

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

I am thankful for the opportunity to share about the continued work in Casa de Mi Padre. Before I talk about the 4 children I was unable to write about last month, I want to Praise God and thank Him for the years of faithfulness He has shown to us... 13 years where the Lord has provided for this mission work with the children (7 years of which I've been here)... nearly 100 children later, kids who were ministered to anywhere from 6 months to 10 years. If you know anything about us, we do all we can to raise our children to know and love God and to show them what it means to love and live for Christ. We have seen so many beautiful works happen here; we have also had many sad and challenging

moments. I am excited that next month I should be sharing another testimony of one of our older youth who moved out and has continued to really grow in his life with God. Beyond the hearts God has changed, He has been so faithful to provide all our needs. Although Shane, Sarah, and I work hard here in the home and on the fundraising front, there is no doubt that it's God's mercy and favor that is shown on us as He continues to provide for all of our needs. He continually provides for 27 children (that includes house parents' children), 7 full-time house parents and care takers, 3 professional staff, 2 cooks and cleaning personnel, not to mention the 4 part-time teachers we need for the education of our children. In the midst of all that, He is providing so Shane can continue to unshakably establish the ministry with the permanent construction of the future Casa de Mi Padre. And obviously after our last letter we are in need again, but we have no doubt that our Father will provide for everything. Regardless, join us for a second in **Praising** God and thanking Him for His faithfulness; Ask God to continue to provide all we need. I am in awe as I think back on what He has done. It reminds me of King David writing in Psalm 105 about all that God has done for His people and then ending his psalm with the fact that God does these things so that they would keep His statutes, and observe His laws. Pray that, as we have obviously been shown favor in His eyes, He would help us to lead and continue to reform this work to be in line with His will and His character.

Our 4 newest children Crispin William Cruz Bryan

All right, now that we've praised God for His goodness, let's share the 4 most recent young lives God has brought to us this year.

Starting with Crispin: Crispin, honestly in my opinion, was one of the most neglected children we've received in my time here. Not neglected in the sense of nutrition, but his attention and care. I just remember that when he came, he would not look people in the eye. He was disconnected. At first, we thought that there were some developmental problems or brain injuries. As we started to gain his trust, we saw that Crispin was a very curious child. As this curiosity continued to grow, he would ask about everything, and I mean everything!

"How do you do this or that? What's that? Why does this happen? Who is that?" Honestly, just as it started to get annoying, I specifically remember standing in the bank, answering question after question, and as I started to get annoyed, the thought came to me: "I don't think anyone cared enough about How do you do this or that? What's that? Why does this happen? Who is that?" Honestly, just as it started to get annoying, I specifically remember standing in the bank, answering question after Crispin to answer these simple questions. I was humbled, and I was brought to compassion and decided, "I will do my best to patiently answer every one of these questions." It has been precious to see Crispin open up; he is one of those children who as soon as you arrive, he seeks out his hug and holds on sending a message of gratitude and love. I call him my "peluche" (Spanish for stuffed animal) as I return the affection through a hug or kiss on the forehead, and I just hold him. Pray that Crispin would continue to grow in confidence and that he would understand social boundaries. Pray that Crispin would become aware of his sin and the consequences, repent, and trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of his sins.

After Crispin, came William. William is a very kind and sweet child. Compared to how the majority of children come to our home, William came well-mannered and respectful. This is because he came to us from another Christian Orphanage. William had lived in a home that cares for children from infancy to only 10 years old. They had done a great work in their three years with him, and hopefully we are the last place he will have to call home as he grows up. We really haven't had many problems with him. Please Pray that he would continue to let God lead and mold his heart. Pray that He would see himself as valuable and precious as God does. Please Pray for relief from a bed wetting trauma he still suffers from.

Our next child who came to us is Cruz (or Cross in English). Cruz is one of the true orphans in our home, his father and mother had both died, leaving Cruz with his grandmother. In time, this grandmother had not taken care of Cruz well. As I shared that Crispin was the most emotionally and educationally neglected, Cruz to this day has been one of the most neglected physically. You could see the lack of nutrition up to his neck and face. He even had a foggy disposition for the first month. Oh my, but as Cruz has received much care and love, he has become a precious and awkwardly fun little boy. He has a smile that spans from ear to ear; it fills your heart when he expresses his joy this way. He is a little behind developmentally, but I have faith that he will progress well. We have gone through things like this with many children. Pray that all the damage from neglect would be

restored. **Pray** that Cruz would understand all that Christ has done for him and why we love him. **Pray** that Cruz would believe in Jesus Christ!

Our most recent child to is Bryan. He was so scared and sad when he came... Crying, crying, and, crying.

Asking the police not to leave him here. We did our best to comfort him, but he was in crisis. After an hour or so, he calmed down and started to talk, and we showed him around and gave him some new clothes and Hot Wheels cars. Quickly after that, Bryan knew he was in a safe place and that he was going to be ok. As always, as he found out how much we love him and that we wanted good for him, he quickly wanted to be loved too. Now he is the one seeking out the hugs and affection when you arrive. Soon we found out why he was so scared. Five or six years earlier, his father left his mother, and she found another man with whom she would drink, and they would both beat up Bryan rather than parent him. The government intervened and eventually placed him with his grandmother. She soon left Bryan back in the care of his mother, where he was again beaten, until coming to our home. Now we are thankful for the opportunity to love and raise him. Pray that Bryan would continue to grow confident in our love and desires for him. Pray that Bryan would be a good example and desire what is good, right, and true. Pray that Bryan would put his faith and trust in Jesus Christ!

A couple months ago, we announced that we were expecting our newest child. As I shared, we had a feeling as to why God revealed to us so vividly a dream about losing a child, and sadly we share that we did lose this baby. Although this is never easy, we thank God for the comfort we had which led us to prepare our hearts. We are sad that we are no longer awaiting our child, but we are so thankful for all the loved ones and our children at Casa de Mi Padre who were kind and comforting through the process as we had prayed for good health for our child but most of all that God would do His perfect will. We can see some of the good that can come from this. 1. Sarah and my faith has grown as we've seen God, whom we love and have devoted our lives to serve, care enough to send a dream that compassionately prepared our hearts, 2. We could see that our children at Casa and in our home were ministered to in the fact that we loved, trusted, and worshiped our gracious King in the midst of our pain and loss. And 3. They could also see the fallacy of a prosperity gospel. No, the reality is, if we love and trust our God, He will take us through certain afflictions and trials in our lives to bring about greater works. We hope and have prayed that our lives were humble examples to our children of how to faithfully follow our Heavenly Father. We will continue to trust our good, good Father, and ask that you would join us in Praying that God would continue to comfort us and grant us another child if that is His will and if it is good for us.

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Praises for God's blessings in the last month

• The 8 girls from the orphanage moved into their newly completed home! It's on the property where the new and permanent Casa de Mi Padre is being built. We are sharing one of our family's

cars with them until we have enough money to buy them a van.

Prayer requests

 The Guatemalan government is having some unrest and there have been roadblocks throughout the country for the last few weeks.
 Pray that the issues will be resolved soon and that improvements will result in government leadership and processes.



• It's vacation from school for the kids! Normally, the kids get to go on a couple of trips during their break from school to see other parts of Guatemala. For our 10 new kids, this is their first time ever on a "family vacation." Pray for safe and smooth travels, that the kids will rejoice in seeing more of God's creation, and that fresh, fun, and lasting memories will be made for the children. Pray for energy for the staff over the next few months until school resumes in January!

Financial needs

- Rent for the orphanage for 2024 = We need to raise \$10,000 by Jan. 1
- A van for the girls home = around \$15,000. We've made a little progress toward this goal, but still have a long way to go.
- Christmas for all the kids in the orphanage: As of Oct. 24, about 75% of gifts have been covered. If you'd like to get a gift for a child, visit our registries on Amazon by searching "Casa de mi Padre"

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Give a Christmas present to the kids at the Casa de Mi Padre children's home in Guatemala!

Visit our holiday gift **registries on Amazon**, search "Casa de mi Padre", the lists are called "Christmas for Casa" The gifts will be delivered to an

address in St. Joseph, MO, and will then be brought to us by a mission group.
We also need to purchase 8 bikes and some other gifts here in Guatemala, about \$1,800 worth. Donation details below. Deadline for giving is







Elda age 11







Andrea age 12





























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