



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

Although we do believe that God will raise other full-time missionaries here at Casa de Mi Padre, we understand that not all the children will be called to that... all the time on mission to live out a Christ-like life and share the good news of the gospel (yes, in reality, there is no other type of genuine Christian). But to live solely on God's provision and the help of others we understand is only the calling of a few. We often teach our children that we all have a mission until the day we die, but some of them will be called to carry this mission out in their daily workplace and in their working hard and providing. Christians could drive a public bus to the glory of God, loving their clients differently, helping and giving discounts to those who are needy, proclaiming the good news to those whom they serve. That is the mission of every follower of Christ....

A recent blessing and obvious work of the Holy Spirit was this unexpected and absolutely beautiful transformation of one of the young men in our ADVANCE program. The ADVANCE program is for young people who age out of the children's home and who would still like to continue pursuing their education through our assistance. Antonio was one of our most notorious children who grew up in Casa de Mi Padre; you may remember some of his antics from previous prayer letters...manipulation on many levels, sneaking in cell phones, making other children do his homework, and the only child to ever sneak out past the 14 foot wall topped with barb wire (almost all homes have this here in Guatemala), and, most ashamedly for me, the only child to push me to the point of actually using a bad word (come on, don't judge me, you've been there, I didn't want to, but it happened; at least it was in English though). Yes, that Antonio. Sadly, it was a relief when he moved out of the orphanage. But in his years in the children's home and his years out, there have been many a prayer prayed over him. Two years ago, he aged out of Casa de Mi Padre and moved in with a great Guatemalan couple who has loved him very well. There had been many growing points and occasional needed confrontations for Antonio in his first year, even having to have Shane and I go to correct things. It was not easy and had us continuing to worry for him. His second year, though, was relatively quiet. We really hadn't heard much in terms of problems from him, and everything seemed to be ok.

The couple that Antonio moved in with and who has done such a great job are actually Louis and Roxsana, our newest couple to join us full time as house parents for the boys of Casa de Mi Padre. They had been so impacted by the change they saw in Antonio that they decided they wanted to commit their lives to this type of work. I couldn't believe it when they asked if they could serve with us, but I knew God was hearing our prayers for the future of our ministry and preparing devout believers. For 12 years, Luis had worked as a pastor and missionary some other areas of Guatemala, working with children and youth and starting new churches. Luis and Roxsana met us through mission work. Roxsana has worked with children as a teacher. After a while, they realized that God can be made known in other ways than church planting and pastoring and they wanted to serve God by working with the children of Casa de Mi Padre. They started working for our ministry in January 2023. They hope to make God known to children and guide them in their growth to be illustrious young people in the future. They have a four-year-old son of their own and are



Teenagers from Casa de Mi Padre attending an Easter break retreat



All the young adults in our ADVANCE program on a spiritual growth retreat at Lake Atitlan



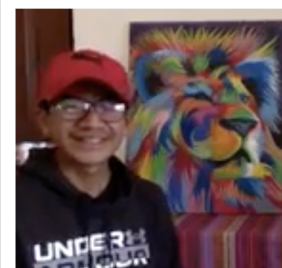
expecting another baby to be born his fall. Wow, God is faithful! Ok back to Antonio... since Louis and Roxsana were going to be moving to live at Casa de Mi Padre, that meant that Antonio also had to return. Ooooo, this was the only part that I wasn't sure about. We have been working very hard on the culture of love, care, and helping one another in our home since Antonio left. He had led many others to follow in some of these same areas of problems he caused in the past, but I believed that Louis and Roxsana were truly the answer to much prayer.



I never thought I'd be so happy and anxiety free to have Antonio back in our home. From the second night they were here, I knew there was something different with Antonio. He came into my office and greeted me, then asked if I wanted to share bread with them in the kitchen. I was very busy and did not want to, but because of the nice gesture, I accepted. After going to the kitchen and starting on the delicious sweet bread, Antonio asked if I wanted a glass of water. I actually already had a glass in the office, but once again not used to this from Antonio, I accepted. We talked a bit, then went on with our to do's. After a few days, since he was in a time of looking for work and trying to keep himself busy, he noticed the dust covering my car and asked if he could wash it. Then I'd see him helping the younger children; he would stay near and care for them. Then I saw him in the kitchen helping Roxsana with the cooking for the home, then washing dishes afterwards. I honestly have been in awe day after day; I continually praise God for the work He has done in Antonio. For myself though, the most beautiful thing has been to just see him sitting around the home; there is a peace that is so very present in him. There is a contentment that he almost never had, at least in his later years here. It brings me so much joy and even makes my eyes tear up as I write this. I am so proud of Antonio. ***Please pray that Antonio will continue to seek God's will in his life and grow in the fruits of the spirit.*** Recently at church, he also brought me to tears as I watched him walk down in front and pass by to take his communion cup and bread!!! 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!

Another young man in the ADVANCE program we would like to mention is Carlos David. He moved

in to our family's home last month as he is aging out of Casa de Mi Padre. His sister Fermina has lived with us for almost three years; it's so sweet to see these siblings interacting and helping each other around the house! Carlos David is a very talented young man. He enjoys playing the ukulele and some other stringed instruments, painting, and translating English/Spanish as the need arises around Casa de Mi Padre. He is attending university classes and has a part time job at a graphic design business in our city. We look forward to seeing what God has in store for his future! ***Please pray for Carlos David as he moves into a new phase of life: that he will be a young man of integrity, that he will continue to develop his talents to glorify God, and that he will seek to find the direction the Lord would have him go with his studies and work.*** If you would like to watch a short video interview of Carlos David to get to know him better, we have posted one on Facebook and included a link in our prayer email. If you are interested in sponsoring David in his studies, you may contact Sarah for more details or visit our website.



All of the young people in the ADVANCE program enjoyed going on a retreat for a few days during their Easter break from school. One of our faithful friends from the USA, Fawn Brents, came down to lead the retreat at Lake Atitlan. We are so blessed for her passion to pour into our young people and to encourage them in their walk with God. ***Please pray for all our young people in the ADVANCE program, that they would mature in their faith and glorify God in whatever occupation or studies He calls them to do.***

Well, brothers and sisters, I think that's a good place to stop. A huge thanks to all of you who give to make this possible and who think about us and pray over us. You are helping make great things happen. May our God bless you and keep you: keep you safe and also keep you from this world. May we long for a better country, a heavenly one. Oh, I can't wait until we are in the perfection and holiness of that county!!! 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

- All of the young adults in the ADVANCE program (for those who have aged out of the orphanage) went on a retreat over Easter break to focus on spiritual growth. It was led by a faithful friend from the USA, Fawn Brents. We are so blessed for her passion to pour into our young people and to encourage them in their walk with God.

Prayer requests

- For Carlos David, who moved in with our family last month as he ages out of the children's home. Pray that he will be a young man of integrity, that he will continue to develop his talents to glorify God, and that he will seek to find the direction the Lord would have him go with his studies and work. Pray for sponsors to help him as he continues his university education.
- For safe travels for our trip to the USA, that we would glorify God and inspire others to serve Him wholeheartedly as we speak about our mission work.

Schedule for visiting the USA

Sunday, April 30 at 11:30am, Grace Christian Bible Fellowship,
8200 Kansas Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66111

Friday, May 5 at noon, The Axe Factor,

1302 Frederick Ave, St Joseph, MO 64501

Enjoy 30 minutes of indoor axe throwing free of charge before or after attending our presentation! **Bring your friends; we'd love to introduce them to our mission at this fun event!** Attendees are not obligated to throw axes if they would rather just visit with us :)

Sunday, May 7 at 10:15am, Sojourn Church,

1825 Savannah Ave., St. Joseph, MO, 64505

Wednesday, May 10 at 6:30pm, Bethel Baptist Church, 19942

County Rd 282, Cosby, MO, 64436

Sunday, May 14 at 9:30am First Christian Church

301 N. 7th St., Atchison, KS 66002

Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30pm, Evening Optimist Club, Jake's

Steakhouse in St.

Joseph, MO

(probably)

Sunday, May 21 at

10:30am, Brookdale

Presbyterian Church,

203 S. 31st St., St.

Joseph, MO 64501

Friday, May 5 at noon



Lunch Hour Axe Throwing/Missionary Presentation

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