

“We were brought here for a reason.” Tom

When I was in college I had a professor who made this statement, “Life is all about connections.” It is a simple statement but very profound. Being truly connected is what sets the human race apart from all other living things. It is actually what the Gospel is all about. Being connected to Jesus, the way he lived and the death he died, is the way we reconnected with God.

A little over one year ago we reconnected with a little boy named Jorge. After being with us for six months, he had a court appearance. In the court hearing the government made statements about Jorge having a right to his family. So the court sent him back to the family, who had just months before abused and abandoned him. After the court appearance Jorge and his grandmother came to Casa De Mi Padre to get his things. As the grandmother was talking to our social worker she said, “We don’t want him. His mother doesn’t want him, I don’t want him, his grandfather doesn’t want him. Nobody does. We are only taking him because we do not want any trouble with the government.” They gathered Jorge’s things and left.

Two years later we received a call from the government asking if we would take Jorge back. We said we would be happy to care for him. When Jorge came back to us, he was a mess. He was screaming and crying the whole afternoon. But with the help of a visiting missions team, one of the participants name Nico, was able to connect with Jorge. After a while the screaming child went back to being our sweet little Jorge. He just needed a special connection.

This past month we had another short-term mission team come to minister to our children. For many of the team members it was their first mission trip and first time to do a lot of new things. The best part of the trip was seeing the team step up and minister to our children and minister to each other. Several the team members prayed corporately and gave a group devotion for the first time. It was absolutely beautiful to see the connections each member made with one or more of our children. Tom, a new team member made an instant connection with little Jorge. Jorge is 100 % deaf, but that didn’t stop him from becoming best buds with Tom. So many incredible connections were made. These times open the hearts of our children to experience healing and soften their hearts to the things of God. And what it does for hearts of those who come to serve, is nothing less than miraculous. Tom’s time with us meant the world to little Jorge. When Tom gave his first ever devotional he said it right, “We were brought here for a reason.” I can’t adequately thank everyone who came with the Summit Funding group. Lacey, Robyn, John, Tom, Melissa, Juan, Brandon, Mike, and Fawn. We cherish the time you spent with us and the incredible connections you made with our kids. God put himself on display through you!

Big Changes in the Works: I am approaching 36 years being full-time in Gospel ministry. In 1994 I founded an inner city ministry called South Side Youth Outreach in Saint Joseph, Missouri. That ministry is still changing lives 31 years later under the leadership of Tom and Jodi Brager. I am so proud of all they have accomplished and what the future holds for them. In 2010 I founded *Child Rescue of Central America*, our U.S. based operation that created the ministry we know as Casa De Mi Padre, in Guatemala. Now, 15 years later we have cared for over 100 children, meeting all of their needs all for the opportunity to teach them the Word of God and share the Gospel of Christ with them.

In 2024 we renamed our present ministry and it became *Child Rescue International Inc*, as an IRS recognized 501(c)3 Non-profit Missouri Corporation. We are very excited for the future of *Child Rescue* and Casa De Mi Padre as we transition the leadership to the next generation. Beginning in 2026 Cole and Sarah McCauley will assume the full leadership and responsibility of the ministry here in Guatemala. I will become Founder and Director Emeritus. I will continue to live in Guatemala to host and serve mission groups. I will continue caring for our young adults who have transitioned out of our home and for those who continue in our Advance Education program. Finally, I will continue spending time loving on the little ones at Casa De Mi Padre to support Cole and Sarah as they request. I am looking forward to this new season of life as I turn 64 this coming year.

I am more than excited. I have full faith and confidence in God’s call on Cole and Sarah to carry out the vision of Casa De Mi Padre. I believe those who have supported me so faithfully these many years will continue to give their encouragement, support, and love to Cole and Sarah. I have been blessed to have all of you with me these many years. I will be sharing more details about the transition in the next couple of months as it unfolds.



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Casa De Mi Padre Christmas Kid's Celebration 2025! We need your help as we prepare a beautiful Christmas season for our children. Our deadline is **NOVEMBER 15th** to purchase gifts for the kids and process donations in time to make this happen. **To purchase gifts for the kids, all you have to do** is go online to our gift registry and purchase gifts from the kid's wish-lists and we take it from there. Find our gift registries on **Amazon** by searching "Casa de Mi Padre" or highlight and copy the links below into your Google search bar on your computer or in your iPhone.

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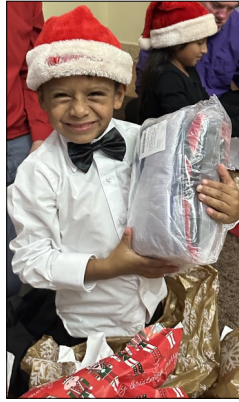
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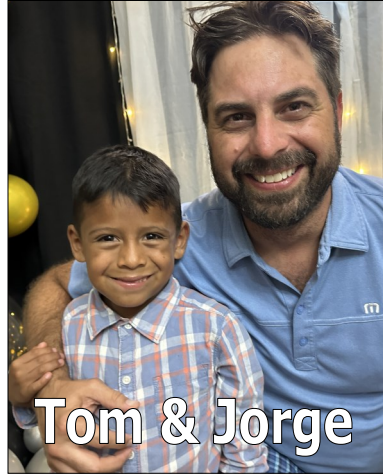
We are forever thankful for all you have done to help us advance the gospel and care for the children the Lord has given us,
Joseph Shane Sanderson



Merry Christmas!



The Team



Tom & Jorge



Pascual & Brandon



Praying for the construction



Juan Giving His First Devotion