



## Cole and Sarah McCauley, missionaries in Guatemala

*For my first few years here at Casa de Mi Padre, as a new and developing ministry, it would be just me and one or two other child care workers working hard for 12 hours a day, 7 days a week. While also having the occasional staff member gone in the US support raising, I quickly found that we were not capable of giving all 23 of these kids all they need. Yes, we could make sure they are out of danger and not being beaten, we could make sure they have enough food, and could give enough biblical teaching and compassion to change their lives. But I felt like the kids needed more. I would often make good progress with a few kids, where they knew I cared about their everyday life, how they were feeling, and what they were struggling with. I would praise God for the way He would use our relationships to form and grow them, but eventually I would feel in my spirit that there were other children who desired the same care and concern. I just didn't have the time to be with them all. So, I would start to spend more time with the other children and invest in them, only to again feel there were others who needed more of my time. My heart would break every time I felt this...*

I came to understand that this work would require a team of people who loved God and had answered the call to love, care for, and change our children's lives. I realized that God was not only calling me to do all I can to love and form our children myself, but that He was also calling me to raise up staff to make every child individually feel invested in, cared for, and desired. I have felt such a heavy importance on the call to prayerfully rely on God to send us people that He has prepared, people who worship Him. It is my job to spur them on to find their greatest joy in God, to pursue our Sovereign Counselor, and to rely on Him for all their needs and the needs of our children. I know that if I can find men and women who pursue God's will and love our children and mission, then as I disciple them to remain steadfast to God's promises, we will in turn encourage one another to listen to God's leading as to how we can best love and disciple our children. So, we have now entered a season of seeing God's great provision in providing quality people and positions that will help us to be able to best care for our children. As a leader in this job and my previous careers, this account of when the Queen of Sheba visited Solomon has always challenged me:

**Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions. And she said to the king, "The report was true that I heard in my own land of your words and of your wisdom, but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. And behold, the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity surpass the report that I heard. Happy are your men! Happy are your servants, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD loved Israel forever, he has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness. - 1 Kings 10:6-9**

I know that I am but a mere man apart from the wisdom and leading that God reveals to me, but as I have trusted Him, I have seen God move in situations and hearts in unexplainable ways. I know I can trust His every word: He has proven it to be true. I love this scripture because the Queen of Sheba saw God's glory and wealth displayed through Solomon; she knew that he was wise and a good leader because **of how happy his people were**, how blessed they were to be in the presence of his wisdom. Ok, ok, I know I am far from that, but I will strive all my days that those who serve along with me may feel the same. **Please be praying for me that I may be a leader who takes care of the staff God sends to us and that I would execute justice and righteousness every day, in all my efforts. Pray that I would inspire all our staff to daily pursue and rely on God and all He has taught us, that I would teach them to walk in a way that gives heed to the Spirit of God within us.**

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 This month we are praising God for the new staff members God has given us and asking you to be lifting them and the work they will be doing up in faithful prayer! Last month, Diego and Glinda (along with their 3yr old daughter) joined our staff as the second couple in our home who live here 24/7. They will help replace our director Shane's presence in the home, as he has moved to a nearby property taking more of a supervisory role. Diego and Glinda now hold the most important Guatemalan position we have, so it took many interviews

and a long time of praying and seeking for the right pair. They were recommended by a Guatemalan missionary friend, by a close pastor friend, and by the director of the orphanage they used to work at. We are very excited at the potential for this couple. Just in the first month I have seen that this is not just a job for them. In their second time of being in a disciplinary situation, I corrected the kids then asked Diego and Glinda to pray with them, and they were brought to tears over the children's sin and the way they treated each other. There have been other



confirmations that this is a mission-minded couple. **Praise God for His great provision; ask Him to continue to lead and walk intimately with them. Pray that our children would experience truth, grace, hope, justice, and the beauty of salvation in Jesus through the way Diego and Glinda love them.** This couple requires

an extra 6,000 Quetzales (\$789) a month to work here. This is a monthly need that Sarah and I do not have committed to by anyone, but since it is what the kids need, we have hired them and will start paying in faith! We truly believe what God says in Mathew 6:31-33 **“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles strive after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.”** He means what He says, so we know He will provide. Will it be you whom He uses to help take care of our children?

We also replaced our tutor as she was unable to teach some of our more advanced kids. It was very hard to find a replacement. After many interviews and the director of our school saying that we would have to offer a little more money to find a quality teacher who knew all the material, God lead me to a teacher who is better than we even expected. Armando is a retired teacher who taught at 3 different schools, all of whose directors had raving reviews of their time with him and his work ethic. The kids have really enjoyed his help, and he has taken the initiative of teaching our older kids physics, which he says they will need in college. He has also helped many of them with learning musical instruments after his work hours. **We praise God for Armando and his many talents! We ask that God would be preparing every child for all that He has for their futures, whether the highest levels of college or the other knowledge they will need for whatever work He leads them to.** We had to raise some more money to be able to pay for Armando's teaching, but praise God, some people very dear to our ministry have already committed to cover the cost for this quality tutor!

Our former psychologist left earlier this year. It can be difficult finding a Christian psychologist who holds fast to the Word of God first and then uses their skills and knowledge within Biblical truths, but praise the Lord, He has provided one who does just that! Jenny works at our Christian school and has a great reputation with all of our children. She has already taken the initiative of organizing some of the challenges that she has seen, whether it be that a few of the children are the

ones always bullying or being named as ones who are hurtful towards other children, or noticing some inconsistencies between different staff members. Our former psychologist was an American who raised her own support, but now I have started paying 1000 Quetzales (\$132) a month for our new Guatemalan psychologist. She is only part time and on call. **Please consider helping with this monthly need. We are very thankful for Jenny and are praising God for His provision.**

After our court hearing in February in which Elias was traumatically sent back to his home where he was often beaten, and the fact that every reasonable petition I gave to the judge had no effect, we knew we needed some extra help. The government has requested that we have a social worker, but we just didn't have the funds. This position will help us investigate the homes and make sure that the families our children could go back to are actually good and safe places to be. If they are not, then she will provide enough evidence that we may fight that the child is better off with us. We praise God because He had already placed a Christian social worker in our home. Yajaira, a child care worker, has finished her social work degree. She has a great love for our children, already knows their stories, and we are confident that she will have their best interests in mind! She will be working with us on a case-to-case basis: 3 court hearings a month will come to \$81 total. So, we need some people to step up so we can have an extra advocate to help fight for our children!

#### OVERVIEW OF STAFFING NEEDS

After much prayer, we are certain that each of these positions are needed in our home and that this is the direction God wants us to go. Also, the Guatemalan government recommends that orphanages have these staff members. Join us in praying, and giving if you can, for our needs and glorifying Him as He is faithful to take care of us! It has been faith-testing raising all our support for our own family and for a substantial part of the ministry! Even though \$2,000,000 in the support account would be freeing, we wouldn't have it any other way than the way God sees fit to provide for us. We love seeking God to lead us to all He calls us to and constantly communicating with Him for all of our needs. Oh, He has been so gracious and faithful to us! Praise His Holy name! We know that God, the Father of the fatherless, will provide for all that our children need. We have seen it again and again!

<b>Full-time house parents</b> (replacing Shane's 24/7 presence in the home)	<b>Monthly need</b> <b>\$789</b>
<b>Christian psychologist, part time</b>	<b>\$132</b>
<b>Social worker for court hearings</b>	<b>\$81</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,002</b>

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