



THE McCREA NEWS



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The Miracles of Christmas

Dear Friends,

Feliz Navidad! I have to say it's funny, sometimes in our little world miracles are almost instantaneous and other times they seem to take a while, sometimes a LONG while. Just last night, I received a call from Pastor Alex who helps us with the boy's home. **Both the home's fridge & freezer had died.** They had nowhere to store food.

My reply to him was sorry, but we have no money to help right now. Then today, I received a text message from a friend in Canada. "Darren, what do the boy's need this year for Christmas?" Within the hour the funds were sent for a new fridge, freezer & all that we need to remodel the basketball court! **Delivery next Tuesday!**

Then there are miracles that take a while, like The Father's House and The Boy's Home expansion (see the 12 gifts>).



In the case of the Father's House We have seen & are seeing the miracle. Just last month we hosted a team from New Life Brampton. Here for ten days they spent time with the Refuge boys, feeding them lots of great food, but they also were part of something truly historical in Chiquinquirá, laying the first walls of the church and school's Gymnasium

Before the team started working we held a 1st block laying ceremony during Sunday Service. With some 400 people in attendance, Pastor German, myself, the team leader and several church leaders, layed the 1st row of blocks to a background of prayer and worship. It was a stunning day!



The 12 Gifts of Christmas

But even as the team was building, raising up a lot of walls and starting something new, God was about to (hopefully) give us a boost to finish something old...ish.

For the last 5 years we have been working on the Refuge Boy's Home expansion & we are SO CLOSE to finishing!

The building is complete, but we lack the finishing work on the 2nd floor & furniture. We just completed two of the three dormitories, but now we are temporally on hold.



However, God has a plan. Recently we were contacted by our Mission & they had good news for us. Project Refuge has been selected as one of **PAOC Mission Global's 12 Gifts of Christmas!** They hope to encourage people across Canada to give to this project & put the expansion fully into service!

Of course our friends can give anytime, just mention account Col5501 when sending your offering. Please Pray... and give if you are able. **We have boys just waiting for a new home!**

Celebrate Christmas!

We want to show God's love to hundreds of needy children throughout Colombia.

For \$15 (the price of a small, locally purchased gift) you can help bring happiness and the Good News to a special child this Christmas season.



Would you consider ``Celebrate Christmas,`` in your year end giving?

Donations can be made in the same way as with our personal support. Account # COL 7002.

Please e-mail us so that we know your gift is coming!

The Show



The Audience



Just another day hanging out with the boys!

Patty and I

In October, in the middle of team mania, Patty and I celebrated our 24th Anniversary. I was thrilled to ambush her at the boy's home with a Romantic Dinner for.... 50 or so and a serenade from an amazing singer from one of the local churches. As you can see from the next picture, she was pretty happy and overwhelmed!

I guess that I will need to step up my game for next year. We will see what 25 years brings.

James and Darien are doing well. Weather and technical delays have slowed James down with his flight training, but he should now be done in early February. He is anxious to move onto the next phase.

Darien is also settling into his studies, with a few hiccups in the road as he returns to class after a year break.

Please pray for James, that his flight scheduling would flow and he would be able to keep nerves at bay. And for Darien, please pray that he would find the right mix of classes and be able to really zero in on the area of studies he needs to be able to fulfill his dreams.



Speaking of prayers, I am extremely grateful for them. For those who did not see our previous e-mails or Facebook posts, **I had Gastric Sleeve surgery on Nov 8th.**

It was a long time in coming and a hugely scary decision for me, but the results of prayer has been huge. Post surgery, I had little pain after the 1st day and next to no complications or any of the potential side effects from gastric surgery.

Down more than 30 lbs so far, I am thankful for a new journey and being able to make a long term health impact.

Year End Celebrations

For Christmas and New Years we are pretty busy. Patty and I, James & Darien (who join us Dec 12th), will be blessing hundreds of children with a Christmas present from Jesus!

We really look forward to seeing those faces. We will also spend some time with the Refuge boys and then take some down time, but down time that is also filled with some intentional dreaming for the future.

2025 is a clean slate with a thousand possibilities. It is our prayer that you will live those possibilities to the MAX for his Kingdom, His glory and in that; you will find true joy!

Que Tengan Un Prospero Año con Mucho Amor,

Darren & Patty

Just as Jesus had a group of people who sustained Him (Luke 8z:1-3), we also depend on God's provision as expressed through the Body of Christ. ***Please partner with us through your giving!***

Canada: Cheques made out to the: PAOC. With a note naming Darren & Patricia McCrea. PAOC, 2450 Milltower Court, Mississauga, ON, L5N 5Z6

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