

CASA COMPASIVA

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Thank You for blessing little Bebés & Mamas



You are providing a safe and caring environment for young mothers and their new babies at Casa Compasiva (Compassion House), a Christian Birthing and Midwifery Training center in Oaxaca, Mexico. Casa Compasiva is growing and impacting a culture where c-sections are the norm for the birthing experience. Through the passion and dedication of trained and qualified staff at the center, this ministry is impacting the local culture and bringing the gospel of hope to many women and their families!

Having a baby should be a time of great joy and hope. But many thousands of people in Oaxaca remain isolated from medical care, and even those who have access to government-staffed clinics often receive inadequate care. Thanks to your generosity, Casa Compasiva is enabled to provide a safe, natural birth environment, that is respectful of the Oaxacan people and saves lives.

We thank God and each of you who have been involved in helping Casa achieve the vision of being a quality maternal and child health care center. Thank you for your generosity which has impacted the lives of vulnerable mamas and bebes!



Selflessly Serving Mothers through the Childbirth Journey



Historically, Casa has had 50% of the births at the facility and a 50% transfer to the hospital during labour. In 2021, 86% of births were at Casa Compasiva and only 14% were transferred to hospital. Since prenatal classes were held online, there was sadly a decrease in personal interaction with clients. Everyone was looking forward to the return of in-person classes again, which were finally restarted in January this year! The prenatal attention, exercise, feeding, and relevant information helps expecting couples take informative decisions regarding the birth and care of the first born baby.



Besides births that took place at Casa Compasiva, the staff have also accompanied many women in their labor and deliveries in other hospitals, offering emotional and spiritual support in every hour and in every uterine contraction with comfort measures, words of affirmation, and prayer.

Casa Compasiva has not only been a blessing to the childbearing women, but it has also blessed the lives of the team members: providing financial stability for them and their families. The majority of the team members are single and several are the sole breadwinners in their homes! You can get to know more about these wonderful people here: <https://bit.ly/3wAlYAI>

Recent Updates from Casa Compasiva

- Thanks to you, the Staff at Casa celebrated their 11th Anniversary on Feb 11th this year! They recognized eleven years of serving, ministering and building the lives of dozens of families and babies. An online event was hosted on the occasion on their official Facebook page, which prompted an incredible response from their patients and the community!
- In 2021, there were 434 appointments, 56 nutrition consultations, 60 postpartum appointments, 20 well-child monitoring appointments, 12 general appointments, 20 births (inhouse), and 3 births transferred.
- Casa's mission is to use compassionate maternity care to impact and strengthen families with the love of Christ. A couple and a young mother came to know Jesus during their time at Casa!



"Our greatest joy, is to serve you!" - 11th Anniversary Celebrations.



The parents are always made to feel welcomed and loved.



Praise & Prayer Points

- Please cover each mama in prayer as Casa takes them through pregnancy, labor, delivery, and postpartum.
- Please pray for wisdom as we consider and search for staff to fulfill some critical roles.
- On the occasion of World Doula Week, we praise God for our wonderful Doulas.
- Casa Compasiva has sought feedback from former clients and the reviews are great! God is being glorified!

"I will always call Casa Compasiva 'Home'. When I talk to someone about my prenatal experience with Aina, I say: "We went home," and the atmosphere was really like that." - Urbana

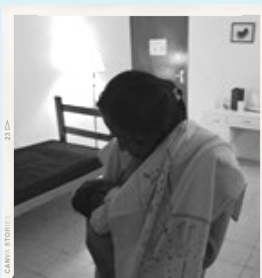
Funding Needs

- They are in need of an AutoClave, which is a sterilization machine for devices and tools used during appointments and births. The machine is starting to fail and parts are no longer available. You can help us reach the goal of **\$2000** for this machine by donating at <https://bit.ly/3iAdMrN>

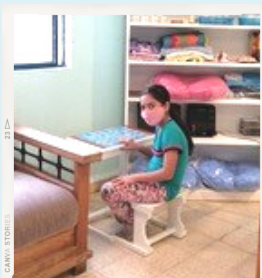


- **We are also looking towards the future** and contemplate the need for Casa to own its own casa! We ask you to pray and give towards this goal since it is VITAL in helping Casa Compasiva attain sustainability.

A Home of Compassion & Peace for All



Natalia, a medical student who was doing her internship at a public hospital and Pedro, a biologist by profession, were on the look-out for a pleasant and respectful place to birth their baby. They discovered Casa Compasiva through its Facebook page. The distance from her boarding school and her hectic schedule proved to be challenging, but Pedro was eager for his wife to have a natural and respectful birth. He understood the undeniable value of Casa's approach of preserving the natural order of God's birthing process and insisted that they opt for prenatal care at Casa Compasiva. On January 16, 2022, the Casa had the joy of accompanying Natalia and Pedro, on her great adventure of labor and made sure she had a pleasant and comfortable stay, surrounded by the midwife, the doctor and the doulas. They welcomed baby Gonzalo through a calm, safe and natural birth experience!



"We have pondered often... Is Casa Compasiva really transmitting an atmosphere of peace? Is our faith and love impacting people? Can mothers and their families feel the presence of God here?"

Not many days had passed, after we had tried to evaluate our service and answer our questions, a new patient came to Casa Compasiva. She came just to enquire about who we were and our work. She was accompanied by her mother and her young 6-year-old daughter. A Doula graciously provided them with all the information they needed on prenatal care and personally gave them a little tour of the home. At the end of the tour, the little girl pleasantly surprised us by telling us that she liked the place a lot and asked her grandmother if she could live in the home, because she felt abundant tranquility and peace in the atmosphere."

The home has grown thanks to our generous donors and faithful partners, who have stood by us, even amid economic uncertainty! Your continued support is blessing hundreds of expecting women, new mothers and newborn babies.

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