

THE GOOD NEWS



CASA mission report



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At Casa we go to great lengths to ensure the academic growth and development of our children. Our tutorial assistance program, which is conducted each day after school, is paying off!

shaping LIVES

Because of our children's academic achievements, good behavior at school, and because they consistently have their homework turned in on time, our children are enjoying the privileges granted to the top performers at school. Ensuring quality education and quality care for each of our children will always remain among our highest priorities at Casa.

Learning, teaching, and living God's word as we parent and nurturing loving relationships with our children, is the heart and soul of this ministry. We could not imagine an experience more gratifying than to witness the fruit of these changed lives and futures. This is the challenge that God lays at our feet every moment of every day at Casa: to do our best to facilitate and encourage that change.



I guide you in the way of wisdom, I lead you in paths of righteousness."

Proverbs 4:11

C E L E B R A T I N G

Motherhood

Mother's Day at Casa is a day when motherhood is celebrated.

Although we understand the irony that for many of our children, they either do not have a mother or if they do, she is absent.

We want to instill an appreciation of what Godly motherhood looks like and modeling this paramount.

We enjoyed celebrating Mother's Day and the special place God has given mothers in our lives. At Casa we planned a daylong celebration to honor our female staff for the wonderful service they provide our children.

Serving as a surrogate parent to the children at Casa is a privilege that is treasured, and a responsibility that is embraced by all of us serving at Casa.

The celebration included corsages for the ladies and a special Mother's Day meal served up by our children. Entertainment was provided with a program of singing, dancing, and play acting. We shared moments of uncontrollable laughter as our children acted out their roles in a play which they had choreographed.

Celebrating and practicing motherhood is central to everyday life at Casa. Mothers are fundamental to shaping a child's life and to every extent possible we seize the opportunity to model a loving mother's role. Modeling a loving mother's role is part and parcel of our purpose of "Making Family" at Casa, a family which consists of 60 children currently. The goal of this endeavor is to affirm the significance and importance of each individual child in our Casa family.

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THE CHURCH as family

We also endeavor to “Make family” as we work to establish and grow a church in Anahuac. The pattern for this endeavor is taken from scripture, where God the Father is author and founder of “Family” and where we will share in an inheritance (John 3:1-2 and Romans 9:8). The first century church is described as having fluid and dynamic relationships with the larger Christian community that was comprised of individual congregations serving under the oversight of shepherds.

These dynamic relationships gave strength to the early churches, individually and collectively. The church is described as having all things in common (Acts 2:46). While sharing the Gospel of Christ with our neighbors and friends in Anahuac, we are also extending our hand in fellowship to the church families in Chihuahua City and surrounding areas. We are working toward growing a greater sense of Christian community among these individual congregations. We are actively pursuing and sponsoring fellowship opportunities, such as holding joint bible meetings, and we are also participating in activities sponsored by surrounding congregations.

As a means of bolstering the sense of a broader Christian community, we have also invited brothers from other congregations to preach the word at our Sunday morning worship a couple times a month. This has served to greatly enhanced our communication with other churches and strengthened our relationships within the body of Christ. After the worship service, these speakers along with a number of guest that usually accompany him, share a meal with us, and enjoy time with our children. On Wednesdays, our children line up expectantly to head off to the evening bible study at the church in Anahuac, which is also well attended by church members from town.



Casa is blessed to have fifteen baptized young people who participate in leading devotions during the week. These daily devotionals are a dynamic program of lessons, questions, and answers. The young boys also participate in leading songs, distributing the Lord’s Supper, and prayers each Sunday. Apart from a few of our youngest children, and a couple new members to the Casa family, our children can recite a growing list of bible verses from memory. The children have currently memorized fourteen sets of Bible verses, some of which are entire chapters. We believe in the value of hiding God’s word in our hearts

“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

John 13:35: 35

We had the pleasure this April of attending the first post-COVID meeting of Churches of Christ in the city of Chihuahua in over two years. Before COVID this was a monthly meeting. We were blessed that members from thirteen churches were able to attend the meeting. Using our vans, Casa transported several members of the Church of Christ from Cuauhtémoc and Anahuac to Chihuahua. Quite a few of our children attended the meeting, as well. We all enjoyed fellowship, listening to some excellent lessons, singing and breaking bread together.



Our Children with much to celebrate:

Our children are always excited when a holiday arrives. We paid special tribute to the sacrifice our Lord made on Good Friday and celebrated His resurrection on Easter Sunday. Of course celebrating our Lord's resurrection is an everyday occurrence at Casa. We also celebrated Easter by having a traditional Easter egg hunt over the entire Casa grounds. Although our older children already know the good hiding places, they allowed the younger ones to get excited by finding some eggs first. Selflessness is among the many qualities that distinguish our children.

El Día del Niño, or Children's Day, is a national Holiday in Mexico which is celebrated in a grand fashion throughout the country, and Casa is no exception. We were able to rent an inflatable bounce castle, we had water gun fights, games, toys, a barbecue, candy, cake, and lots of love from all those who were able to share in this very special day. We are deeply grateful for the many donations received so we could have a festival on the scale that we did. This was made possible by donations received from teachers, community members, Casa staff, and the brothers and sisters of the Church of Christ in Cuauhtémoc and Anahuac and Casa. To all of them we say "Thank you!"

As a reward for their excellent behavior and their academic achievements at school, we took a group of children on an outing to the city of Chihuahua, where they visited a shopping mall for the first time. We ate ice cream and hamburgers and ended the day with a walking tour of downtown Chihuahua City. The children were accompanied by young people from the Church of Christ in Anahuac and Casa staff.

"Whatever you do, work willingly, as for the Lord and not as for anyone else in this world, knowing that the Lord will reward you with the inheritance. You serve Christ the Lord."

Colossians 3:23-24

While we play hard at Casa, there is a time for work as well. Our children grow in life skills, responsibility, and appreciation for what we share as we all help with chores to keep up our home at Casa.

Some of the chores that the children participate in, beside normal housekeep chores, are herding the goats, feeding the calves, taking care of the chickens, watering the plants and gardening, to name a few. Not only are these activities something they do with an excellent attitude, but they enjoy doing it, as well.





Facilities:

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The Vaughn Graham Education Center is up and running! We are in the process of organizing and suppling the Discovery room with the laser equipment, robotics, microscopes, and other technology that we have collected over the years. We are ready to begin awakening our children's desire to learn about things they've never experienced before.

Our large multi-purpose room is now in use as well and we no longer struggle with the noise from the kitchen when conducting devotionals, doing crafts, singing, dancing, or playing. Along with the Discovery and multi-purpose rooms, the two infirmaries are ready for use, as is our clinic. With these rooms, the dental supplies, and medical exam equipment we have received through donations, we are ready to conduct medical/dental missions at Casa.

WELCOME
OUR NEW FAMILY
MEMBERS

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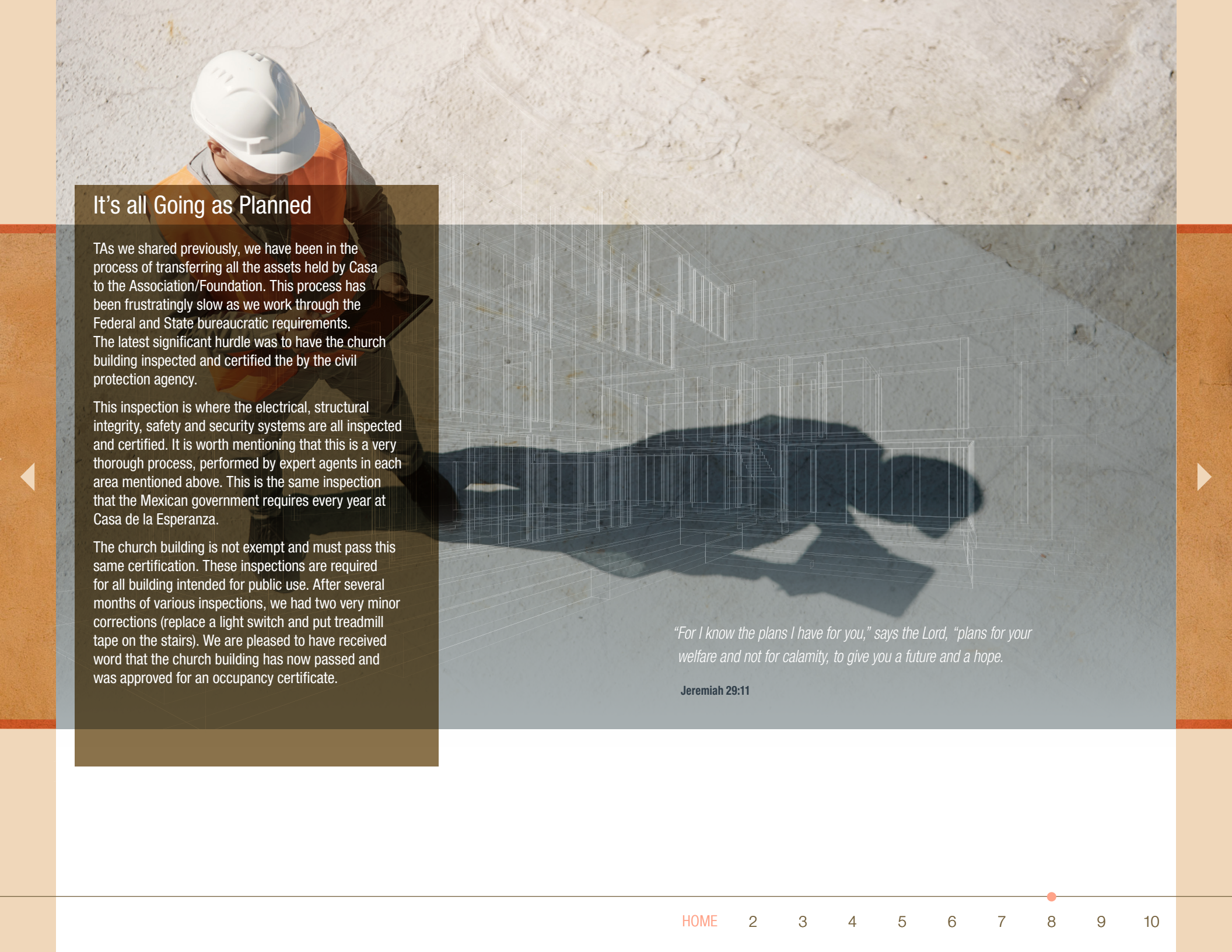


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It's all Going as Planned

TAs we shared previously, we have been in the process of transferring all the assets held by Casa to the Association/Foundation. This process has been frustratingly slow as we work through the Federal and State bureaucratic requirements. The latest significant hurdle was to have the church building inspected and certified by the civil protection agency.

This inspection is where the electrical, structural integrity, safety and security systems are all inspected and certified. It is worth mentioning that this is a very thorough process, performed by expert agents in each area mentioned above. This is the same inspection that the Mexican government requires every year at Casa de la Esperanza.

The church building is not exempt and must pass this same certification. These inspections are required for all building intended for public use. After several months of various inspections, we had two very minor corrections (replace a light switch and put treadmill tape on the stairs). We are pleased to have received word that the church building has now passed and was approved for an occupancy certificate.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for your welfare and not for calamity, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

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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:**

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

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Shoes

Girl's tennis shoes

Quantity	U.S. size
5	5
4	6
6	6 1/2
6	7
5	7 1/2
5	8
8	8 1/2

Boy's tennis shoes

Quantity	U.S. size
4	3
6	3 1/2
4	4
4	4 1/2
8	5
4	5 1/2
8	6
4	6 1/2
6	7
6	7 1/2
5	8
5	8 1/2
6	9
6	9 1/2

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