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THE DIRECTOR TRAVELS - - -

Besides having a short and quick vacation the purpose of the trip to Mexico was to observe the progress of our enterprise, meet and confer with board members, become better acquainted with the children, and decide on future plans. The experiences on this trip exceeded all expectations.

EXCERPTS FROM THE DIARY - - -

- Friday, August 16, 1968. Summer school is out today and on I go. The jet airplane took about three hours to Mexico City. Mrs. Ruiz and her daughter Celia "Chacha" met me at the airport. All evening and far into the night we discussed our work for the children Chacha was the interpreter.
- Sunday, August 18, 1968. To church with the Ruiz family. All conducted in Spanish confusing to me. A member of this church invited us to his home in the afternoon. He is a hotel owner and banker. He previously promised \$8.000 toward the new building for the orphanage. Mr. and Mrs. Ruiz went to visit him in his beautiful home. We placed the tentative plans for the new building before him and his wife. We discussed and conferred. Suddenly he exclaims, "My wife and I have decided to double the amount of our donation. We will give to the building project the amount of \$16,000." I almost fell off the chair. After catching my breath I could only say, "Thank you, and thank you God!"
- Thursday, August 22, 1968. I rode all night on the bus from Mexico City to the city of Monterrey. Most of the board members live in this city. This was an exciting day. I met the board members of the organization that was organized after my last visit to Mexico. The legal name of our Mexican affiliate is La Fundación HOGAR MAMA PAULITA. The president of the organization is Mrs. Martinez Garza. She, together with her husband, is the owner and director of a commercial school in Monterrey. Mrs. Hernandez, the executive secretary, is a capable leader with tremendous drive. I also met the recording secretary, Mrs. Rodriguez, and another board member, Mrs. Mendez. Mrs. Ruiz, now the treasurer, had also come from Mexico City. All day we had conferences, and we became thoroughly acquainted.
- Friday, August 23, 1968. Conferences with Mr. Ruben Gutierrez, engineer and architect, who had come with his wife all the way from Guadalajara. We discussed the tentative plans for the new building. He took the plans home, and new ideas are now on the drawing board.
- Saturday, August 24, 1968. I arrived at the "Casa Hogar" about 4:00 P.M. All the girls were standing in the front of the home in their best dresses and shoes. They were all so well-groomed and looked so happy and healthy. Some of the younger ones came rushing toward me as I stepped off the bus. A thrilling moment. In the afternoon I took pictures and films and practiced singing with the children. In the evening we had dinner, the interpreter, the matron, some of the older girls and I in the kitchen. The majority of the girls sat in the "dining" room, a converted porch.



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SOME OF THE GIRLS WE ARE TRYING TO HELP. The first girl on top of this page is Gerarda Olivares. She is a deaf-mute. She was chosen by a Methodist Sunday school in New York as "their" girl. They have sponsored her since the begin ning of this year. She has to go to a special school. Therefore it costs more to sponsor her.

WHAT ABOUT THE QUESTION MARKS UNDER

THE OTHER PICTURES? They mean that no one has yet chosen these girls as "their" sponsored child. We get donations from many friends - some on a regular basis, others occasionally.

To make it possible for us to mail a definite monthly amount to the treasurer in Mexico we would like to initiate a sponsorship program. When an individual or a group choose a child they like to sponsor they will receive a picture of the child as well as the child's history.

In order to provide the daily necessities for the children of elementary school age an amount of \$10 a month should suffice. For the children at secondary level \$15 a month is needed.

On the opposite page you see what many of you have had a part in. These girls are happy and healthy. We like to show what has been done and what can be done when someone cares. All you friends who have sent in contributions can rejoyce with us for what has been accomplished so far. We do hope you will continue, and that many more will join us in these efforts.

Below is a translation of a letter written by the girls, signed by all the girls and presented to the director while he visited the home in August:

Dear Friends of Los Angeles.

We were very happy to have Mr. Jansen visit us. He talked, prayed and sang with us in the church.

Thank you also for the gifts that you sent to us with him.

We wish to thank all the people who help us here at "Casa Hogar".

> Greetings to everyone. Signed by all the girls

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Sunday, August 25, 1968. I visited the little church located in the neighborhood of the orphanage. During the service the children from "Casa Hogar" had the opportunity to sing the songs we had practiced the day before. I played the little organ and the children sang with fervor and enthusiasm. I also had the opportunity to talk to the congregation and explain why I was visiting Mexico. In the afternoon I tried to become better acquainted with the children, and there was more picture taking. I left for Mexico City in the evening All the children waving good-by, saying, "Adios, Senior Jansen." Monday, August 26, 1968. Back to Los Angeles.

We have printed up some greeting cards with illustrations by GREETING CARDS Miss Maureen Richardson. We are making up packs of 10 cards with envelopes. When you send in contributions, please indicate if you want us to mail you some of these cards. They are not for sale

If you are interested in sponsoring one of the children give

They are mailed to you in appreciation for your contribution.

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM the name of the child you are interested in when you write us. RAMONA, BLANCA, ROSARIO, JUANA and MARTA are in secondary school. The others are elementary school children.

SEPTEMBER 1968

Dear Friends,

The visit to Mexico was, as already reported, a tremendous success.

I would like to share with you what Mrs. Ruiz said to me just before I left. We sat in the kitchen and talked over the many happenings that had taken place during the 2½ years since Layman ACTION became involved. Mrs. Ruiz said, "If it had not been for you, for your interest, and the publicity you have given this work, none of these things would have come about."

Now, I like to extend the same kind of recognition to you. If it had not been for the board members of Layman ACTION who so willingly did lend their names to form this corporation, none of this would have happened.

As a representative of our board I in turn say the same to you - the CONTRIBUTORS. If you had not been so faithful, kind and generous in giving, none of these wonderful happenings would have taken place.

Consequently, all of us have had a part in making these children happy. Therefore I bring this greeting to you - if it had not been for all of YOU, the girls at "Casa Hogar" would not have succeeded. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Cordially,

Trappe D. Jansen