

# THE GOOD NEWS

## CASA mission report



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# new members

## AT CASA

Every child received at Casa is an opportunity to provide Christ like love and care to children retrieved from desperate conditions. We rejoice with each and every opportunity to extend a warm and loving welcome to new Casa family members and are blessed to introduce Alejandro, Luis, and Damian as recent members who have found a home at Casa.

Alejandro, a brave young man from Ciudad Juárez, overcame family challenges with the support of his grandmother, a member of the Church of Christ in Ciudad Juárez, who brought him to Casa in search of a brighter future. His story is a testament to the strength found in faith and family, as the Scripture in Philippians 4:13 reminds us, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Luis Antonio, who came from a children's home in Bachiniva, joined us after a change in policies, aspiring to become an architect with a strong determination to make the most of his time at Casa.

Damián, the youngest of three siblings who had been at Casa for several years, enjoys his first grade and the close bond with his brothers. Their stories illuminate how love and support, guided by divine grace, can transform lives at Casa, reminding us of the promise in Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him

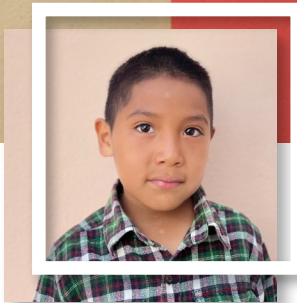
These new family members reflect the diversity and spirit of unity found at Casa, and where a Christ centered environment predictably leads to a deep abiding sense of hope.



*Alejandro*



*Luis*



*Damian*

# Casa's Vocational Education Program

We are deeply grateful for the range of machinery and high-end equipment donated to Casa over the years. Of recent is woodworking equipment donated from a profession woodworking shop. We are currently in the process of installing this equipment along with other machinery and metalworking equipment. The VE Program will include a range of age-appropriate, hands-on instruction on various disciplines including the principles to home construction addressing areas such as foundations, framing, electrical and plumbing systems, etc. Activities will also include instruction and activities in welding, wood working, auto mechanics and maintenance to mention.

This program will play a fundamental role in the educational development of our children while serving as an extension of with our current academic program. While portions of our VE activities are already underway, plans to inaugurate our full program will take place during in the first quarter of the new year.

We are working in collaboration with local schools of technology and community experts to develop a comprehensive academic program that will lend to certifications in the trades, apprenticeships, and or high school and college credits. Additionally, the program will provide activities for all age levels of our children from the second and third grade level on up to our young adults. This new program addition to Casa is designed to expose our children to a range of experiences while providing them with life skills to benefit and enhance employment and career prospects.



**My Best Friend  
was a Carpenter.**



# Summer Visitor Groups

**Throughout this summer, Casa de la Esperanza had the privilege of hosting several visiting groups. Their hard work, dedication, and willingness to take on any task deeply inspired all of us.**

Among the many accomplishments was cleaning and beautifying of children's playground areas, renovating the showers for the girl's dorm, construction of a canal to prevent flooding during our raining season and the construction of a second cleanout to the main septic tank, Visitors also painted much of the build with our characteristic Casa Peach.

A great deal of framing, electrical and plumbing work was also carried out on the second and third floor of the church building including student dorm rooms, dining and study rooms areas. A cry room and four study rooms have been sheetrock and are nearing completion. Lastly the group carried out the tedious job of organizing, cloths, shoes, toys and countless construction items.

While physical improvements were the focus of much of our morning activities, priceless love and time was spent creating memories. sharing unforgettable moments with our children during recreational activities,

distributing food to our less fortunate neighbors, visiting senior centers conducting devotionals and distributing bible material, serving hotdogs and sharing the light of Christ in the town square. The warm summer atmosphere provided the perfect setting for water fights, dances, movie screenings, and marshmallow campfires. These moments of joy and fellowship further strengthened the bond between our children and their brothers and sisters in Christ.

In summary, the Lord's work at Casa this summer was much more than physical improvements; it was a living reflection of the love and Christian service that inspired our children leaving a lasting impression on their lives. 1 Corinthians 15:58 comes to life through these acts of faith and service, reminding us that our work in the Lord is never in vain, and that every effort in His name has an eternal impact.





# God's KINGDOM IN ANAHUAC

Psalm 133 emphasizes the beauty of living in harmony with our brothers and sisters, and this truth was fully experienced this year during the Gathering of the Churches of Christ in Chihuahua at Casa. The event brought together 120 adults from various congregations, allowing us to share classes and activities focused on unity, service, and spiritual rest. The enthusiasm and joy of this event inspired the desire for future gatherings, reminding us of the clear teaching of “one body” and motivating us to maintain our love and peace in Christ.

It is a blessing to have a family in Christ, as events always entail exceptional effort. During the summer, all of us at the Church of Christ in Anahuac organized a Bible School that spanned three weeks filled with meaningful and relevant activities for the spiritual life of all attendees. The children from the community enjoyed a variety of activities, including the screening of Christian movies, fun arts and crafts, physical activities, and English classes. The participation of the community strengthened bonds and encouraged the children to attend worship services regularly, enriching their lives with biblical teachings that will subsequently reach their parents. We eagerly look forward to the next summer to continue sharing the Word of God through this ministry.



*How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!*

**Psalm 133:1**

*For all of you who were baptized into Christ  
have clothed yourselves with Christ.*

**Galatians 3:27**

# Bible Students Program

We are pleased to announce that Casa de la Esperanza's evangelistic program, in collaboration with the International Bible Institute of Texas, has now completed one year since its inception. Our two students, Ricardo and Salomón, daily acquire important tools for their ministry through their training, ranging from the study of Greek and Hebrew to pastoral counseling. In class, they address contemporary issues such as gender identity, abortion, euthanasia, and feminism, among others.

Throughout the week, each student, accompanied by some of our baptized youth, conducts Bible studies in the homes of current church members, where they preach to attending family members and neighbors with a focus on evangelism. In each of these six groups, there is currently at least one guest preparing for baptism.

The success of this program has led us to a call for the recruitment of two new students in Chihuahua and the surrounding regions. With a collaborative approach, current students will work alongside future students, facilitating their integration and sharing their experiences, enriching the faith community and strengthening their unity in Christ as they continue to share the light of the gospel with more people.

We could not bear witness to these achievements without the Holy Spirit on our side. Since we began keeping records of our evangelistic activity in 1998, we have celebrated 187 youth baptisms in Casa and the Anáhuac community, as well as 17 baptisms of individuals from American visitor groups. All glory and honor belong to **God alone**.





# CHANGE of Church Title

Trusting in God above all, seeking His favor through prayer, and asking according to His purpose, after a rigorous process of more than a few years, we are pleased to announce that we have successfully obtained the property title of the Church building in the name of the Casa de la Esperanza Association.

This process represents a significant milestone in our organization and is of great importance, as it not only legally secures the assets of our Foundation acquired through the contributions and labor of our brothers and sisters in the faith but also provides a solid legal foundation for the future.

The title transfer to the Association makes way for Casa to establish a Christian School since previous attempts failed since the Casa Campus is still under a long-term lease and under the ownership of the Association. We expect to complete the purchase the ground on which the Casa campus set within the next three years.

This property title provides invaluable security for the Church and its members in Anahuac, avoiding any potential complications related to ownership in the future. It also establishes a strong precedent for Casa de la Esperanza, making it clear that it is a solid and transparent institution, focused not only on helping the less fortunate but also on demonstrating through actions the responsibility we feel for managing the resources that our Lord Jesus Christ has entrusted to our care.



*Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.*

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

# A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN CASA

Establishing a school at Casa has been a ministry we have prayed about for many years, trusting in the guidance of Jesus Christ and placing our faith in His divine plan. Our vision for this school has been underpinned by the firm belief that through Christ-centered education, we can shape and nurture future generations. Now, with gratitude in our hearts, we are excited to share that we have begun to bring this dream to life. We are diligently working on the development of the Casa school to include grades K-12, laying the groundwork for an education that not only addresses the academic needs of our students but also provides them with a strong foundation in the Word of God. Currently, our educational program only includes middle school.

Each student at Casa will receive **individualized attention** that will allow them to progress at their own pace, leading them toward greater understanding and retention of information. It will also foster self-confidence and self-esteem by addressing their challenges in a personalized manner, in line with the Christian love and understanding we seek to cultivate, reflecting our commitment to caring for and nurturing the unique character that God has bestowed upon each child.

The integration of music classes and the arts into our curriculum have numerous benefits that reflect the beauty of creativity and the diversity of gifts that God has given to each individual. These disciplines enhance creativity, concentration, and cognitive skills while strengthening memory and language.

For this digital era, we aim to equip our children with essential technological skills for a noble future career, and from an early age, we will encourage the development of logical thinking and its application in computer programming and didactic robotics at Casa.

While the language of love for Christ is universal, the ability to communicate in the same language significantly expands opportunities for collaboration in projects and ministries. This is why we will include English classes in our curriculum. Mastering this language is of particular importance, as it will help enhance our already close interaction with our family in Christ from the United States.

Teamwork, empathy, and conflict resolution are entirely biblical and fundamental teachings that we seek to develop in our children during this program. Trusting in Christ and His wisdom and spirit, they will be able to learn these social and communication skills that will propel them to improve their interpersonal relationships and emotional well-being, thus understanding the relevance of our Lord Jesus Christ's second most important commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

**To carry out this ministry**, we already have several brothers and sisters from the Church in Anahuac who are willing to contribute their time and knowledge voluntarily in this new phase. However, we recognize the need to have two full-time teachers, whose monthly financial burden amounts to \$764.00 each.

We have full trust in God's provision and in the generosity of those who share our faith in Jesus Christ. We sincerely appreciate any new financial support you may consider providing to invest in the education and development of future generations at Casa. Your support will be invaluable and will eternally impact the lives of our children at Casa, helping us to continue on the path God has laid out for this educational ministry.

**We are confident that during this journey we embark on with Christ as our banner, it is He who will continue to guide and direct each of our steps. His loving hand has been present from the very first prayer, and we trust in His wisdom and love as we seek to serve and educate our children at Casa.**





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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:

- Light Jackets – Boys and Girls, 10 to 17 years old
- Girls' Underwear, 11 to 17 years old
- Support for 1 Elementary School Teacher in Casa, \$764.00 monthly.
- Educational toys and didactic materials for school.



**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**