



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

When Obedience is Hard

Dear brothers and sisters,

Thank you for continuing to pray for the children and staff at Casa de Mi Padre. Your prayers, encouragement, and faithful support mean more than we can say. In every season, we are reminded that this ministry belongs to the Lord, and we are grateful to serve Him alongside friends like you.

This past season has held both sorrow and hope.

As many of you know, the children who come to Casa de Mi Padre often arrive carrying deep wounds, painful histories, and patterns shaped by trauma. Walking with them requires patience, wisdom, and daily dependence on the Lord. We have seen God do beautiful things over the years through loving discipline, clear boundaries, prayer, and steadfast care. Again and again, He has brought healing, growth, and transformation.

There are moments in ministry that are joyful and encouraging. There are also moments that are deeply painful—moments where love requires difficult decisions.

Over the past two years, two brothers, Omar and Rosbibelex, have been part of life here at the home. We have loved them deeply and have desired to see both boys grow in stability, peace, and faith. While Omar has continued to respond well to the care and structure here, Rosbibelex has struggled greatly with anger and rebellion in increasingly serious ways. He would bite, kick, destroy things, and lash out at those trying to help him. As staff, we often remind one another that Jesus suffered patiently for us, even when we rejected Him. Because of that, we strive to **suffer well for the children God places in our care**—responding not with anger or revenge, but with love, patience, and forgiveness. Despite much prayer, counsel, correction, and many efforts to help him, his behavior became unsafe for others in the home and disruptive to the overall well-being of the children. After many months of seeking the Lord and weighing the situation carefully, we came to the painful conclusion that Rosbibelex could no longer remain at Casa de Mi Padre.

This was not a decision made quickly or lightly. In sixteen years of ministry and more than one hundred children received into our care, this has happened only one other time. We never want to send a child away. Yet part of our calling is to protect the many children God has entrusted to us, and sometimes obedience requires choices that are heartbreaking. Even in this, we are holding fast to hope.

At the end of February, the brothers were scheduled for a court hearing with a judge. On the ride there, I told Omar straight: "Your brother's path will not bring blessing or good; if he doesn't change his ways he will suffer for it. Don't let Rosbi's foolishness drag you into suffering too. We keep praying for Rosbi, but God makes vessels—some for mercy, some for wrath. You heard the gospel. You changed. You need to do what God shows you is best for your life and your future; let God keep working in you."

Rosbibelex returned to live with his mother and we continue to pray for him earnestly. We know that no heart is beyond the reach of God's mercy. The Lord is able to soften what seems hard, restore what seems broken, and accomplish what we cannot. Please join us in praying that Rosbibelex would come to repentance, healing, and true peace in Christ.

We are also grateful to share that Omar was given the opportunity to choose whether he would leave with his brother or remain at Casa de Mi Padre. He chose to stay with us. He expressed clearly that he feels loved and cared for here, and hearing those words was a deep encouragement to all of us. Please pray for Omar as he continues growing in maturity and faith. This is not an easy season for him, and we want to be especially attentive to his heart as he processes all that has happened.



The Lord, in His kindness, brought another reminder that He is still at work.

Less than twenty-four hours after the transition with Rosbibelex, we received a call asking whether we could receive four siblings in urgent need of a home. The children are Jacqueline (8), Jose (10), Victor (12), and David (14). Keeping sibling groups together is rare, and after prayer and conversation, we sensed the Lord leading us to welcome them.

This felt especially significant because for years we have prayed that God would raise up young men from among the children here who would become spiritual leaders, examples of faith, and influences for good. As we began speaking with David and learning more about these siblings, we sensed a quiet encouragement from the Lord. We do not know yet all that He intends to do, but we are stepping forward in faith and asking Him to work in each of their lives. If Rosbi had not left our home there would have been no way that we could have accepted this family because we would not have had enough beds. We have taken this as a confirmation from our God that we did the right thing.



Would you pray with us for these new children?

Please pray especially for **David (14)**, that the Lord would draw him to Himself and raise him up as a godly example among the boys. Please pray for **Victor (12), Jose (10), and Jacqueline (8)**, that they would know they are loved, feel safe, and be tender to the leading of the Holy Spirit. We are asking God to give each of them peace as they adjust and to begin deep healing in the places where they have been wounded.

We would also be grateful for prayer in several practical areas of ministry...

Above all, please continue praying for the hearts and futures of all the children at Casa de Mi Padre. Every child who comes here carries a story, and each one needs the healing, guidance, and transforming grace that only God can give. We ask Him daily to protect them, restore them, and draw them to Himself.

On a personal note, I would also appreciate your prayers for strength and health. Over the years, the emotional weight of ministry has sometimes shown itself physically through migraines, tension, ulcers, TMJ, sinus issues, and other ongoing pain that has not yet fully resolved. It is a great privilege to serve here, but caring for wounded hearts can also bring deep emotional strain at times. Still, we place everything in the Lord's hands. Around the world many believers endure far greater hardship for the sake of Christ. If a little suffering or sickness is part of the cost of serving Him, it is a small price to pay for the joy of seeing God restore lives here at Casa de Mi Padre.

Our hope remains firmly in the Lord. He has been faithful through every season, and He will continue to be faithful now. Even when the road is hard, we trust that He is working for His glory and for the good of these children. Thank you for standing with us in prayer, for caring about these little ones, and for helping carry the burdens of this ministry before the Lord.

We are deeply grateful for you.

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

Financial Needs

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Construction Update: Construction on the new homes has continued, and we are thankful for the funds that have allowed this progress. At the same time, we expect to use up the remaining designated construction funds this month, and we do not yet have the resources needed for the next stage. Please pray for the Lord's provision and clear direction as we move forward.

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Praises for God's blessings

- **Floricelda had a successful eye surgery** to repair damage done from some physical trauma she endured before being placed in our care. She is recovering well and is happy that she can see more clearly!



- **Two of our boys want to be baptized!** Crispin and Rudy are planning to get



baptized in a few weeks. Praise the Lord for touching their hearts and drawing them closer to Himself.

Trip to the USA

We'll be sharing our full itinerary soon, but we'd like to give you a heads up about these dates:

Friday, May 15th at 7pm
Open Door Bible Church, Belton, MO

Saturday May 16th at 7pm
Frederick Blvd. Baptist Church, St. Joseph, MO

Cole and Sarah McCauley, directors, and Shane Sanderson, founder, invite you to come and hear stories of how lives are being changed and learn how YOU can make an impact in the lives of the children!

Admission is free; bring along your friends! Walk-ins are also accepted!

RSVP to Laura Blankenship
816-348-5282
laura711blankenship@gmail.com

Prayer requests

- **Easter for the children.** We have 8 kids who will be celebrating Easter with us for the very first time. Pray that they will begin to understand the true meaning of this special time of year. Pray that all of our children and staff will be filled afresh with the joy of the Lord!

Giving opportunities

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