



Hello, friend!

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. What a year it has been! I am believing God for His provision to carry me once again to the remote mountains of Bolivia this summer, and want to invite you into all that He is laying on my heart for this trip.

For those of you who are familiar with Metro Life Church, you likely have already been introduced to the faces, hearts, and mission behind **Casa de Esperanza** and the rest of the Grace Partnership family. For those of you unfamiliar, Grace Partnership is a collective of local church bodies from all around the world, who have partnered together for the encouragement of the Church, and advancement of the Gospel!

We recently had the opportunity to gather in person with many of these dear worldwide friends at the Grace Partnership conference in Orlando. It was a time of overflowing encouragement, as the larger vision of God's work in his *universal* Church became more and more apparent. God has uniquely woven together the hearts and ministries of believers all across the globe, and his mission to **LOVE** the unloved, the unreached, the unclaimed, the unseen *cannot* be stopped. We don't have to understand the logistics of it, understand how or why he sometimes connects dots that we can't. We don't have to fully know what he has in store. We can simply bring ourselves as instruments to be used, and GO, with great joy.

**“Casa de
Esperanza”
translates to
“House of
Hope”**

As members of the church, we are all called to “go”: to play a role in building up the body of believers and sharing his radical Love with a dying world. God equips us all differently and calls us all to different places (which is the magic of it!). After prayerfully considering what God may have purposed for me in this season, I believe that God has put in on my heart once again to go and serve at Casa de Esperanza this summer.

Last year, the Lord used Casa de Esperanza to reveal new layers in my heart of the mystery, grace, and beauty of the Gospel. What I saw there was a clear picture of how Christ has loved every one of us.

While we were still sinners - undeserving and hopeless - out of no effort on our own part, Christ gave everything to redeem us. Through His sacrifice, we know what Love is.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8

In a very literal sense, the kids at Casa were rejected by the world, forgotten, unseen, and often left without hope by cruel stories, people, or tragedies. But they were seen, rescued, have been **adopted** into the Casa family, and are now experiencing the love of the Heavenly Father through their earthy adoptive family at Casa.

Last summer, we had the opportunity to plant coconut trees alongside the Casa family, that will one day grow to create sustainable income for the orphanage. We spent the afternoons working on projects around the orphanage grounds, and spent the afternoon being intentional with the kids.

This year, my hope is to bring some of my specific giftings in the arts to bless the kids during those intentional afternoon times. There may be an opportunity to paint a **mural** onsite at the orphanage, maybe even with the help of some of the kids! Additionally, I hope to come prepared with supplies and some teaching materials to offer **art classes** in some afternoons for the kids.

However the details for this year's trip end up panning out, I am beyond excited as I'm beginning to plan for how we can bless Casa de Esperanza intentionally this summer, and continue to build relationships with their ministry team and the kids. As I prepare for the trip and plan for the ways I can bring the arts to life in Bolivia this summer, I am also beginning to prepare financially for the time off work that I will have to put aside in advance, and take off to go on the trip.

To make this trip a reality, I need your support. First, please pray for us! Global travel has plenty of moving parts, concerns, and details surrounding it. Pray for safety for our team. Above all, pray that God would move in and through us as we go to build up our brothers and sisters, as they bring Life to the people of Caranavi!



Pictured: Loving on three of the kids at Casa last year, during afternoon free time. The kids crave intentional time and CONSTANT HUGS.

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Additionally, would you be willing to prayerfully consider supporting me financially, as I go to serve in Bolivia?

I graduated from UCF this past December, and have since been working as a freelance artist while looking for a more permanent full-time work opportunity. As I am in this in-between season, finances fluctuate month to month, and adding on the extra costs of a trip to Bolivia is definitely a stretch! But God has always been faithful to provide, and always will be. He holds all things, and I trust Him to provide abundantly and equip us all for the things he has placed in our hearts to do!

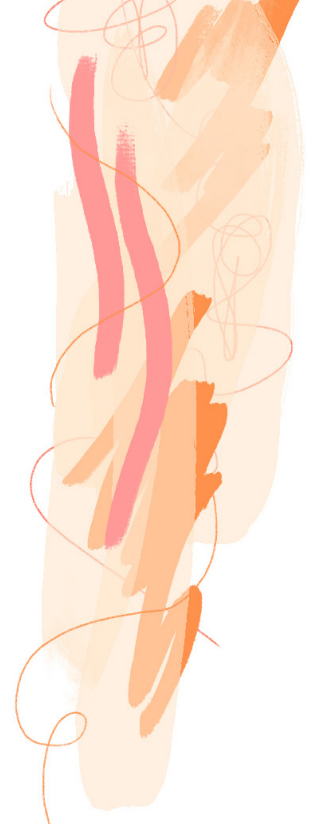
If you feel led to support me financially, please donate as soon as possible, as forward payments are already needing to be made. You can donate...

Online:

Visit <https://gracepartnership.net/missions>
Scroll down to "Donate/Register" and you will be directed to a secure page to give. Don't forget to include "Anna Kester" in the recipient line.

By Check:

Make payable to "Grace Partnership".
Mail to: Grace Partnership
910 S Winter Park Dr.
Casselberry, FL 32707



Thank you.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, for supporting me and praying for our team as we endeavor to share the light and hope of the Gospel! I greatly appreciate you.

To contact me with any questions, or if you'd like to hear more about my dreams for this Bolivia mural project, feel free to email me at akkester@gmail.com.

Blessings!

Anna Kester

Pictured: Celebrating a successful day of hard work planting trees with two of the girls from Casa. Our motto that day had been "Tu eres fuerte, y tu eres bella!" or "You are strong, and you are beautiful!"

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