

# THE GOOD NEWS



## CASA mission report



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# Living **THE WORD**

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

We are always grateful to share what the Lord is accomplishing at Casa. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we continue in our endeavors to serve the children and the Church family in Anahuac.

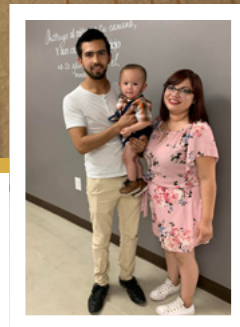
*I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the beginning and the end. To all who are  
thirsty I will give the springs of the waters  
of life without charge.*

Revelation 21:6

The cornerstone to our mission at Casa is to teach God's word through study and making it our principle focus throughout our daily life. While this is the sum of our endeavor to plant the seed, God gives growth blessing us with the 15 children currently baptized. All of our baptized children participate in conducting devotions on a scheduled basis. Depending on their level of maturity, they can plan and lead a devotional individually or work in groups of two or three, to prepare and conduct devotionals, under the oversight of a Christian staff at Casa. In addition to serving as an example for the younger children, by leading devotionals, the young men are also reading scripture, taking up collection, praying and serving the Lord's Supper during worship. For the unbaptized youth, individual studies are conducted, focusing on preparation for when they voluntarily decide to give their lives to Christ.

Each Wednesday at 6 o'clock, Bible study groups are held in the church building, with an average attendance of 15 brothers and sisters from the community, plus our 15 baptized children. Additionally, five of our children, of the age to be baptized, are also in attendance. These studies seek to mature our faith in Christ, while providing time for fellowship. Our Wednesday evening fellowship and bible study time, also serves to organize projects, such as the delivery of clothes and food in the community, coordinate visits to Senior Rehab Centers and distribution of flyers of invite throughout the community.

Our endeavor to grow a Christian community in Anahuac, is taking effect both in Cuauhtémoc and Chihuahua. We have begun working closely with member churches by involving brethren in preaching, medical missions, and inviting them to participate in food distribution, alongside our summer group visitors. This summer alone, four tons of food were delivered to our neighbors and friends in need.





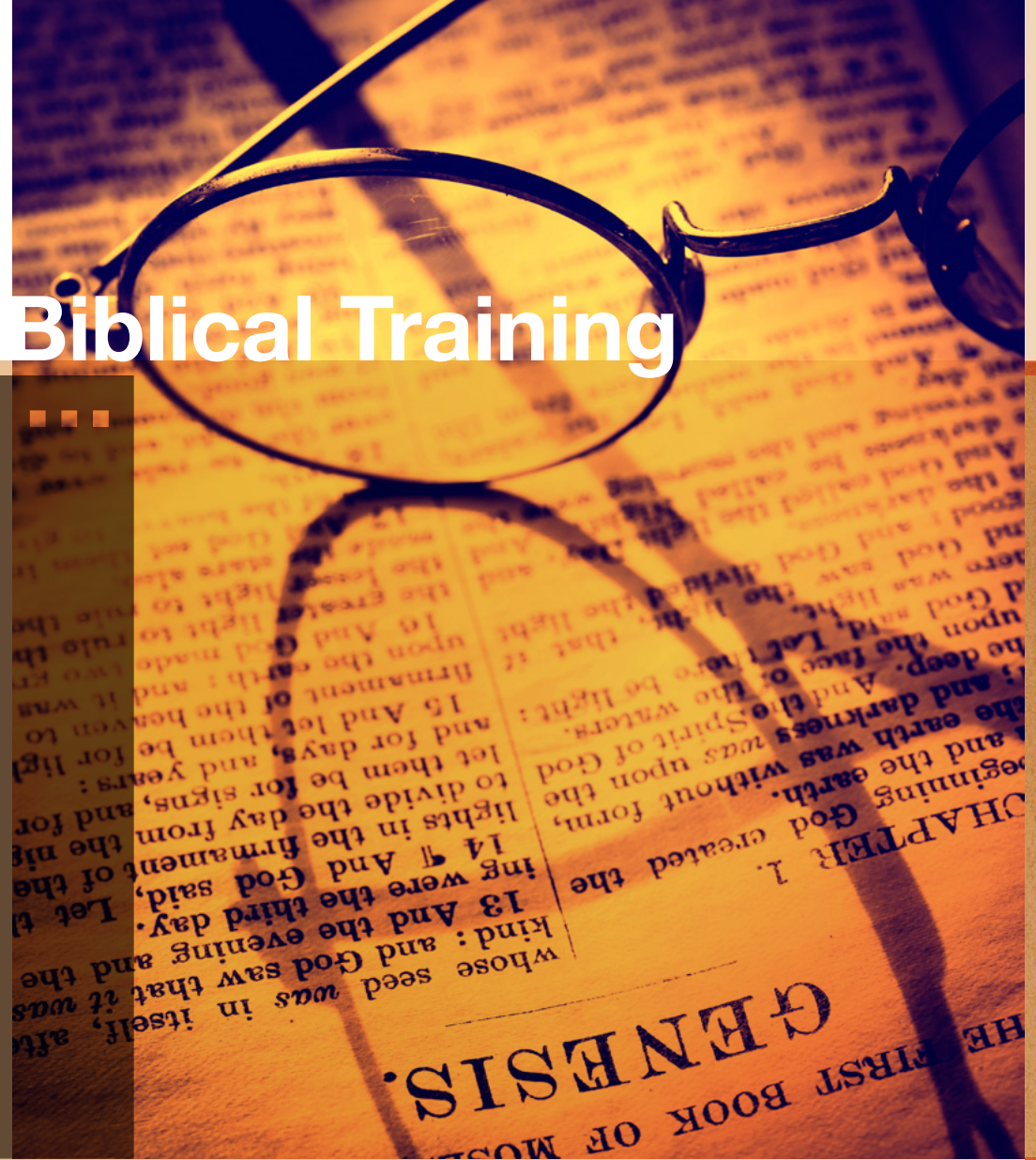
# Starting a School of **Biblical Training**

The progress on establishing a school of biblical training is going well. We are in contact with the International Bible Institute of Texas (IBIT), who will serve as our source of training for students. The school will provide a 2-year program with scholastic validity recognized in Mexico as a valid college degree.

Students will attend classes and work in the field. Their participation will consist of a range of activities, including, but not restricted to, outreach in the community, teaching bible classes, working with local schools and youth, outreach to rehab and senior centers and working with partnering churches, to provide leadership training, etc. Basically, the students will play a major role in our outreach and evangelistic efforts.

We are also communicating with member churches in Cuauhtémoc and Chihuahua, to attract interested parties to this 2-year program. Currently, we have one student committed and two other possibilities, including one in Chihuahua and one in Cuauhtémoc. We hope to begin our first-class session in October of this year.

Our goal is to seek individual church sponsorship from \$800 to \$1,000 per month, for married couples, and \$600 a month, for a single student. Let us know if you and/or your church family has an interest in providing partial or full support for one of our students. We are grateful for any level of support; a two-year commitment would see the student through the completion of their program studies.





# blessed summer

This summer everyone at Casa enjoyed hosting visiting groups, our children looked forward to them and the staff was ready to give their best. This summer churches from the United States and Mexico visited us: Cabot COC, Southgate COC, Granbury COC, University COC, Park Avenue COC, Harbor Community Church, Disciple Trips affiliated the Sunset COC in Lubbock TX, Georgetown COC, Lakeview COC, Cuauhtémoc COC, From Chihuahua City, the Calle 80 COC, Aeropuerto COC, Sor Juana COC, Jardines de la Mancha COC and Guereca COC.

In addition to doing recreational activities with our children, such as water games, piñatas, soccer, t-shirt decoration, bracelets, etc. They also completed work on the facilities, such as painting metal structures, removal of weeds, replenished the sand filler in our volleyball courts and playgrounds, painting the exterior wall, facade decoration, bicycle repair, cleaning the shop, cleaning the greenhouse and multiple help in organizing supplies.

Also, thanks to these very talented brothers who visit us, we had the opportunity to conduct the first medical and dental mission in the Vaugh Graham Education Center, serving all our children and the community of Anahuac and Cuauhtémoc.

We were blessed to serve 70 plus people, during this one-and-one-half day medical mission at the time Casa provided the medicine for the attendees. Some of the procedures that were performed were: tooth extraction, cavity removal, teeth cleaning, dermatological examination, blood glucose check, general health check and attention to various infections.



*A generous man will himself be blessed,  
for he shares his food with the poor.*

**Proverbs 22:9**





# New Mattresses

## FOR CASA

The way the groups were supported this summer was not just physical work, but also support for special needs. A long-awaited need has been to replace the mattresses at Casa. Some of the mattresses in use, date back prior to 1998. This year we were blessed by the support of the Harbor Community Church to purchase 100 new waterproof mattresses. 60 of these mattresses, replaced mattresses in the children's dorms and the rest in the English center. We are deeply appreciative for their generosity and love for the children at Casa.

Devotionals and other activities that strengthen the faith of our children is very important, as it is the example of each of the visitors that helps to form the character of Christian fellowship among our children. It has been a great summer for all of us and we feel blessed by all that we have received. We have already scheduled several groups for next summer, if you plan to visit us next year, please contact us.





# Vocational EDUCATION

Just as we seek to equip our children with the armor of God, we also seek to provide them with skills that will add to their future job and career prospects. This year we started the construction of the Vocational Education room, where tools and mechanical equipment will be installed, to expose our Casa children to wood working, as well as the trades, such as plumbing, electricity, carpentry, or mechanics.

In addition to providing training for our children in these various areas, an evangelistic goal is to extend invitations to attend these classes to schools, churches, organizations, and others in the community, who wish to be trained in these areas. These classes will be taught by experts in various areas, who will charge \$150 US dollars, for each 3-hour session, over three separate days.



It was a carpenter  
that changed the  
world.

## PROGRESS ON THE

# Church Building

The first floor of the church has been used for worship services, bible study groups, conferences, fellowship, food distribution, clothing donations and several medical missions. We are very blessed to have it.

This year we have dedicated efforts and resources to finish building out the second floor of the church building, now in the final stage of construction. Thus far, we have completed the framing, insulation, sheetrock, electrical installation, and roof plumbing. On this level there will be three classrooms, one library, one cry room, one mechanical room, balcony and restrooms for men and women.

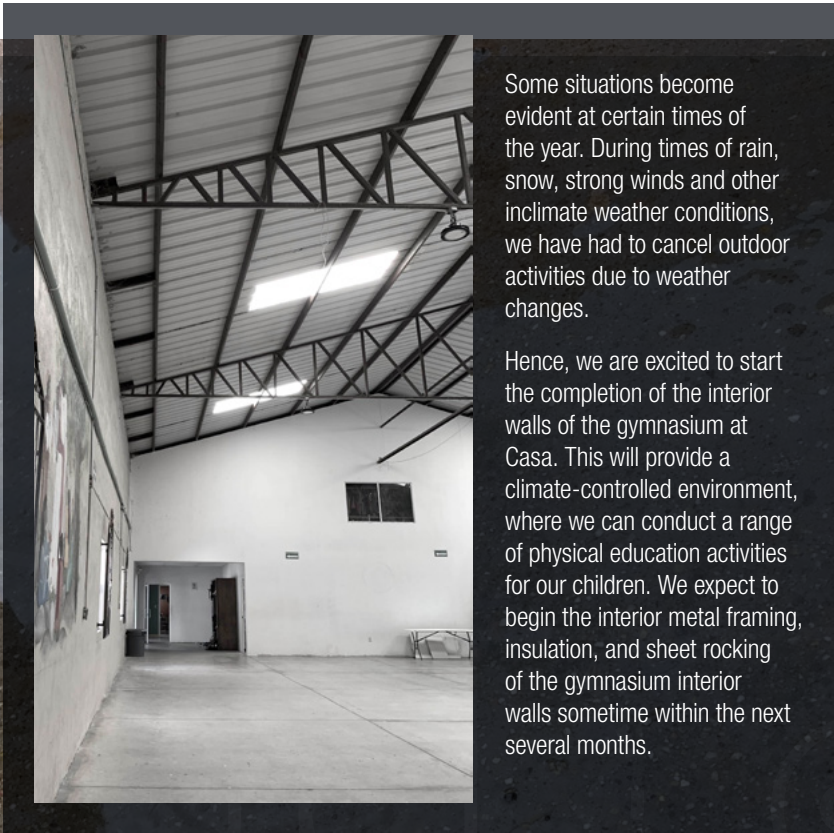
Yet to be done, is the purchase and installation of doors, flooring, texture, and painting, drop ceiling and lighting. We trust that God will continue to provide in this second stage, and we are deeply grateful to God and to all the brothers and sisters who make this possible.





Other projects

# TAKING OFF



Some situations become evident at certain times of the year. During times of rain, snow, strong winds and other inclimate weather conditions, we have had to cancel outdoor activities due to weather changes.

Hence, we are excited to start the completion of the interior walls of the gymnasium at Casa. This will provide a climate-controlled environment, where we can conduct a range of physical education activities for our children. We expect to begin the interior metal framing, insulation, and sheet rocking of the gymnasium interior walls sometime within the next several months.



# LET'S Keep Close

We have recently established a ZOOM account, that will enable us to maintain a closer relationship to our supporters, mission committees, church leaders and others interested in growing a closer relationship and learning more about this ministry. Our Zoom account will enable our children and staff, to interact with you on a regular basis. Please email us to schedule a time convenient for both parts.

## Zoom Room:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2797587031?pwd=TkhMb252S01iRUt1UjRGTmMyTWY2Zz09>







# Casa is Transparent

Keeping ourselves accountable is a fundamental part of the Casa ministry. While we fill fully accountable to our overseeing Elders at the Mayfair Church of Christ, we especially hold to the notion that God will ultimately hold us accountable. At another level, we are also accountable to local officials who place children at Casa and are regularly reviewed.

The recent bi-annual review, conducted by the government agency DIF and seven of their staff, included a complete assessment of Casa's physical plant, nutritional program, administrative systems, compliance with rules affecting our operations, and individual interviews with each of our children.

The evaluation included taking swabs in the kitchen and bathroom to test for germs. The review resulted in not one issue noted and not one concern expressed by any of the children interviewed. During the debriefing meeting, covering the evaluation results, DIF Director indicated that in all their years of conducting evaluations of children's homes, they have never experienced zero concerns, expressed by the children and no issues found with the physical condition of the facility.

**God keeps us clean through and through!**





## Celebrating as Family

■ ■ ■ At Casa we want to respect cultural traditions that have great meaning for our children. One of them is undoubtedly the Quinceañeras. For the second year, we celebrate the Quinceañeras, a festivity that marks a turning point in the social life of our girls, a celebration that could not take place in their past life because it means a great expense for the whole family. We thank God for the opportunity He gives us at Casa to celebrate with Vanessa and Juanita their 15th birthday.

*Pictured left to right.*

**Vanessa**

**Juanita**



# SCHOOL for ALL at Casa



On the last Monday of August, we started a new school year at Casa, all our children from kindergarten to high school, got ready to start a year full of challenges and opportunities for academic growth. 60 lunches, 60 uniforms, 60 backpacks, 550 pencils and colors, 330 notebooks and books were prepared. It is certainly a worthwhile effort when we see our children building their future one day at a time.



# welcome Home

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We welcome two new children to join the Casa family, one of them starts his education at Casa and the older one enters high school. Thank God that they recognize the importance of studying and that they have a place like Casa de la Esperanza that is deeply committed to education.





# Setbacks **HAPPEN**

Most of the plans at Casa are progressing well, however, this year we encountered a setback. The bathrooms and showers in the boys' and girls' dormitories, were damaged by a water leak, caused by an improperly welded pipe years ago. This repair will take three months of work, to complete, at a cost of \$5,800 plus dollars.

# Yikes





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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

### #10 Size Cans:

Green Beans | Corn | Peas | Fruit



**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 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**