



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

*Is it just me, or do we really have the best job under heaven? I mean, when you take care of children daily and see God answer prayer for their healing, maturity, and provision, you start to think, "This isn't so hard," and that there is really no other greater satisfaction or work. It makes you think, "What's a couple more kids of our own," (whoa, whoa, slow down Mom and Dad; we are not announcing another baby, yet...) No, it's just the beauty of seeing a child go from unwanted or used to the certainty of the fact that they ARE wanted and loved; I don't know of anything better. This month, I want to share about Crispin (chris-peen), who recently came to us. I had actually received a couple calls from the government about him a few months ago. It was a call from an agent who we have not worked with and is from another state. He told us that they had a child who had been constantly neglected, going in and out of the system, and that they now think that he will need long term care. So he called us because he had heard about how much we love our children. We praise God because this is something that happens frequently, and we thank Him, praise Him, and are humbled that He chooses to reveal His glory through us. I love seeing His restoration of our children, His healing of their past traumas, His Sovereignty through providing all they need, and also through planning and preparing futures for them and opening opportunities to care for His people. Our God is perfect, and our God is beautiful!*

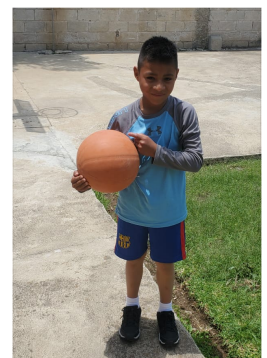
So, I received a call, and they were very concerned about a 10 year old boy. They said that he is a good child but that all of his family are alcoholics. Crispin lived with his mother who would always drink, hit him, and neglect to care for him. Because of this neglect, he would run away and spend nights and days in the streets, and the police would eventually pick him up. Apparently, he was known around the area for this. We had space and told them that we would love to care for him, but then we did not hear back from them. Months passed, and eventually I received a call from the same agent, who asked if we still had space for him. He said that they had tried to find him last time they called us but could not. This time, he was actually with them, and they were ready to place him in our care. We were thankful that we still had a place for another child, and we quickly accepted the opportunity.

When Crispin arrived, he was very shy and disconnected. Not scared or shut off, but very distrusting and cautious. He would not look you in the eyes unless specifically asked to do so. The next day, I tried to gain his confidence and assured him that he was going to be ok. I let him know that God loved him very much and that God has brought him here to care for him and give him a future. He would smile, but then return his head to his downward position. I asked if I could give him a hug, but he did not accept. It was ok and completely understandable. Then I went back to my work and occasionally

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checked in with him and messed with him. Half way through the day, I asked for another hug. When he said no again, I said in a crying voice, "Oh, my hug, no hugs for me, how sad for me, no hugs!" I continued to mess with him like that throughout the day, and he would laugh but not give me a hug. Sometimes it takes time to build that trust, and that is just fine. I again returned to work. After a while, I was surprised to feel two boney arms giving me a hug from behind! My heart instantly filled with joy; as I turned around I asked, "Did you just give me a hug!?" "Yes," Crispin replied. So, I shared my heart with him, "Wow, you don't know how good that makes me feel, Crispin. I know we only know each other a bit, but I love you, and I am so glad you are here with us. I am excited to get to know you more." He smiled. I asked if I could give him a kiss on the forehead, and he said, "Yes." Oh, it was very sweet, and that's what makes all the hard times of our raising children absolutely worth it.

That wasn't the only blessing from our recent time with Crispin. Later that evening, our psychologist had her first session with him, and she sent me this message:

*Brother Cole, I want to share something that touched my heart. Today in our session, we were working on Crispin's emotions, and when I asked if at one time he received a hug, he responded, "Yes, today was the first time; I received it from a guy named Cole." Do you know that the very first hug he received in his life was from you? God is doing great things through you brother!*

Wow! I couldn't believe it, and honestly as I am writing this, I still can't believe it.

As I am writing this, I just stopped and told Juanito (a young man who grew up in Casa de Mi Padre and now works for us in administration here). I can't believe some of the things God

does and the way that He sets things up. I told him what I'm writing and how it seems like a made-up story. Oh, God, You are so beautiful; You are perfect in all Your ways.

The last thing I will mention about Crispin is something that just crossed my mind recently. In the weeks after he first arrived, I would take Crispin and do different things with him since we didn't have his school work in order yet. He would constantly ask questions, even pretty basic stuff. Honestly, at times it would get a little annoying, but as we were waiting in line at the bank one day, it hit me, "Could it be that Crispin never had anyone close to him who really even cared to answer his questions, or maybe that he never had the confidence to even ask?" I can't imagine a life like that, but if it's true that when I gave him a hug that it was the very first he could remember at age 10, it may very well be possible.

Regardless, we are so excited to care for Crispin and can't wait to love him and form him into an honorable young man. ***Join us in praying for Crispin; although he has been a blessing, he is very raw in formation as a boy. Pray that he would learn not to react in anger when he wants something or is bothered. Pray that he would know how much we love him and be obedient to our requests. Pray that he would learn to be respectful. Pray for wisdom and patience for our staff as they still have to take care of all the other children while navigating how best to love and direct Crispin.***

Well, that's it; please continue to petition on our behalf! 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 younger kids of Casa de Mi Padre are making good progress with their scripture memory, catechism, and song learning. We are preparing to perform a program during the last week of June.
- While visiting a newly opened restaurant, we met man who helps run the facility. He grew up without a father, has a heart for the orphaned, and invited us to bring all the kids from Casa de Mi Padre to dine once a month free of charge!

## Prayer requests

- *For our newest boy, 10 year old Crispin;* he is very raw in formation as a boy. Pray that he would learn not to react in anger when he wants something or is bothered. Pray that he would know how much we love him and be obedient to our requests. Pray that he would learn to be respectful. Pray for wisdom and patience for our staff as they still have to take care of all the other children while navigating how best to love and direct Crispin.
- *For the house mothers who are both expecting to deliver their babies in the next couple of months.* Pray for their health, for a substitute worker to cover their duties while they are recovering, and for funds for us to cover maternity leave expenses according to government regulations.

## Summer Reading program

- We are working on building up our library at Casa de Mi Padre. If you would like to help buy some books and other supplies, you can **find our registry on amazon.com** by searching for the gift list of Cole McCauley. Items will be shipped to Sarah's parents' house, and we will take them to Guatemala with us after our next trip to the USA.

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