

# THE GOOD NEWS

## CASA mission report



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# Loving His Children

*Children are a gift from the LORD;  
they are a reward from him.*

**Psalms 127:3**

Several years ago, a close friend approached Becky and me asking if we could meet soon to discuss something of immense importance to him and his wife. I was immediately taken aback by the grave expression on his face and the serious manner in which he approached the question. Feeling the gravity of his concern, I immediately invited them to our house that evening. Upon arriving, they nervously took a seat and seemed to fumble around searching for words, uncertain as to just where to begin. Looking at each other, they both blurted out in unison, “It’s about our family”.

They continued, “You know we have two little children, our son six and daughter eight years old. We are both facing different, but serious, health issues and are concerned about their well-being. There is nothing in the world more important to us than their well-being and future”. It was apparent that what they were about to say weighed heavily on their hearts. They went on, “We don’t have much in the way of valuable things, but we will give all we have to you if you will take care of our children in the event of our deaths”.

For a moment, all Becky and I could do was stare at each other in complete surprise at their request. We were both overtaken by sadness at the prospect of what our two dear friends were having to face. At the same time, we could not feel more humbled that they would turn to us to raise and care for their most valued possession in the event of their death. We could not have felt more honored by their request.

So many years later as we care for the sweet children at Casa, I cannot help but experience similar feelings of humility and honor that God would direct His children our way with a similar purpose in mind. That we should love and care for his children whose parent cannot, or will not, provide for them. We are ever humbled by this task given us by our Father, especially when we consider the immense importance He places on the lives of each child. We share this gift of service, as well as the privilege of knowing and loving His children, with all those individuals and groups who visit Casa each year. We look forward to the return of our many brethren who, because of COVID, could not visit us this last year. We bid you all the best in both body and spirit throughout this new year. May the Lord bless you in 2021!



# CONTINUEDdelight



As we reported previously, we are delighted that after years of praying and searching for the right candidate, God has brought us together with the person He has chosen to be an integral part of the Casa ministry. Our new Deputy Directory of Casa de la Esperanza, Jose Villicaña, joined our ministry team December 1. Pepe, as he is called, is an amazing man who “hit the ground running” when he arrived at Casa. He is a man of vision and an amazingly organized administrator. Pepe also speaks fluent English, which is a blessing to the visitors to Casa who are not bilingual. Pepe, his wife, Pamela, and his daughter, Romy, are living in one of the missionary houses here on the Casa campus.

Pepe's wife, Pamela, has begun various activities with the Children in the afternoons, including exercise classes. As we have mentioned in the past, Pamela was the children's ministry director at their church in Mexico City, so she brings many much-needed talents to the staff here at Casa. She has already won the hearts of our kids! We look forward to the other additions that are sure to come from her previous experience working with children.

In addition to our new Deputy Director, we have also welcomed Osvaldo Martinez Sanchez, our new evangelical pastor, to complete our team. He and his family, wife, Edith, daughter Karla and son, Osvaldo, arrived at Casa on January 2 and are getting settled into their new home at the church/community center in Anáhuac. We are excited that Osvaldo will be working at Casa and in the community to teach God's word and guide many to a saving relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Osvaldo has begun leading the afternoon devotionals with the children. These daily devotionals have had a significant impact on the spiritual growth of our kids over the years, and we hope that impact will be magnified by Osvaldo's leadership.





# COMING SOON!

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The first floor of the church building in Anáhuac is complete, except for painting the floor. Originally, we had planned to have our first service in the new church building on January 20, but as with so many other things, COVID-19 has derailed that plan for the time being. Once it is safe to do so, we will be planning and widely promoting the Grand Opening of the church. We look forward to that Sunday with much anticipation. I believe the opening of the church for regular services will be the beginning of a new wave of impact that Casa will be having in the surrounding community for the **glory of God.**







## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

We had a wonderful Christmas here at Casa. We were blessed by many brethren in honor of our Savior's birth. Our children each received Christmas gifts provided by our loving brothers and sisters in the church. We had an exuberant Christmas party with the kids where they joyfully opened their gifts, played, and enjoyed some crafts and activities. The chaos was beautiful to behold. One of our brothers in Christ also provided a special Christmas dinner for our staff to show them how much their loving service to our children is appreciated.







AGUSTIN



ALEJANDRA



ANALI



ANGEL



DIANA



ELIZABETH



ERNESTO



FABIAN



IDALY



JENNY



JESUS E.



JESUS R.

WECOME OUR NEW FAMILY  
MEMBERS



MARIA



NALLELY



REYNA



SARAHI

# WELLBEING



As in the United States, things still look different here at Casa due to COVID-19. With God's guidance we are making the best of the current situation. Our children continue their schooling and tutoring and are doing well.

*Train up a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

**Proverbs 22:6**



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## Needs List

As work progresses on the Anáhuac Church of Christ and Community Center and the three duplex units, furnishing the housing units still remains a priority. Thank you for generous donations that have been made by our supporters. If you are able to donate any larger items, please contact us as soon as possible so pick up or delivery can be arranged, as moving certain items through the border crossing process can be quite time consuming.

# CURRENT NEEDS:

- Shampoo
- Hair Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Birthday Celebration Sponsor\*

COATS	Girls (Quantity)	Boys (Quantity)
Large	4	2
Medium	5	5
Small	3	4

SCHOOL SHOES	Girls (Quantity)	Boys (Quantity)
#6 Youth	7	4
#5 Youth	5	7
#4 Youth	3	3
#3 Youth	7	3

TENNIS SHOES	Girls (Quantity)	Boys (Quantity)
#6 Youth	7	4
#5 Youth	5	7
#4 Youth	3	3
#3 Youth	7	3

As always,  
I am overwhelmed  
by God's provision and  
your faithful support  
of the mission at  
Casa de la Esperanza.

\*Conducted on the first of every month Including a cake, refreshment, and dinner, at a cost of \$180 US



## Wanting to Visit Us?



If you plan to visit Casa, this is a friendly reminder that we operate on a first come first serve basis. If you are not certain of your exact arrival and departure date, we will schedule you on a tentative basis reserving your spot. As in previous years, we will provide assistance with border crossing and travel from El Paso to Casa and back again if necessary. Unless you plan on traveling to Casa on a chartered bus, we are using the Santa Teresa border crossing located on the far west end of El Paso avoiding travel through Juarez all together.

**Hope to see you this spring or summer.**

*Come and see what God has done,  
how awesome his works in man's behalf.*

**Psalm 66:5**