herself. What follows is her testimony...

After two months, I think I could write a whole book on the things God has taught me while I have been here in Guatemala. Before I came here, I was struggling with a lot of things that I was praying God would help me put to the side so I could serve Him this summer. I never imagined that God would heal me and bring me out of those things over my time here. He affirmed to me that He had a plan for my life, that He loves me, and that I am called to do missions internationally full time. By choosing to say yes and come here I began to build a relationship with God that I had never had. God isn't just something I grew up with anymore and He's not just real, He's real to me personally. I have a real relationship with the God who created and loves me. He's shown me repeatedly that He is sovereign. He also showed me that when we are trying to follow Him every day and living in His perfect will, He will bring into our lives better things than we could have ever imagined. If we trust Him with all we have, He will give us even more beautiful things.

There are so many stories I could tell about my time here, but there was one that specifically stood out. And it's about a young boy in the home named Gaspar. He has been at Casa de mi Padre since I came down to Guatemala for the first time several years ago. I found out after getting down here that he had been having behavioral problems for a while. It was getting to the point where they no longer thought they could keep him in the home. A couple weeks after I arrived he had an audience with a judge, and when they came back they said the judge was now actively searching for a different children's home for Gaspar. He was basically for sure leaving unless something very majorly changed; it sounded like it would take a miracle for him to stay. Knowing that there was no children's home that would teach him the things of God and take as good care of him as Casa de mi Padre made it all really hard to think about. I spent lots of time praying for Gaspar and the entire situation. I shared with a team that was about to come down and they all began to pray over the situation as well. But by the grace of God... something began to change. Gaspar began to act differently, he began trying to fix things, and they believed that if things continued this way that they would be able to actually work with him. In a huge answer to prayer, Gaspar would be staying at Casa de mi Padre! Just a couple weeks after this happened me and all the kids went on a trip to the beach that the Lord had generously helped me raise enough money to take the kids on. On the second day of this trip Gaspar said that he wanted to accept Christ as His Savior. Gaspar, the kid who had been having the hardest time at Casa, who was on the verge of having to leave when I first got here. I sat there while he prayed the prayer of Salvation and even got to pray over him afterward. Gaspar is now saved and will get to spend eternity with Jesus. I was in tears, I was so happy for him and for what God is doing in his life. That moment made the entire trip, everything it took to get here, every challenge, everything, worth it.

If anyone ever feels called by God to share Jesus with someone, to go on a short term mission trip locally or internationally, to do an internship, to spend your life serving; I pray that you would say yes. You may feel unequipped or unqualified, you may never know the impact you will have going into it, you may never know the impact it will have on your own heart. But if you are willing to say yes to God, wow, He will do amazing things. I thank God continually that He redeemed me and by His grace brought me to Guatemala this summer. I am so far from perfect but God used my brokenness for His good and I will never forget the things He did this summer. God is good and I can't wait to see the ways God continues to work through this amazing ministry!

I am grateful for testimonies like hers because they remind me that God's providence is always larger than what we can see. Ally is still young. My counsel to her has not been to jump into missions immediately, but to go home, grow, serve her family, mature in Christ, and prepare for whatever God may call her to. Because if she is called to leave home long-term, the greatest cost will not be the work itself, but being away from the people she loves. Jesus spoke clearly about that cost—and about the greater joy of those who trust Him fully. The God who knew those 4 children were coming

before we did, who knew Ally would already be here when they arrived, and who has sustained this ministry in every season knows exactly what lies ahead. **He sees the end from the beginning.** And I believe He is already preparing what we cannot yet see. This work belongs to Him. These children belong to Him. The harvest belongs to Him. And we are privileged to serve in it. May Christ be glorified in all of it.

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





Praises for God's blessings

- We are praising our God for touching the heart of Gaspar! He had been having major behavior issues for quite awhile and was on the verge of needing to leave our care because of it. Thank you to all who were lifting him up in prayer. Gaspar's behavior has improved significantly. And beyond that, earlier this month he committed his life to Christ and is wanting to be baptized!!!
- We were blessed to be able to buy a new 17-passenger van! Thank you to all of those who contributed toward this project.

Prayer requests

- Pray for our intern Ally as she returns home and seeks the Lord's direction.
- **CONTINUE PRAYING FOR LABORERS** Last month we prayed: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." — Matthew 9:37–38

Here are some updates to pray about...

A young man has inquired about an internship and missionary service. Please pray for him as he seeks the Lord's will.

We have also been in conversation with friends from India who grew up in orphanages and are prayerfully considering serving full-time. We are proceeding carefully and prayerfully. Our board is involved, and there is much wisdom needed. Moving from India to Guatemala would be a major transition for everyone involved. At times I wonder what God may be doing. India itself is on our hearts as a place where we long to see the Gospel go. Could God be weaving something greater than we can yet see? I don't know. And I don't need to know yet.

Providence belongs to God; faithfulness belongs to us. Our calling is to care well for what He has placed in our hands today. Casa de mi Padre must remain our first responsibility. The children here cannot become secondary to future

possibilities. If God ever expands our work, this ministry must be cared for just as faithfully as it is now.

- Pray that the Lord would send missionaries who come not for position, but to serve—to love, to carry burdens, to strengthen the Church, and to glorify Christ.

Giving opportunities

- **General Fund:**

One-time or recurring donations are appreciated!



- **Child Sponsorship:** Donors who commit to give \$50 or more monthly are eligible to become a Child Sponsor. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact our Child Sponsor Coordinator, Anne Carter, for more info: casachildsponsorship@gmail.com



- **Construction:** We are digging a well to provide more water; our goal is to raise \$8,000. Memo: "WELL" on checks or online giving. We also 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:

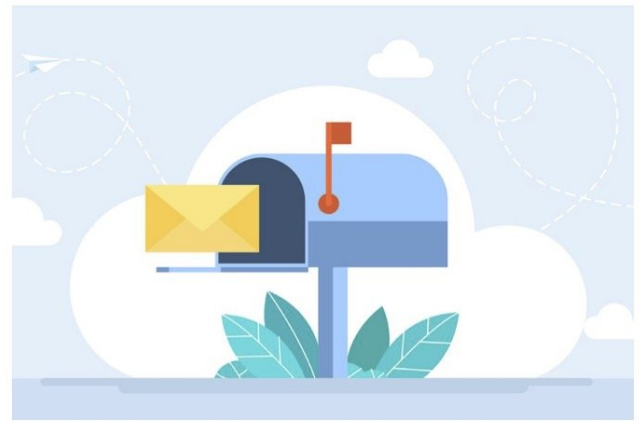
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Questions? Contact our secretary Meghan at Maywood Community Church (913)-721-2760

Contact info update

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please fill out this form and mail it in the
enclosed envelope,
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Newsletter preference: ☐ Email only ☐ Postal service only ☐ Both email and postal

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Other questions/
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<https://forms.gle/CUuAxHgPQfu4novw7>



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