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 and restore the places long devastated;
 they will renew the ruined cities
 that have been devastated for generations.
 Isaiah 61: 3-4

To follow in Christ's footsteps and to let Him work through us to give beauty instead of ashes and the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of despair, for our God to rebuild the devastations of many generations you must be in the midst of devastations, despair, mourning, and ashes or, in our case, invite all these things into our home...

Of course, this is not the case with every single child, but this is more often true than not. As you all know, parenting children is not easy, at least some of you have the hope of, "Ok, just gotta get through this phase with this child." Generally, we hope in the same way, but with 23 in our children's home and 10 more in our ADVANCE program, as soon as one child goes through something challenging, another may enter their own challenge or temptations. Or, if it was like this last month, 5 young people and one staff member have their different trying times, and we have to navigate all at the same time! Please **pray** earnestly for the young men and women in our ADVANCE program. The late teen and early twenties years can be a tough time to navigate for any young person, but they are even more challenging for our young people who have been uprooted from their families. Temptations abound. Questions and decisions about choosing a schooling and career path loom large. Oh, sometimes it is all so overwhelming, but all we can do is set our eyes and our hope on our Savior and remember His promises. He came to restore: He isn't doing all this and hasn't provided in such generous ways for nothing. He has come to bestow on them a crown of beauty, the oil of joy, and a garment of praise; they will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins that have been devastated for generations. **Oh Lord**, would you continue to do this unrelentingly at Casa de Mi Padre? **Father, please give** us the love and graciousness to walk through these seasons with our children. **Father, I pray** that our staff and children would be strong and magnificent, distinguished for integrity, justice, and right standing with You when you are done with us! Do your will, oh Lord!

We recently had two of our board members down here on different visits. It was so nice to be encouraged and challenged by both of them. The morning of writing this letter, we woke early before the sun and its warmth were out and sat together on a mountain ridge overlooking the property of the construction of the permanent Casa de Mi Padre. For a few hours, we spoke to the Creator of the earth and all it inhabits. We petitioned Him for our needs and for one another; we asked the Father for the simplest of needs and for things greater than we could imagine. Nearing the end of our time, I was reminded by our dear friends that our steady hope is in Christ, the same Christ who is God, who has walked on water, the one who created the world, the one who put it into motion and has its end set in place. He is the one who is Omnipotent, meaning all-powerful; Omniscient, meaning all-knowing; and Omnipresent, meaning present everywhere at all times. How easily we often forget these basic and simple truths about our God. It was so reassuring to sit there and ponder these realities as we overlooked all He is preparing for



Artwork by Carlos David, one of the young people who is in the ADVANCE program who is living with our family

our future at Casa de Mi Padre. As we were pleading for great needs both physical and spiritual, one of our visiting board members said that for God, it's as if His will is already done. All that He has prepared and that He wills to do, "It is finished" to Him. We have great hope in this. **Oh Father**, please help us rest in these realities, and as we rest in these realities, **we ask** that you would drive us to do all we can so that you may continue rebuilding the devastations of many generations through us. We want to praise you! We want to be glorious examples of your mercy and power. **We ask** that you would continually show us your will for us and empower us to powerfully walk in it.

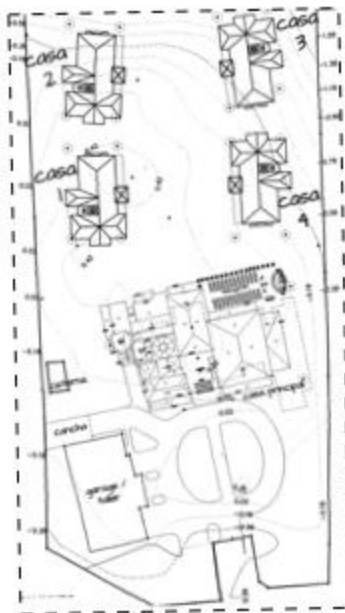
In the past few months, we have felt that the Lord is preparing us for a new project in our mission of serving the kids and staff of Casa de Mi Padre. As we have seen powerful provisions from God over the last few years, our trust in Him has been growing as has our knowledge that He is able to do even beyond what we can ask or imagine. We were recently asked by Shane and our Board if we would consider taking on the task of raising funds and contracting the construction of the 2 smaller homes that are left to build here on the property of the new and permanent Casa de Mi Padre. Shane is in charge of the funding and current construction of the large, central building with space for school, dining and community space for all the kids plus occasional mission groups, offices, and director's quarters. We have been praying that all the kids and staff of Casa de Mi Padre would be able to be here on our new property as soon as possible and that we wouldn't have to rent our current children's home and school buildings anymore. All the girls already live here in their family sized home that was completed last year. They are doing very well in their new house, and we are so excited for the boys to be able to move into family sized homes. We had been praying that the Lord would help speed up the construction process to make this possible...twice as fast as expected, maybe even three times as quickly! When our leadership asked us if

we could help construct the remaining two family-sized homes, we were initially surprised. We hadn't even thought about it before. This would be a huge undertaking for us. But we have seen God provide for large needs in unexpected ways when nothing in our own power seemed to be helping meet the need. We would love to see the construction completed as soon as possible. We told our leadership that we will take on this new task, trusting that, if it is the Lord's will, He will continue to faithfully provide for this new need in our mission as He has provided for all our other needs in our time serving Him so far.

We got our first estimate for the cost of one of the new homes: \$220,000. We will be getting a few more estimates from other companies, but we anticipate they will average around \$200,000. We will share the final details of costs as soon as we settle on which company to choose. This first estimate was from a company that was recommended by some other missionaries as being a Christian-run business of integrity that gets jobs completed promptly. They say it would take them about 6 to 8 months to build a home; this is about half or less of the time that it took to construct the other two homes already on the property. **Please pray** for the Lord's provision in completing the building of our permanent Casa de Mi Padre.

Well, that's all for now. We'll talk to you soon!

In Christ,
The McCauleys and the Kids of Casa



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Praises for God's blessings in the last month

- **The kids are enthusiastic about life-skills training!** During the afternoons, all the kids and staff are working to efficiently use their time to learn valuable skills, memorize scripture, and practice music (and earn a special dinner at a restaurant if they meet their goals!).

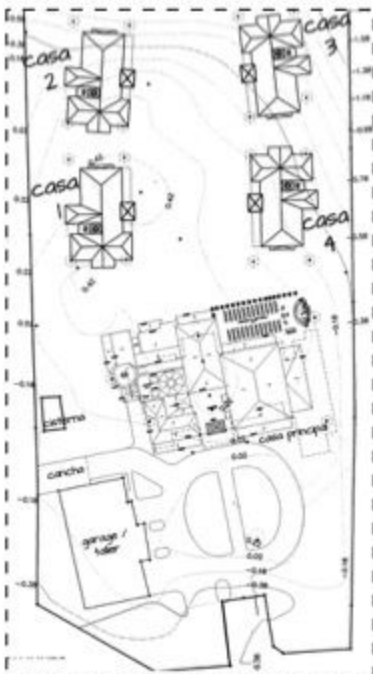


Prayer requests

- **For the young adults in our ADVANCE program:** that they would be strengthened and inspired by their annual retreat right before Easter.
- **For the teenagers from Casa de Mi Padre:** as they go to a youth camp at a nearby ministry; that they would learn from their classes and grow in their walk with the Lord.

Financial needs

- We are praying that the Lord would provide **the resources so we could build the last 2 family sized homes** on the property of the new Casa de Mi Padre! Each house is estimated to cost around \$200,000. Our founder is in charge of the funding and current construction of the large, central building with space for school, dining and community space for all the kids plus occasional mission groups, offices, and director's quarters. Join us in praying that the construction project would be completed soon so all the kids can be on the same property.




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