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Dear Family and Friends,

“Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.”

Psalm 90:14

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As I listened to Mason’s words I was struck at the depth of loss one feels when as a child their father is absent. The sting of this loss can last a lifetime. I met Mason when he was seventeen years old. During that time I had begun a youth outreach ministry in St. Joseph, Missouri. We put together weekly youth events and I needed different speakers to present the Gospel. I contacted a local pastor to see if he would speak at one of our events. He said he couldn’t at the time, however he had a young man in his youth group who was capable. I said, “Have him call me.” A couple of weeks later the young man came and preached. It was powerful! The young man did have talent. We became good friends. Over the next three years we did a lot of ministry together. Mason was energetic and passionate about the Lord. Mason’s messages were well-informed, well illustrated, and solidly biblical. The best thing about him was he truly loved Jesus. Like us all, Mason had his struggles and times of difficulty in his life through the years, but his genuine love for Jesus always led him home. We had three great years enjoying each other’s friendship. After that time Mason decided to go to California to be involved in Chuck Smith’s Calvary Chapel movement. The Calvary Chapel organization was a great fit for Mason. We saw each other a time or two over the years. Eventually we lost touch as the time and distance seemed to lengthen.

A few months ago Mason contacted me and told me his 17 year old daughter wanted to go on a mission trip to help children. He told her, “I know exactly where to go.” So we set up a trip with him, his wife, and daughter. Their mission was threefold. Mason would be speaking at our school and in our home. He would be building on several messages that would culminate in a clear gospel message and call our kids to receive Jesus. Morgan, his daughter, was to spend time loving on the kids. And Mason’s wife Helena was going to paint a couple murals at our school building and produce two craft nights. When all was said and done the mission was a smashing success. Morgan had a blast ministering to the children. We had just received a new boy. He fell in love with Morgan, and he needed this. Helena painted two murals with our own home grown artist, Carlos David. The murals are both beautiful works of art. Great design and fantastic painting. Thank you Helena and Carlos David!

Mason began in Genesis with the creation which led right into his next message, “Our Greatest Need.” The following message was what God did to meet our need. Each message was well thought out and communicated with clarity and excellence. Mason ended his third message with an opportunity for the children to pray and receive Jesus into their lives. Nine of our children and four of our staff children responded. I led the kids who responded to a place where we could pray. Our newest staff parent, Daniel, spoke with the kids and led them in a prayer of salvation. He was very blessed to have this opportunity and I was overjoyed to see their response. Praise the Lord for these decisions!

Children's Updates: Little **Ashley** has just received her second surgery. She is weak but doing well. We will have to see how this affects her overall health. Please continue praying with us for her healing. The doctors say she needs one more surgery.

Rudy and Dulce: We received Rudy several months ago and then his sister Dulce came to us several weeks ago. They are both doing well. Rudy is enjoying his new home and really loves worship at our church. Dulce, his little sister seemed a little slow to trust. But she is doing much better. We are thankful they both responded to receive Christ when Mason spoke. Keep them in your prayers.

Two New Little Boys, **Manolo** (12 years) and **Rosbi** (5 years): Here is their story. They were living with their mother and two other siblings. The mother severely neglected the children and as a result the two boys became uncontrollable. The mother entered a residential social program where they try to help parents manage their children better. However the mother wouldn’t cooperate with the program and the kids continued to be out of control. Eventually they had to leave the program. In time, Manolo started running the streets. Finally, Family Services got involved and took Manolo and ordered him to Casa De Mi



Padre. He was very sad that he and his brother had been split up. However, several weeks later his younger brother was ordered to Casa De Mi Padre as well. Manolo is much happier. Rosbi, his little brother, is very challenging. He is very strong willed, but we are patiently working with him. We are blessed to have these two brothers in our home. Please pray for them.

Construction Update: At this time we are at a construction stand still. We are waiting on \$45,000 to begin step two on the Common House. As the Lord provides we will continue. Please pray with us on this.

The “I Dare You Challenge”: One of our dear friends of the ministry, Karen Hidalgo asked me how she could inspire others to help us with our construction project. Karen has been down to bless our children many times. She is also part of our US Associate Staff. She is the person responsible each month for producing our printed newsletter. Karen decided she wanted to give a special gift toward the construction and wanted to use it to inspire others to help. I asked her, “Why do you want to do this?” Her response was, “I love Casa De Mi Padre and know the ministry is changing kids lives for Christ. I have seen it with my own eyes.” I responded, “Why don’t you dare them to match your gift.” She said, “I like that idea.” I said, “Ok, What is your challenge?” Karen said, “**I Dare You** to give a \$1000 to help build the kids new home.” Karen gave the challenge and put in the first \$1000. Karen is not a rich lady. This is a true sacrifice she wanted to make to encourage others. So, **I Dare You** to share in Karen’s challenge. Simply go on line at givetocasa.com and click on the “Child Rescue Construction” button, put your info in and type “**I Dare You**” in the comment section. Or send in your gift by US Mail: Child Rescue 11201 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109. Put “**I Dare You**” in the menu of the check. This will make a GREAT difference in the lives of our kids.

As always the night before a mission team leaves in our home the kids put on a special program to say “Thank You.” I share stories of the children and needs of the ministry. Our final part of the night is having the children share their hearts with the team and then the team can share with the children. It is always heart warming. Our American team, Helena and Morgan shared very heartfelt words with the children. Mason began to cry. As he spoke, he shared with the children how impressed he was with them. He was blessed to see what God was doing in their lives. However there was something much deeper in Mason’s heart he needed to share.

When Mason contacted me to create a family trip, I was excited. I had not seen Mason for 25 years. So I knew this would be a precious time for me. In the final minutes of the program, with much emotion Mason continued speaking. Tears begin to flow as Mason shared these words. “I have two things in common with most or all of you. First I understand the loss of not having your father in your life. My father was completely out of my life when I was a child. I tried to reach out to him eight years ago, but there was little response. The second thing I have in common with you is this: At a critical time in my life Papa Shane was there for me just like he is in your lives. Just like in your lives, Shane has been a father figure to me. I can see in you, your love for him. God has done this.” Mason went on to encourage the children to follow Jesus with their whole hearts.

The instant Mason begin to cry and speak, all eyes were on him. It touched the children deeply. They knew he understood them. It broke my heart to see Mason still struggling with this. Even though he is almost 50 years old, he still carries the wound of the loss of his father. I know our children have this same wound. “Help us Lord, to love them as you do.”

I was blessed to have this time with Mason and his family. He is a successful business man, a loving father and husband. But more importantly, he has grown into a Godly man who loves Jesus with all of his heart. I am so glad our children got to know him and his family.

I know the only complete love we can experience in this life is the unfailing love of God. There is no equal.

Trusting in His unfailing love,

Love
Shane
Joseph Shane Sanderson

We appreciate and
love you!
Thank you for everything.