

## Reyna: Redeemed and Restored

Hello everyone!

This month flew by again and I have so much exciting news to share with you all! I have been making preparations to live here in Guatemala long-term and I have a big update about the house hunting adventures! I also want to use this newsletter to highlight one of the beautiful young women in our home. She came to us with a terrible past and a broken life, but through the grace of God, we have seen her transform into a sweet and thoughtful little lady that everyone has come to love here in our home.



Reyna & I

Reyna is the oldest of four siblings. She has always had to be the responsible one, and her mom used to put her in charge of watching the younger ones. If they would cry or make a fuss, she would get a beating for it. Her home life was far from good. We are pretty positive that her mom was prostitute, so Reyna and her siblings grew up watching a lot of things that children should never have to see. At one point she and her brother went to go live with her dad and stepmom who were both abusive as well. They escaped several times fleeing from the abuse and lack of food in the home and their grandma eventually was able to get custody and then realized they would be better taken care of in our home. To our knowledge, through all of this Reyna was never enrolled in school. For her first 10 years of life, she had never received an education.

She came to us so withdrawn, timid, and broken. Throughout this last year, we have watched her change dramatically. She is so sweet, loving, and really working on being more outgoing. She is so precious and loves doing sweet and thoughtful things for others. For my birthday in August, she came up with the idea to go and pick me wildflowers and wrap them in yellow paper (my favorite color!). She also asked another staff for help and had her go to the store and buy me M&M's (my favorite candy!) and even gift wrapped them for me! It was the most precious gift I had received for my birthday. She did not have to do any of that and yet she did. And every gift was well thought out to be exactly what I would love. It was so sweet!

She does these things all of the time. She is always thinking of others and what they would love. I was sitting next to her on the bus home the other day and she leaned over and asked, "Sabrina, you like elephants right?" to which I of course replied, "YES!" and she said, "Ok, I have a picture to show you when we get home." When we got home, she pulled out a picture of a cartoon elephant that she had someone print off from the computer and she asked if I liked it and thought it was cute. I told her, "Yes! It is so





cute!” I had no idea where she was going with all of this, but she then told me, “ok, I’ll draw it for you.” And she did just that. She sat at her desk for the next 2 hours working so hard on that precious elephant drawing and was so excited to give it to me later on that day! I was so ecstatic and thankful! She is one of our most thoughtful children in our home.

She is also very diligent and hardworking. She never received any formal education before coming to us but that has not stopped her at all. She worked so hard this year in school and has been learning how to read and write well. She tries so hard in everything that she does, and it paid off! She was on the Honor Roll for the school year and she was even one of the “Distinguished Students” and put in the front of our group of students in the Independence Day Parade. She was so excited and proud to tell everyone that she would get to wear a sash and gloves and walk in the front with the other distinguished students! It was such an exciting day for her, and I could not have been happier to see her face light up like it did!

I have loved watching her transform into this more confident and happy-go-lucky young woman that God made her to be. He truly has redeemed and restored her, and I am so thankful that I get to be a part of her story. This broken and timid child now sings at church on Sunday’s, loves giving everyone hugs, and is one of the happiest children in our home. Her joy radiates to everyone around her and it is such a pleasure getting to work with her and see her sweet smile every day.

Speaking of sweet smiles, this month I also started working on Christmas for the kids here! I know it is really early to be talking about Christmas for some of you, but here we have to start getting ready months in advance! Due to some changes in the international traveling/shipping, we have to get all of the children’s gifts shipped down here by November. So, for those of you planning on purchasing Christmas gifts for our children, that means that have to be sent to our U.S. contact by October 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is fast approaching! We love to make Christmas special for each of our children and we hope to give them the gifts they are hoping for. For some of our children, this will be the first Christmas they ever experience (This will be true for our newest addition to Casa, Elias!)! If you would like to participate in Christmas at Casa De Mi Padre and help make Christmas special for them, I will attach information along with this newsletter and I will also attach the link to the Google Sheet that has each of our children’s Christmas lists where you can sign up to send a gift. Also, if anyone has any questions at all, feel free to send me a message on Facebook or email me at [teeniebrinie@gmail.com](mailto:teeniebrinie@gmail.com)



My next piece of exciting news for the month is that... I FOUND A HOUSE! I signed the contract yesterday and will be renting it for a whole year! God has truly blessed me with being able to find a home that was not too far out of my budget and has enough space for a car in the future. I have been praying about this for a couple of months now, so this was a giant answer to prayer! In my current home, there is not enough space in the garage for me to put the four-wheeler or any other type of vehicle with my roommate’s car parked in there. Therefore, I really

needed to find a new place to live to be able to put a car (for when I am able to raise enough funds for one).

I also needed the extra space because we will have a married couple from my home church come and intern with us for 6 months and the plan is for them to come and stay with me for their internship! I am so excited for this opportunity and cannot wait to have this source of fellowship in friendship for the next 6 months. If everything goes according to plan, it will be ready by the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month (yes, in a week!!). The next step of faith will be furnishing my new home. Because I will be housing others in my home, I will need to purchase a bed for myself and for them also. The bare essentials will be two beds and kitchen appliances (Refrigerator, stove, microwave, etc.). I will also attach my new budget with the new price of my rent and also estimates of furnishings that I will need to purchase in the very near future. My goal is to go appliance shopping this week so I can move in and be ready to go! I know that this is very soon and fast approaching, but I also know that God has provided for me thus far and He never fails. So, I am going to trust Him to provide for exactly what I need!



**Prayer Requests:**

Please continue to pray for Reyna as she works hard to finish this school year. This next week is final exams for our children and we are praying that they all do well and finish strong to pass the year! I would also really love prayer for my new home. I am praying that there are no major issues and it will be ready in time to move in by the middle of this month. I am also praying that God continues to provide for exactly what I need to furnish my new home.

Please also pray that all of the children's Christmas gifts will be provided for and get here safely. Please also pray that all of the preparations that we are continuing to do here for Christmas, continue to go smoothly and that we can get everything ready to go in time. I am praying that I can get all of my preparations taken care of in the next few weeks before I have to return to the U.S. Please pray for me as I prepare to

leave the kids in November and travel back to the U.S. and all of the added costs this will put on my budget.

Thank you all for everything you do for me and the children here in Casa De Mi Padre! Your prayers and support have meant so much to me and help encourage me day by day. Looking at the bill for all of the future things I need to purchase for this week can be daunting at times, but then I remember the amazing people of God that I have on my support team who help me through these stressful times! I am so grateful for you all and I cannot wait to update everyone with photos of my new home!

-Sabrina Broste

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