

# THE GOOD NEWS

## CASA mission report



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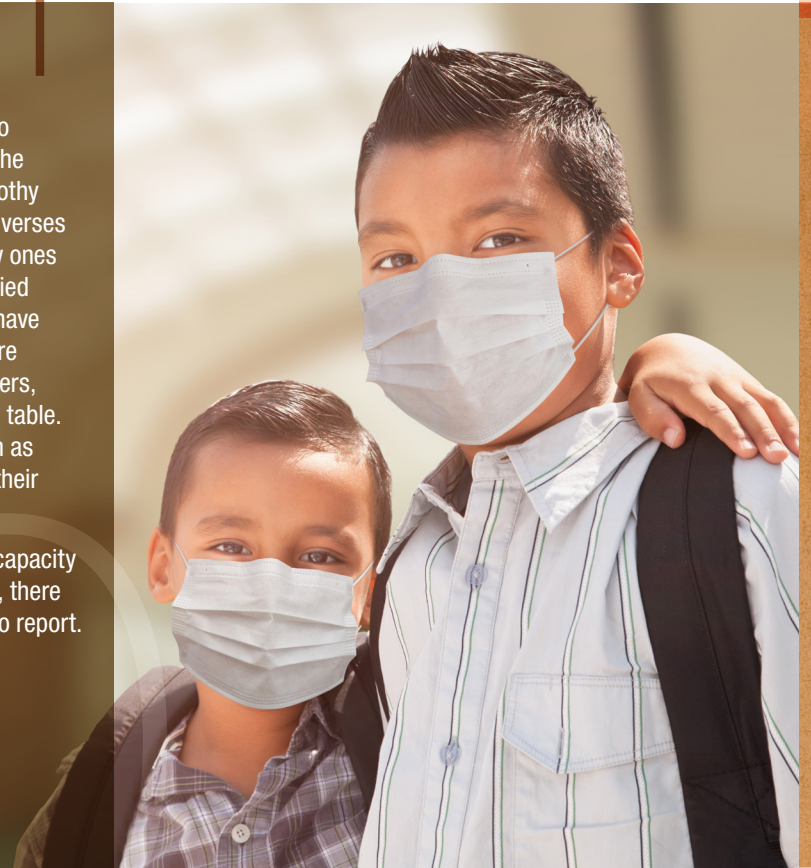
# the children

Since February of 2021, Casa has been blessed to be caring for our maximum number of 60 children. We definitely have a full house!

During and following the holiday season, COVID cases in the community surrounding Casa increased, leading to our decision to move to virtual school during January. It was an opportunity for us to carry out an academic program beyond the quality of the regular school program available in Anahuac. Using small groups and a one-on-one instructional program, the academic program carried out at Casa was the ideal opportunity for our young teens to develop greater self-confidence and leadership and communication skills. This program included natural and computer sciences, math, writing, English and Spanish. Casa is a place where everyone participates with love. While in-person classes in Anahuac have resumed, tutoring and extra assistance for children requiring one-on-one assistance has also resumed.

The children are currently memorizing two additional memory verses, in addition to the fifteen they already know; they are 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and John 1:1-5. Various memory verses are recited before each meal and the new ones are practiced and their significances studied during daily devotionals. Our young men have been undergoing training exercises and are now participating in Sunday worship prayers, announcements and serving at the Lord's table. We are extremely proud of all our children as they continually show signs of growth in their Christian manners and behavior.

Because we have been at our maximum capacity of 60 children for the last several months, there are no new members to the Casa family to report.



■ ■ ■ *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

# MEDICAL MISSION

For the past three years the shortage of medicines available through the local public health services has affected the welfare of many of the needy in our community and surrounding villages. We consider it especially important during times like this that medical consultations and free medicine be provided as a means of serving the health and quality of life of our needy neighbors.

On March 11 and 12, the first medical mission of the year took place in Anahuac through the support of a dentist, a member of the Church of Christ in Chihuahua, and a local surgeon, together with Casa staff. We were blessed to serve 150 neighbors with dental and medical services, while providing \$1,200 US in medicines over the course of a day and a half.





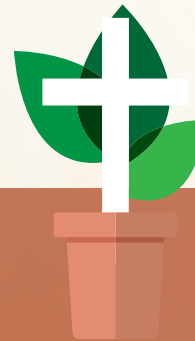
# Association Documents

The Mexican “Acta” or “Casa de la Esperanza Association” document is complete and has been filed and accepted by all the appropriate state and federal government agencies. For Casa to function and carry out services, the “Acta” is a legal requirement establishing Casa as a Mexican organization, comparable to a 501(c)3 IRS tax exempt organization in the US. The Association document lists our new board members, authorizes Casa to develop a private Christian school, permits us to farm and to raise animals for our own consumption (which, oddly enough, requires legal authorization), and brings us into full compliance with all other government requirements. The Casa de la Esperanza Foundation, a US organization, and the Casa de la Esperanza Association, a Mexican organization, each requires a Board of Directors. Among the major goals and accomplishment was to align the membership of these boards, thus placing the oversight of Casa under one set of Board members.

Over the past several years, we have endeavored to achieve full governmental compliance and re-constitute our Foundation Board membership. These efforts were met with numerous obstacles but having made significant progress of late it is finally done, thank the Lord.



With the Association document in hand, we have begun the process of transferring the Church grounds and buildings to the governance of the Casa de la Esperanza Foundation/Association Board of Directors. This legal process will take about eight months. The Casa vehicles and the three land parcels owned by Casa are also in the process of being transferred. Once the Church building’s title is officially listed under the ownership of the Association, an application to license the Christian School will be submitted. All the documentation necessary to register the Church of Christ in Anáhuac with the National Church of Christ Association in Mexico City has been submitted. We should be receiving approval within a few weeks.



## the church plant

We continue our outreach to the community, growing relationships with other congregations, networking with community service groups and door knocking. Our baptized boys participate in weekly leadership training where they learn to assist with worship services and conduct devotionals. Our baptized girls also participate in Bible studies at the church throughout the week and play important roles in devotionals at the Casa.





# Construction Activity **UPDATE**

The west (and final) wing at Casa is nearing completion. Delays were experienced due to various maintenance issues, including some frozen and broken water lines caused by freezing weather conditions in the Anáhuac area. Upon completion, we will be conducting a formal dedication of the wing in honor of **Vaughn Graham**.



## A Busy Visitors Schedule

**Our calendar of visiting groups is full for most of June and all of July. We also have a couple groups scheduled for August.**

*The following is a description of the recent DiscipleTrips visit, written by Darrin Bible, who headed the group.*

On March 11th, DiscipleTrips left Lubbock, Texas with fourteen disciples and drove 750 miles south to Anahuac, Mexico to minister to the beautiful children of Casa de la Esperanza. Our group included people from Colorado and Texas including several students and staff members from the Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, Texas, and also our first deaf missionary.

We arrived excited to accomplish our mission of serving the children of Casa and members of the local church in Anahuac. We played games with the children (three-legged races, sack races, hula hoop relays, etc.). It was such a joy to watch the kids eagerly engage in these activities and witness their beautiful spirit of helping each other succeed — sometimes lifting up the little ones to help them compete. In many ways, it reminded me how God so often helps us in our struggles by lifting us up and how we in the church should be helping carry each other, too. On Sunday, we enjoyed worship, singing praises, hearing a message from God's word, and sharing the Lord's Supper.



There were many opportunities to serve throughout the week. Some projects included vehicle maintenance, gate repairs, and painting. We were also involved in local outreach by partnering with members of the congregation in delivering bags filled with beans, rice, and potatoes to the needy in the community.

At the end of a very full week, I can honestly say that no one came home unchanged. Something very special happens to you when you spend time with these children. Many of these kids arrive at Casa totally broken, but as they experience the love of Jesus, they demonstrate the transformative power of the gospel! In many ways, I believe we come away with a much better understanding of Jesus' perspective when he says, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

— Matthew 19:14



**For more information about DiscipleTrips, visit [discipletrips.com](http://discipletrips.com) — Darrin Bible**

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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:

- #10 cans of green beans, corn, vegetables, and fruit.
- Pressure washer
- Braces for Carolina



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



## 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 Teressa 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**