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Dear Family and Friends,

“...Not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace...”

1 Timothy 1:9b

“I lived in the streets. I slept in the streets. It was always cold at night. I remember being sad because I didn’t have a blanket. I often dreamed about food. Sometimes in the night while I was in the park trying to sleep people would come and hit me. I didn’t know why.”

What does it do to a child when they realize no one wants them? No one wants to care for them. Being overwhelmed with feelings of loneliness and insignificance. Thinking, “No one values me. I have no one I can call family.” At night, being afraid of the darkness and thinking, “I just want the night to be over.” Imagine wandering around all day trying to find someone to play with to try to have some fun and forget.

One of the most beautiful things the Gospel story illustrates is the value of each and every soul. Jesus said, “For my Father so loved each and every soul, that he sent me, his one and only son that whoever would believe in me would gain everlasting life.” How valuable each soul must be for God to ask his only child to give the ultimate full measure of sacrifice for us. The Father desired to reach down to save. And The Savior was completely willing to come and pay the price, even for those who in the world’s eyes have little or no value. How valuable is the worth he has placed upon each and every soul?

The ministry of Child Rescue at Casa De Mi Padre, (My Father’s House) is fully dedicated to reaching children who have lost all with the good news of how much God values them. A child’s time at Casa De Mi Padre begins by receiving them with open hearts and open arms. Next we assess their emotional, physical, medical and educational needs. Most of the children who come to us have been seriously neglected and mistreated for a significant part of their lives. It takes time for them to move through their recovery process. Some bounce back fairly quickly, but for others the emotional damage is so great they require years to recover.

We believe when children enter the gates of Casa De Mi Padre, what they need most are massive doses of Jesus. This comes in form of meeting their simplest physical needs such as bathing, fresh clean clothes, and good nutritional food. As we are working on their medical needs and assessing where they are educationally, they are also given solid Biblical teaching. From there we trust the Holy Spirit to bring each one of them to the knowledge of the truth and faith in Christ. It is a work only God can do. So, we do our best and wait patiently.

Recently I spent some sit-down time with one of our newer children, Crispin. I asked him what he remembered about the first day he came to Casa De Mi Padre. I also asked him what were some of the things that changed in his life after he came to us. Crispin quickly responded:

“I remember when I came in and all the children talked to me and some gave me hugs. When I went into where I would be staying some of the other kids had decorated my bed with balloons. It was beautiful. And I was given lots of food for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. They gave me clothes. I also got to go to school. I love school! I am learning to read.”

We just celebrated Crispin’s 11th birthday. It was a joyous occasion and he was all smiles! It has been very sweet to see Crispin’s personality begin to flourish. All of our efforts come from a very simple value that the Lord gave me from the beginning. Christ called me to build into the fabric of the ministry of Casa De Mi Padre to, “Love each of the children as if they were our own.” That is not always easy, but this is my goal and the goal of our staff. Please pray for our children’s workers, for Crispin, and all of our children that we may continue to love them in this way and see God’s purpose and grace play out in their lives.

Along with my normal daily ministry activities, business related tasks, ministering with our mission groups, and keeping up with our grown children, I have the responsibility to plan, fundraise, and direct the ongoing construction of our new property for the future home of Casa De Mi Padre. But, in reality it is much more than constructing buildings. It is for the future of the children we now have and for those whom God will send us in the days, weeks, and years to come.



We are ready to transition to our next step in the construction of the Common House. This building will include office spaces, staff family living quarters, a large dining room, an industrial kitchen, public and private bathroom facilities, and appropriate storage and utility areas. As of now all the girls are living at the new property, while the boys are living in the old building. For the time being we are a divided home. I do not prefer this, but it is necessary at this time. But, when the work, living, and dining spaces of the Common House are complete we will move the boys into the director's family quarters. This will be the quickest way to make us once again a united family living in the same place. When the Common House is completed we will have offices for the business needs of the ministry and have an adequate space allowing all the children to be able to dine together in one large dining-room. The facility will also have the space for our visiting missions groups to interact and dine together with all the kids. This new building is an invaluable tool that will completely meet our needs in the lives of our children, ministry, and with our visiting groups now and for many years to come. Step One of installing the foundation for the building is just days away from completion.

We are ready to begin the Second Step of the project. Before moving forward we must secure the needed funding to raise the walls to the full height of the first floor of the building. This will include the electric conduit, plumbing, and drainage piping materials that will be needed. These funds will cover the full labor cost to complete this step of the project. We are contracting each phase of the project with qualified construction teams. In order to do this we have to sign contracts with the contractors and be able to provide the materials and a substantial portion of the funding as a deposit of good faith. We are praying for the Lord to provide all the funds needed to be able to make this deposit. The total need to complete this next part of the construction will be \$90,000. We are asking our friends to pray with us and place this need before the Lord. As usual this seems impossible. But truthfully, everything God has accomplished to get us this far has been impossible. We continue to live by faith and choose to trust the Lord for his continued hand of provision. We are continually thankful for all those who have helped us in any way with this building process to complete our future ministry home.

We are constantly thankful for our faithful monthly Child Care Sponsors and our monthly General Fund Supporters, who meet our on-going ministry needs, including providing for our vehicles, equipment, and facilities. We are also thankful for those who help us with our staff and my personal financial needs as well. Like you have experienced in the US, the cost of living here has risen. Our weekly food costs have increased by hundreds of dollars per month. Providing to meet the needs of our staff seems to get more and more challenging every month. But the Lord has called us to seek him and his righteousness first. We trust that he will meet all our other needs in his time. Thank you for your continued life-changing support that enable us to provide for the precious children the Lord has placed in our hearts and hands.

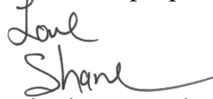
We have a lot of people who receive our monthly letter through US Mail, email, and Facebook. We are thankful for those who participate in prayer and share our letters with others. But there are many of you who we have never heard from. I pray the Lord would use this writing to touch your heart. Maybe you are one of those who has never reached out to help, consider making a change and stand with us for your first time today. Here is how you can help:

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11201 Parallel Parkway
Kansas City, KS 66109

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The last thing Crispin said as we sat and talked together was precious. He said, "I feel good because here everyone cares for me well." That says a lot coming from a child who has been through what Crispin has experienced. All the wonderful things we have seen God do in the lives of the children he has sent us and all the miracles of salvation he has brought to pass are not because of anything we have done, but because of His own glorious purposes and grace. And that is a beautiful fact.

In awe of His purposes and matchless grace,


Joseph Shane Sanderson

*Thank you for sharing
in our ministry!*