



Cole and Sarah McCauley, your hands and feet for the orphaned

“Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” ~ 3 John 1-4

Man, o man, I honestly don't have enough prayer letters to share all the things we are seeing and enjoying here recently! My heart is so full of divine joy for the many ways God has moved and blessed us here, and He has given great hope for our children and their futures. Our children, once beaten, abused, neglected, and abandoned, do not reflect that at all now. O Father, your great redeeming work is so beautiful. You didn't just save us from our sins eternally, but you have promised that if we give you our lives and follow you and your instruction whole heartedly, you will give us new life here on earth also! You are amazing, you are wonderful, we praise your holy name!!!

This month I want to testify to the merciful, compassionate, patient work of the Father of the fatherless. For those of you who haven't heard me talk about Gerson, he was the second child to age out of our orphanage. Gerson came to us at the age of 14; he was the oldest child we had ever taken in. At that age, children can be pretty set in stone as to how they are, and depending on their past, that could be dangerous. We are so glad we opened our home to Gerson, though.

Gerson told us that before coming to our home he had been in two other orphanages. He recalls that at age 4 his father started making him go work and bring home money; if he did not bring home enough money, his father would beat him. His mother died when he was very young. Gerson watched her die slowly in their home, and his father became more abusive afterwards. He told us many horrific stories of abuse involving burnings and even breaking bones. Eventually, when Gerson was around 6 years old, his father kicked him and his brothers out of the home; they went to a bar that was open where some people had called the police. Through the following years the boys were separated, and Gerson spent time in large orphanages until he was brought to our home. Even though Gerson really opened up in our home and found a family with us, he would often get sad and be down because he did not know where any of his biological family were and because no one ever came to look for him. We would often minister to him and do our best to fill that hole. We were never able to find any family members of his, but Gerson would grow to be a great part of our family here: he was one of the older children and loved to mess with others and joke a lot. Gerson grew up with us and eventually had to transition out of our home at age 18. After spending some time in another city 2 hours away, he started getting into things he should not have. After my confronting him, he was repentant but didn't feel like he could get out of some of the things he had gotten into. I told him that there is great hope for him. He knew what my past life had been like, but it would take sincere repentance and a desire to walk in the mercies of God empowering him to leave these things behind and go forward as a new man. He said he wanted to, and I committed to help him. First thing was to leave the bad influences and live under authority and accountability. Since he had messed up the opportunity to live with the family that he had been living with, ***Sarah and I opened up our home and helped him turn around. Praise God, he did so and got his life back on track.*** It was great having him in our home and being able to help him continue to grow. We have a great love and affection for Gerson.

Even though he did do better, it's never easy raising a young adult. We had our challenges. Eventually, Gerson wanted to live on his own. I told him that he should stay with us to finish up his studies and start a career. Gerson said that he wanted to see what the real world was like on his own. After greatly trying to



persuade him not to, he made his decision and moved out. Later we found out that he had moved in with a girl. I would occasionally see Gerson, and I talked to him about the sin he was walking in. I would tell him to repent, come home, and prepare himself so he could confidently get married and take care of his future wife. Gerson was very respectful but said that he wanted to be with this girl. After realizing that he would not change his mind, I then shared 1 Corinthians 7:8-9 "To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am. But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion." I told Gerson that if he wouldn't listen to our counsel, and if he loved her so much, then he needed to do it the right way. I reminded him that we all will have to pay for our sin someday. I'd encourage him to repent and follow all that he has learned from Christ and His word. Gerson would always tell me that he was sorry and he knew it wasn't right but that it's what he wants. I would tell him that I love him, but I would always minister clearly what the word of God says.

At the beginning of this year, Gerson called and said he wanted to talk about something important. He came over, and we talked for a while. He then told me that he made a big decision: he told me that he had proposed to his girlfriend and asked for her parents' permission to marry her. He told me that he wanted to invite me to his wedding and hoped I would take the position of his father. I was overjoyed and quickly accepted his invitation. It was a beautiful wedding ceremony; the best part was seeing how joyful Gerson was. I have known his wife's family for a while; they used to live across the street from my house, and a few years ago his now mother-in-law had helped Sarah in our home a few hours a day. We do love them dearly despite the terrible decision the kids made for a while.

A month after they got married, I would often talk with Gerson and his wife Ceci (pronunciation: Sessy). It has been pleasing to see a different attitude from the both of them. ***They knew they were in sin before, and you could see it affecting them. But now, you can see a freedom and a joy that wasn't there before.***

As Sarah and I recently went to the capital city of Guatemala for the birth of our 4th child, we took Gerson's mother-in-law and Gerson, since we don't have our own family here to help watch our other kids while we were in the hospital for the birth. Gerson is working in construction, and his

group had just finished a job so he had a few weeks until they started another. He asked if he could go

along to help us out. Knowing our children are a handful right now, we willingly accepted. If I'm honest, I wasn't sure how Gerson would do, but he was extremely helpful. He kept busy playing with the kids and would constantly pick up things or clean things in the home. It was music to my ears to hear Gerson call his mother-in-law "Mami" (it's not as weird here in Guatemala as it may sound to us Americans). You could really tell that Gerson truly feels like part of their family. Not only that, but ***I was able to see him read the word of God each day, and he would ask me different things about the Bible.*** Since Gerson and his wife committed to get married, they started attending their local church. ***I can't tell you how full of contentment and thanksgiving I was during that time. I praise God! I have constantly had Gerson in my prayers even as he rebelled; I love to see God move and care for His people!*** As a cherry on top... we recently had Father's Day here in Guatemala, and Gerson and his wife came to my home. They had bought me a coffee mug and wrote me a poem thanking me for the love and influence I have given them over the years. It was very precious to me and encourages me to keep on steadfast even when I have struggles with some of the kids in our home.

Would you join me in praying that God would bless Gerson and Ceci and more importantly that He would draw them to a deeper commitment to Him. Pray that God would speak to our other children who have also seen the difference in Gerson since getting married; ask God to guard them from running after love before it's their time. Pray for wisdom for each of our staff and myself as we daily navigate teaching and edifying our children.

In Christ,

The McCauleys and the kids of Casa



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Praises for God's blessings in the last month

- Some of the older boys at Casa de Mi Padre becoming more soft-hearted, having better attitudes, and being better examples for the younger kids.
- Gerson getting married. He is a young man who spent several years at Casa de Mi Padre and in our transitional program.



Prayer requests

- Gerson and his wife Ceci to continue growing in wisdom and obedience to the ways God as they start their life together as a married couple.
- For the girls and young ladies in our children's home and transitional program to feel how precious they are in God's sight and to resist the world's influences regarding beauty, social media, and relationships.
- We finally got all of our staff successfully enrolled for health insurance coverage.

Financial praises and needs

- We have been greatly inspired and encouraged by the story of George Müller, a missionary in the 1800's who founded several orphanages in England. His overarching goal was to be a witness to people that the God of the Bible is the God of today in His power to provide for all of our needs. Rather than asking people for funding, Müller prayed to God, and God provided through unexpected, miraculous, and timely ways!

Over the last few years, we have learned to trust God more and more rather than to be anxious for where our funding will come from. Needs often pop up and must be paid for before we have the funding lined up. ***We rejoice in the ways God continues caring for the needs in our mission work!*** We are learning to raise our petitions to God first and foremost, trusting that He will provide. ***Praise Him for His faithfulness!!! Please join us in praying for His continued provision and for our deepening trust in Him.***

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