



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

Greetings, brothers and sisters, in Christ. I hope you are well and enjoying this great season of thanksgiving and celebration. May God bless you and fill you with all hope, joy, and certainty of His goodness and love for you. As I ask for God's leading in sharing with you this month, I have many things I want to share and have you prayed over, but I first am drawn to reflect on sacrifice...

Many times, when I think about Jesus' great sacrifice, I often think about the cross, I think about His deep love for us, and I think about the compassion and willingness to give up His life so that we may have true life and life everlasting. Even when we were still sinners, He knew it would be worth it. He took on so much injustice and suffering, and He did it willingly. Oh, how beautiful are the ways of our King. How merciful is He, how compassionate; there is no one like our God. But as I reflect on this beautiful season, Christmas, I think of another great sacrifice. Jesus, King, the Great I Am, Sovereign over all, left the perfection of His Kingdom, the place we long to be. He left perfection, absolute peace, a realm of complete righteousness and goodness, and He came to be with us. Completely God but humbly becoming completely man to fulfill His purpose...to die in our place as a propitiation for OUR sin, a penalty that we deserved. So, so much given, so much sacrificed, and then He offers us this forgiveness for sins, this redemption, this wrong made right. Something we could never do on our own, He offers to all who would give up their lives and follow Him. Not so easy, but at the same time He is so good that He even ordained and promises that all who are His, all who come to Him, will not only be saved but He will also send the Holy Spirit to help us do all that He calls us to do and sacrifice. Yes, Jesus may have some extreme requests for us; He asks us to give up our lives, in a much lesser sense, but again, He also promises us His Spirit to bring all His purposes in our lives to pass. I'm just in awe. The depths of our God are amazing; His ways are so above our ways! Generation after generation, He does His will; He cares for His people, and executes perfect righteousness in all He does. Oh, that we may grow deeper and deeper in His ways. Father, would you bless us with a deeper understanding of who You are? That we may know You more, that we may walk in Your ways, and completely trust in You? Father, I ask the same for all that partner with us: bless them, enlighten them, and use them for your Glory.

As you very well know, our deepest desire here at Casa de mi Padre is that our children would learn how to intimately walk with God, that they would study all of the Bible that He has revealed to us, and that they would walk with God's Holy Spirit so that He may lead them through all the circumstances of their lives. ***Would you take a minute to pray this over our children; please remember us in your prayers.***

Ok, so this upcoming year is going to be bringing some significant changes in our home. We are truly coming to the end of the first generation, at least in the orphanage part of the ministry. The six oldest children of our home are already or will be turning 18 in the first part of 2023; we almost can't believe it. Many of these boys will enter our transitional program for kids who have aged out of the children's home. Another significant change is that Casa de mi Padre will be moving forward into our new phase of doing smaller, family style homes rather than everyone being under one roof. As you all know, we are currently building the future site Casa de mi Padre. In 2023 we will be finishing the second family style home, and we believe this will bring great blessings and deeper relationships, security, and confidence to the children we raise and disciple. We praise God because, after much prayer, He has brought us a quality Guatemalan couple who have

served God faithfully for 12 years as missionaries planting churches in a war-torn part of Guatemala. After helping one of our young men in the transitional program, they contacted us and asked if we had a place for them in our work. We have known them for a long time and couldn't be more amazed and grateful for God's answer to our petitions. So, this year we will be making the change to having two families in their separate homes who make up our greater family of Casa de mi Padre.

I want to touch on each of these changes and how you can be praying over us...

Let's start with these older boys; I can't believe all the older boys will be 18 this year! These were all the little kids when I first arrived here. We have had quite the ride raising all these boys so close in age. But now that we are nearing this reality, my heart is full of love realizing that I must soak up our time together and ask

God for His leading in our final interactions here 24/7 at Casa de mi Padre. I know we will still be in much contact, but they will be much busier as they start their real world lives and finish their studies. As I have shared in former letters, we had hard times with these older children at Casa de mi Padre. I think in the security of our home it is easy to rebel, but as children near the real world we often see God move and prepare their lives for what's to come. Some recent events have signaled to me that God is stirring something up in the hearts of some of these boys, so **I ask you to pray with me for a ten-fold blessing of God's leading and intimacy for them. Please pray for humbling and preparation over Geovany, Poncho, Yoshua, Walter, and Carlos David.** Jimmy, one of our older boys, has chosen that he wants to go live with his mother and sisters. We don't believe this is best for him, but can see where he is coming from after so much time separated from his family. We tried our best to counsel him in what we believed was best, but at 18 years old, Jimmy has made his decision. I will attach a video to our email of a final interview I had with him. We love Jimmy and will be praying for him and always be here if he needs us. **Please pray that God would move in Jimmy's life.**

Ok, in regards to the next steps in the orphanage. We will be having Alberto and Sebastiana, the couple who has been with us for the last year and a half,



move along with all the girls of our home into the family sized house on our new property when it is finished in a few months. The new couple will move into the current large Casa de mi Padre building, where we can train and assist them as they learn. Alberto and Sebastiana have faithfully worked with us and learned from us. Of course, we will have daily

supervision and monitoring of each home, but we are confident in their hearts and in what they have learned from us. Would you please pray over the preparation and beginning of this home? **Would you pray for deep relationships to continue with the house parents and children, relationships that will last through any challenges?** Pray that our staff would be great examples of God's character. Pray that our children would know they are loved, and **pray that with this new home would come a fresh spirit to love the Lord with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength.** Pray that God would pour out His love and power on them.

Please also pray for our new couple, that God would conform them into His image and teach them how to grow in their parenting skills. **Pray for the young boys who will stay in the original property.** Pray that the young boys who love God would take positions of leadership in the home. Pray that they would find their greatest joy in righteousness, love, and mercy. **Pray that we would lead and edify them well!!!** We'll talk to you soon!

In Christ, The McCauleys and the kids of Casa

God's providence

As we no longer actively raise support but only proclaim God's providence and faithfulness, we have had a few more ways that God has taken care of our needs, and we are again grateful and in awe. A church in St. Joseph, Missouri, held a soup and chili luncheon, giving us all proceeds; we smiled and praised our God! Also, after parting ways with Midland Ministries, we were looking for a place to print our materials and prayer letters. A faithful church whom we love dearly offered to let us print in their office and informed us that they would cover all the costs!!! As I type this now, my eyes literally filled with tears just a little north of my grateful, confidence-filled smile. Thank all of you who do so much for us, and praise the Living God!!!

What an exciting time. We also want to share some more ways God has been taking care of our needs, just as He promises to do. The first family-style home for Casa de mi Padre will not be ready for another 4-6 months, but because the Lord has provided us with a God-fearing couple at the beginning of the year, we felt it best that we go ahead and start living arrangements with a first small home. Amongst petitions for many other needs, we were praying with all the children of the home. We know God's faithfulness, so if this is His will, then the only question was when and how. We were asking God for a small home that the first little family could live in. We continued to pray faithfully. We found a few homes all costing between Q4,000 (\$519) and Q7,000 (\$909) per month, which seemed out of our price range, and most homes wanted a year contract, which we didn't want. The best we found was beside a soccer field which would be frequently rented out late at night and play loud music. As we continued to pray, I believed that He had something more suitable. Soon, I was notified that the house right next to Casa de mi Padre, which is owned by the daughter of our groundskeeper, was going to be unoccupied in January. We went to look at it, it's just the right size, and his daughter only asked us to pay Q900 (\$117)!!! And they told us we could have it month by month as long as we needed. We couldn't believe it, but knew that only our God would have done it that way. From the beginning of time He has known all we would need to do His will here, and I am sure it is all in place for just the right time! Praise Jehovah Jireh, God will Provide!!!



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Praises for God's blessings in the last month

- The kids had a joyful evening celebrating Christmas a couple of weeks early. Thank you to all who donated to help us purchase gifts from their wish lists! We are so blessed to be able to make the Christmas season extra special for the precious children we serve.
- Youth camp was well attended by young people from the surrounding area in addition to the kids from Casa de Mi Padre. Several young adults, who grew up in the children's home and then transitioned out, helped organize activities and worked hard to make the camp run smoothly!



Prayer requests

- For Casa de Mi Padre as we move into our next phase of establishing smaller family-style housing. For our girls as they move out to a smaller home in the beginning of 2023, and our boys as they remain in the current large building.
- The five older boys who are aging out of Casa de Mi Padre at the beginning of 2023 and continuing in their studies through our transitional program. That they would grow in wisdom, knowledge, and self-discipline.
- The new couple who will begin working as house parents next month.

God's provision

- God continues to answer our prayers and provide for our needs through a variety of unexpected means: a church hosting a chili luncheon fundraiser for us, another church who wants to cover the cost of printing our letters, a kind lady who will rent us a small home at a low cost for our first step toward establishing smaller family-style housing for the kids from Casa de Mi Padre.

Love and blessings to you this Christmas season!

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