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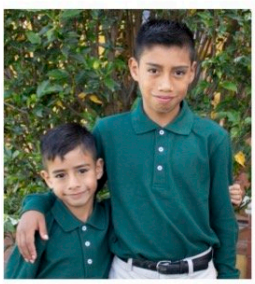
"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably ***more than all we ask or imagine,*** *according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."*
— Ephesians 3:20-21



Rosbi's Redemptive Return

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There are days when we get to see our Father's care unfold so beautifully that we hardly know how to put it into words. We pray, we bring Him our burdens, we ask Him to help us trust—and then He does something far beyond what we had even thought to ask. Last month, I had the privilege of walking through one of those days with Omar, and I am still overwhelmed with thankfulness and awe.

That particular morning, the Lord woke me at four. We needed to leave at six for a court hearing in Chimaltenango, about two and a half hours away. I made my tea, lit my candle, and sat down to commune with my Father through His Word, prayer, and worship. I knew I needed to be strengthened by His Spirit and led by Him. There were tender hearts and difficult circumstances before us, and I needed His wisdom to love well.

Many of you will remember Omar's little brother, Rosbi. This past February, after about eight months of very difficult struggles, we had made the heartbreaking decision that he could no longer remain in our home. His behavior was deeply affecting his caregivers and the other children, and despite much prayer and perseverance, we had reached the limit of what we could manage well. He was only six years old—a little boy with so much he could not yet understand. We loved him dearly, and his departure was painful.

He returned to his mother for about a month then was removed from her care again and placed in a government home about eight hours away. Brothers and sisters, we did not stop loving him. We continued praying for him with our children, asking the Lord to care for him, work in his heart, and show us whether there might be a way for him to return.

Eventually, the psychologist working with Rosbi reported encouraging changes. We were hopeful yet cautious, since we have found that many people working for the government here like to have good looking paperwork to keep their job. After continued prayer, we believed we should seek to bring him back. Omar's upcoming court hearing would be our opportunity to ask for Rosbi's return. For Omar, the separation of his family had been a heavy burden. Rosbi was far away, his two other younger siblings had also been taken away and were living with a relative, and his mother remained unable to care for them. Sometimes he could handle these circumstances with trust in the Lord. Other times, sadness and anger would greatly overwhelm him. We had been working through those struggles together, but I wanted to help him learn something he could carry with him for the rest of his life:

What it means to run to the Father.

As we began the drive, I chided Omar with great love, warning him that if he did not learn to run to the Father, commune with Him, let Him tell you who you are, and how to best live, then he would never be able to get over this anger, bitterness, and resentment. I reminded him how much he and his sin, mine included, caused so much pain and suffering for our Lord. Then I also reminded him of our God, Lord, and King's other words of hope and redemption, exhorting him that his greatest gift and power is to run to the Father and know Him. As he does that, God will start to transform his heart, conforming him to His image, allowing him to love forgive, and live in freedom. Then God would be able to do more than he could "ask or imagine." God specifically put those words of His in my heart and they were repeated frequently on our trip. We put on worship music and listened to a Spanish devotion by John Piper about "the hope for the worst of sinners." Omar knows the grief of responding in anger and then recognizing that he has sinned. I wanted him to understand that our hope rests entirely in Jesus Christ—in His sacrifice on the cross, His righteousness, His power to save, His great love for us! We cannot earn our place with God by doing well enough, and we do not repair our failures by hiding from Him. We come to the Savior who gave Himself for us.

I encouraged him to begin there—with thankfulness. Remember what Jesus has done. Remember what it cost Him to redeem you. Thank Him for His mercy, love Him, and draw near to Him. When you sin, confess it. Hate sin, run to the Father and repent, make right what you can, and seek forgiveness. Then keep running to Jesus, trusting Him to do His sanctifying work in you.

But I wanted to do more than explain these things to Omar. I wanted us to go to the Father together.

We prayed and worshiped as we drove. Santiago Benavides's song "Abba Padre," based on Romans 8:15, randomly played three times, reminding us of the precious privilege of being adopted as God's children. We can come to Him as our Father! We also listened to "Abiertos a Tu Verdad," with its beautiful expression of

surrender, openness to God's truth, and dependence on His Spirit, which also randomly played 3 times…

As we listened, I urged Omar to bring his whole heart before the Lord. Tell Him where it hurts. Tell Him about the anger. Ask Him to fill you with His Spirit, renew your mind, and change your desires and your ways. Cry out to Him to take hold of your life and make you the young man He wants you to be. We need Him to do in us what we cannot do for ourselves. Give up control and let Him lead!

We talked about his mother, too. Forgiveness would not come easily, but he could ask the Father to give him a love beyond his own strength—the kind of mercy we see in Jesus, and in Stephen as he prayed for those who were killing him. He could bring his mother to God in prayer, asking for her salvation and restoration even while his own heart was hurting.

And we could ask for the things we longed to see happen. We could cry out for Rosbi, for the other children, and for their family. Surrender does not mean we stop asking. It means we bring our desires to our loving Father and entrust the answer to His perfect wisdom: "Father, this is what we long for. If it is Your will, please do it. Teach us to trust You with whatever You know best."

I shared how God had taught me something of this in my own life. Before coming to Guatemala, I had my ideas about the wife I wanted, and I used to pursue that. When I came, I surrendered that pursuit to the Lord, not knowing whether I would ever marry. Then He brought Sarah into my life. As I came to know her heart and her love for Him, she was different from what I thought I wanted, yet He gave me something far more precious than I had known to ask for. I am so thankful He understood what was best for me far better than I did.

This was what I wanted Omar to learn. There will be days when he is grown up and I am not beside him to talk or pray. There will be sorrows I cannot relieve and decisions I cannot make for him. But his Father will be there. He needs to know how to draw near, how to pour out his heart, how to listen to God's Word, and how to rest in His love.

We wept as we prayed over these things. And as we drove, I could see hope in Omar's face—a growing peace about placing the day in God's hands.

Then we went into the court hearing…

Brothers and sisters, the way opened for Rosbi to return to Casa de mi Padre! After the separation, the sorrow, and the prayers, we would have another opportunity to love and care for this precious boy.

But God did more…

Through circumstances I can only describe as the work of His providential hand, the needs of Omar's two other siblings were also brought forward. They too would be coming to our home! 6-year-old Ginger and 3-year-old Danny are now living at Casa de mi Padre!

We had started the day just hoping to bring Rosbi back. By the end of the hearing, the way had opened for ALL FOUR siblings to be together!

That morning, we had been crying out over the very grief that was weighing so heavily on Omar. We had talked about surrendering our plans and trusting our Father. And before we drove home, He had done more than we had asked or imagined. We could never have arranged that answer ourselves. What a gift of His grace!

And there was still another beautiful moment…

Recently, a dear friend had taught our children about Jesus and the Samaritan woman—how He approached her in her brokenness, spoke truth, and offered her living water. After that message, Omar told me he needed to share it with his mother, whose children had 3 different fathers and various other men.

After the hearing, he pulled her aside and did just that. The son who had been struggling with anger toward her began urging her to repent and come to Jesus:

"Please, Mama, I want you to receive the living water."

She cried. Omar asked for my help, and we spoke with her together. I told her that I, too, was a terrible sinner who needed the mercy Christ offers. Because she cannot read, we helped her download a Bible app so she could listen to His Word. She expressed sorrow for what she had done, and we encouraged her to cry out to Him for forgiveness, understanding, and a changed life.

On the drive home, Omar looked at me and said,
"This is what we talked about this morning."
"Yes, my child," I told him through tears. "It is."

Not every day will end with the answer we hope for. We must teach our children to trust Him in the waiting and the sorrow, too. But how thankful I am that, on this day, the Father gave Omar such a beautiful glimpse of His care.

Brothers and sisters, this is what your partnership makes possible: the daily privilege of pointing our children to Jesus and walking beside them as they learn to know Him. He is planting the roots of these young "oaks of righteousness" deeply—through His Word, through prayer, and through experiences that help them understand His faithfulness.

Please keep praying for Omar and his three siblings, for Rosbi's return, and for their mother to receive the living water of Christ. Pray that our caregivers will be filled with the Spirit, patient in difficulty, and generous in love. And pray that our children will learn to run to their Father all the days of their lives. Thank you for loving them with us. I am so thankful for you.

With Love and Gratitude,
The McCauleys and the Kids of Casa
We'll talk to ya soon!

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MISSION HIGHLIGHTS
OCTOBER 2026

Praises for God's blessings

- As the school year winds down for 2026, we are able to spend some quality time with the kids making fun memories and admiring God's creation in the beautiful country of Guatemala. For some of the kids, it's the first time they've every taken a family vacation.

- Rosbi is back in our care, and his behavior is improving! Thank you for all your prayers for him this past year. We praise the Lord that we can continue pouring into his young life. His brother Omar is so happy to be reunited with him here at Casa de mi Padre.

Prayer requests

- Continue praying for Rosbi to grow in self-control. Also pray for his younger siblings who are now in our care: Ginger (6) and Daniel (3). Pray for our staff members to have lots of patience and love for these new children, now the youngest at Casa de mi Padre.
- For Rosbi's mother: that she would come to know Jesus, trust in Him, and partake of the "living water" that Christ offers.
- Pray for wisdom as we hire a new school director. Pray that the Lord would make it clear who would be the best person to take on the challenge of educating the variety of kids we care for, someone who can inspire and train our teachers, a caring individual who can help each child develop their unique gifts.

Giving opportunities

- **General Fund:** Helps with the many aspects of our mission work.

- **Christmas:** We are making good progress toward our Christmas gift goals! We still have a few gifts left on the kids' wishlists. We've started a registry for group gifts and games that could be enjoyed by all the kids at Casa. ***Registries are on Amazon.*** Search "Casa de mi Padre"or use this QR for Christmas registries and donation options. The shipping address should automatically appear during your checkout process to be sent to the McDowell's who will bring the gifts to Guatemala. ***Deadline for ordering gifts is Nov. 20*** To donate to help purchase some gifts here in Guatemala, please use the QR, or memo "Christmas" on checks.

- **Rent for 2027 = $11,000**
Since we have not yet finished the construction on the new property, we still need to rent for the original Casa de mi Padre home. If we can pay the full year's amount in January, we can get a discount. If you would like to donate, please use the QR or memo "Rent" on checks.

- **Construction:**
For the most up-to-date needs and info about construction, visit our website https://savingkids.net/construction
To donate, use the QR or memo "Construction" on checks.

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