



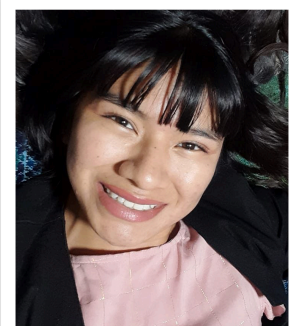
Cole and Sarah McCauley, your hands and feet for the orphaned

“FOR I WAS OVERJOYED WHEN THE BROTHERS CAME AND TESTIFIED ABOUT YOUR DEVOTION TO THE TRUTH, IN WHICH YOU CONTINUE TO WALK. I HAVE NO GREATER JOY THAN TO HEAR THAT MY CHILDREN ARE WALKING IN THE TRUTH.” – 3 JOHN 1:3-4

There is nothing sweeter than to see your children walk in the ways of truth!!! This last month, we have had some very encouraging interactions with some of our young people who have aged out of our children’s home and are now in our ADVANCE program to continue their educations and transition into becoming independent adults. Specifically, two of these young adults have filled my heart as I have seen their decisions or actions that reveal the work our God has done in their hearts.

Last month, we talked about the difficulties of finding a good job here in Guatemala. As we mentioned, Fermina found a very low paying job, but consistent with general pay here in Guatemala. The schedule was perfect for her, giving the weekend off so she can study in the university and go to church on Sundays, which most jobs aren’t willing to do. But then they started to teach her to falsify ages on identification documents. The day that Fermina told me about this, we talked about the ethics of it and if God would be pleased with these actions. She understood and agreed that it wasn’t ok, but she was also battling with the reality that it had taken 3 or 4 months just to find that job, it paid well, and had the perfect work hours. Fermina is 21 years old now, so I did not tell her she had to quit, but I encouraged her to take it to God and seek His leading. After a few days, she mentioned that she told her boss she did not feel right doing those documents, had prayed about it and felt that God did not want her to participate, but was willing to work hard in all other areas. Her boss didn’t pressure her and told her that, if this was the case, he would just discount 200 quetzales (\$25) from her monthly pay. She agreed and continued to serve them in all other areas. A week after that, Fermina came to talk to me and mentioned that her boss had asked if she was willing to do the job she had refused earlier to do. He had another woman who needed a job who would be willing to do the falsifications. Fermina expressed her sadness that it had come down to this, and I again encouraged her to seek God and listen to His leading and also to look for Godly counsel from other believers. She said that she had done that and knew that this probably wasn’t the best place to work.

I encouraged her with a story from my college years when I was in my first year of following Christ. As the spring semester was coming to an end, I was approached by two of the university cheerleaders who wanted me to live with them. In my ignorant, worldly, infant Christian faith I was sure that God was blessing me for following Him now and maybe He was introducing me to my future wife. (I am so glad that God intervened and eventually gave me Sarah... xoxo to my love). Plans were made and budgets secured for the next year with myself and the two girls I’d live with. Thanks to the culture in Campus Crusade for Christ at Northwest Missouri State University, even though I was only 4 or 5 months into following Christ, I already had my first spiritual mentor and weekly small group fellowship. I also was committed to go on a “Summer Project” mission, where we worked in Yellowstone and evangelized all summer. My mentor on campus compassionately shared that he wasn’t sure that living with the cheerleaders would be best for me, the reputation of God’s people, or the sacred aspects of marriage. He added that if I were to be a leader one day, it wouldn’t be a good example for younger Christians. Eventually, through reading some scriptures and God graciously opening my eyes, I felt convicted that living with the cheerleaders was not right after all. By this time, it was only two weeks before classes ended. I informed the girls, and I assured them that because I was honoring God, He would provide. I also promised that if they couldn’t find another renter, I would continue to pay it. I blissfully went off to the summer mission and served God there. Sure enough, two weeks into our mission, one of the girls called saying that they found someone to live with them. Two weeks before I had to return to the University, I received a call from a childhood friend and football teammate who wondered if I was at Northwest and if I needed a place to live. Praise the living, sovereign, divine, Father God!!!



After telling Fermina this story, she seemed encouraged, but still sad at the need to resign and the uncertainty of her future. We prayed together, and she went on with her day. The day after, she informed me that she had respectfully told her boss her stance and that he understood but decided that he would look for someone else. I asked how her heart was, and she shared she was very peaceful and had started looking for other jobs. Oh, how sweet is Fermina's heart. We praise God for the way that He forms us even when it's hard. As the righteous man Job said, "What, shall we take the good from our God and not the bad?" No, we have absolute confidence in the sovereignty and providence of our God, in the good times and the bad. ***Please ask God to continue to mold Fermina into His image. Ask God to fill her with His Spirit and show her His absolute power, faithfulness, and goodness.*** There is no one like our King.

Well, what do you know... I'm throwing this paragraph in a few days later, and sure enough after two days, Fermina excitedly called me and shared that she had gotten another job that was actually closer to her area of training as an accountant. She is getting paid the same and works a few less hours. Praise God! There is no one like our King. His ways are perfect. The honest truth is that what we see as suffering, is sometimes the only way change is brought about in certain areas of our lives, and our loving Father knows what we need and is willing to give it to us even if it's uncomfortable. God is good.

Another good fruit I was able to see was when we were considering hiring one of our ADVANCE program young men to become the full-time cook for Casa de Mi Padre. We sat and talked with Ruben, who grew up in our children's home and is now living in a different city and finishing his studies. He has matured a lot, and those around him agreed that he could do a good job cooking and be a good example for our kids. So, we made some tentative plans and told him to take some time and make sure it was what he wanted to do. After some days, we called him back. He sorrowfully and with regret shared that he had been praying a lot about it over the last few days and that, although he really wanted to work with us, he felt that God had spoken and opened his eyes to all that He was doing where Ruben was living and that He wanted Ruben to stay. Ruben has been a leader in the youth and young adult group in his church for the past few years, and they have had a thriving

ministry. Ruben was very apologetic, but I encouraged him that we were not bothered or offended in any way. Actually, although I'd love to have him here with us, I don't think I could have heard a better report from him. To hear that he had a big decision in life and that he went to our Lord, prayed over it, and listened to the voice of God... I couldn't ask for anything more!!! This is an enormous joy and pleasure to hear. ***Would you join us in thanking God for His great work in the life of Ruben? Would you ask God to bless Ruben in his studies and ask Him to continue to move mightily in forming Ruben for a life of service to Him and bless His work in their youth group.***

Oh, there is no greater joy than to see your children, of their own desire, follow and trust in the LORD. God, I have never seen anyone or anything change people and circumstances like you. You are amazing! Worthy of all praise!

A huge thanks to all of you who give to make this possible; a big thanks to all of you who think about us and pray over us. You are helping make great things happen. May our God bless you and keep you. We'll talk to you soon!

In Christ,

The McCauleys and the kids of Casa



God's provision

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Praises for God's blessings in the last month

- Two of our young people, Fermina and Ruben, who are in our program for kids who have aged out of the children's home sought the Lord's will regarding employment opportunities and demonstrated great integrity in their decisions.
- The Lord blessed Fermina with a better job soon after she resigned from a place of business that wanted her to falsify documents.



Prayer requests

- For Ruben in his studies and ask the Lord to continue to move mightily in forming him for a life of service to Him and bless His work in the youth group where he is a leader.



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Schedule for visiting the USA

We are starting to schedule times to speak and share about God's goodness and care; we hope to encourage listeners to seek God's will in their own lives and then to serve Him whole-heartedly. ***If you would like us to speak with your congregation, small group or at another venue, send us a message.*** We would love to get together with you! Here are the dates we are planning to be in the USA:

April 16 - May 7
and
July 23 - Aug. 13

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