

Dear Family and Friends,

*"I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way--"*  
1 Corinthians 1:4-5a

"I am just so happy. I am thankful for where I am. No one is hurting me anymore. I have food and clothes and people who care for me. I am so happy." These words are from the heart of one of our children. A heart of gratitude to God. All of us at Casa De Mi Padre have much to be thankful for. I remember the old song, "Count Your Many Blessings." As we move into the Thanksgiving season I want to take these next moments and express my thankfulness for the many blessings God has given us.

My first thoughts of thankfulness turn my mind to the many wonderful examples from our family of supporters God has graciously given us. Many of these dear brothers and sisters in Christ have supported me in ministry for over three decades. Here are just a few examples. There is a couple in Gladstone, Missouri who have supported me since my beginning in ministry. They love the Lord with sincere hearts and steadfast resolve. They have always been a huge encouragement to me. We have another couple who live in Saint Joseph whom I have known since the early 90's. We served together working with youth at a local Christian school. I was always impressed with their heart for our community and deep and abiding faith and commitment to prayer. They are sweet, sweet people. Another wonderful example is a couple from Oklahoma, who the last couple of years have become increasingly sensitive to the needs of the ministry and the children of Casa De Mi Padre. Their concern has moved them to help us in some big ways. They love being on mission and serving shoulder to shoulder with us here in Guatemala. They are so courageous. Even in the most difficult days of the COVID pandemic they found a way to be with us. I am so thankful for them. When I think of others like these, I can see their sweet faces. We have so many, too many to write about. I am thankful to God for each of them.

We also have an amazing group of Child Sponsors who help us meet the immediate physical needs of our children each month. They are so faithful. We also have a group of people who help support our older children to enable them to finish their education even after they have left Casa De Mi Padre. These continuing education sponsors are helping us set our older kids up for success. We also have a very special friend in Christ who provides for the children of Casa De Mi Padre their education through elementary, middle, and high school. We are thankful and eternally indebted to this dear friend who is changing our childrens' lives forever!

I am so thankful for the many churches who have chosen to support us. We are thankful for the pastors, missions committee members, elders, and deacons for their pledge to keep us going. We are blessed by these partnerships and we are thankful for the members of these ministries who faithfully give and pray for us. We are also thankful for our mission groups who come to spend life with us and be a part of our childrens' lives. Our kids know them by name. Thank you all for bringing us much love and joy.

Another group of people I am thankful for is our U.S. and Guatemala staff of Casa De Mi Padre. First, I am thankful for Cole and Sarah McCauley. Cole has been with us going on seven years. We have been through so much together. He has grown in his love for God and for the children. Cole has grown in wisdom and shown his natural ability to train and lead the staff. I am very thankful he and Sarah are here to serve beside me. They raise their four children, as they help raise the children of Casa De Mi Padre. It is amazing. I am thankful for you both. I am also thankful for our Guatemala staff members. Claudia our home school administrator is a wonderful Christian Sister in Christ. She loves God, education, and our children. A perfect combination. We are so thankful for her. Our house parents, Alberto and Sebastiana are doing a great job with daily care of the children. I am also thankful for our U.S. volunteer staff and for all they do. Karen, Jim and Anne, Fawn, Becky, and John just to name a few. These behind the scenes people are so vital to what we do. Thank you Lord for all of them!

We are also very blessed and thankful for the success of our kids and their studies. Many of our kids put in hours and hours completing their courses and then finishing their homework. It is amazing they are able to get it all done. And this year, all the kids passed on to the next grade. We also had several graduate high school, Fermina, Reyna, Geovany, and Jimmy. I am thankful for Fermina who is single mindedly focused on her studies and her future. She receives almost straight A's consistently. Fermina also received an award for scoring in the top of her class. Jimmy in his final practicum and presentation scored a 98%. We are thankful for the kids in all their achievements.



I am thankful for Peter and Ruben, a couple of our grown children, who have worked so hard in their education and are actively serving the Lord. I am thankful for Reyna who has just finished high school and will be entering the nursing program this next year. I am thankful for our other adult children who have left our home and are continuing on to complete their high school educations. Juanito, Walter, Josue, and Yoshuan. I am also thankful for our precious younger children: Brenda, Lucrecia, Elda, Mario, and Carlitos, just to name a few. I am thankful for little Esau (7) and Ricardo (6). A few weeks ago I was talking to Esau about him going back and live with his grandmother in El Salvador. After a moment Esau said, "Papa Shane I want you to know, I am going to take Jesus with me." I told him that would make me very happy. These two little guys came to us because their other grandmother was physically abusing them. It will break my heart when they go. I am thankful for the time we have been able to care for them.

I am thankful for little Andrea (10) who was recently at church, sitting next to Cole, when Cole noticed she was crying during worship time. He quietly asked her, "Are you okay? Why are you crying?" Her response was precious, "I am just so happy. I am thankful for where I am. No one is hurting me anymore. I have food and clothes and people who care for me. I am happy." This from a little girl who was sold by her mother to a woman who abused her and even would cut her as a form of punishment. We are thankful Andrea is in our lives. We love her dearly. We truly have many blessings to count.

**Construction update:** The interior walls of casita no. 2 are within a couple of weeks of being complete. Our next step in the building process is to install the interior ceiling in the entry way, living room, and then the bedrooms. The materials will run \$4790 and the labor will be \$3315. Then we will be ready for the electrical installation. The lights and wire will be \$4550 and the labor will be \$2300. We are so thankful for those who have sacrificed so much to help us continue building our future children's home. Pray for God's continued provision.

**Camp is Coming:** Please be in fervent prayer for our upcoming youth camp. Please pray for many of our area youth to come and pray for the Word of God to go out and change many lives. Pray the Lord will speak to our kids in a big way.

**Administrative Housekeeping:** We are humbled and thankful to announce our new partnership with Maywood Community Church of Kansas City, Kansas. Pastor John Bryden has been on the board of Child Rescue several years. I have known John and his wife Kelly for over 25 years. Maywood Community has been faithfully ministering in the Kansas City, Kansas area for almost 140 years. We are thankful to be able to partner with Maywood. For the months of November and December please continue to send your gifts to the Saint Joseph office. Beginning January 1st, send all gifts to our new Kansas City, Kansas address.

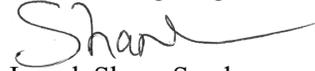
Beginning January 1st, 2023 the New Address for the Ministry:  
Child Rescue  
11201 Parallel Parkway  
Kansas City, Kansas 66109

Shane's new U.S. number is: 816-677-6657

In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln established Thanksgiving as a national holiday. In the midst of the devastating civil war, with the outcome very much unknown, President Lincoln in his proclamation had enumerated many of the blessings the United States had received. He then included these words:

"No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who while dealing with us in anger for our sins hath nevertheless remembered mercy."

This Thanksgiving season, we are truly thankful for you,

  
Joseph Shane Sanderson

Happy Thanksgiving!