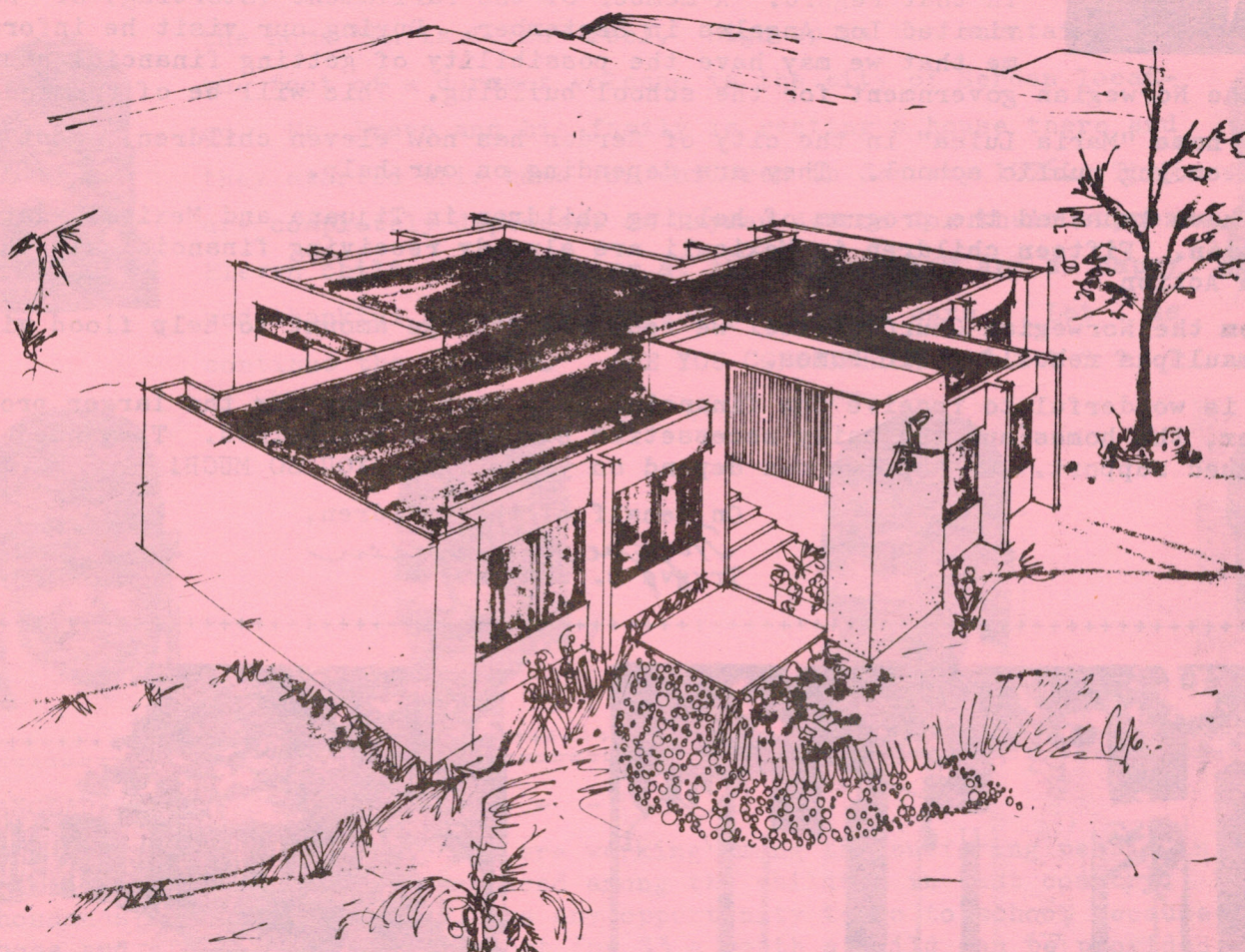
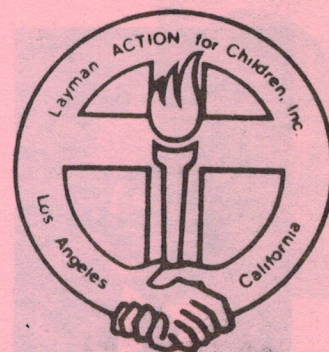


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THE NEW BOYS' HOME AT "MAMA PAULITA"

Above is an artist's drawing of the boys' home being built at "Mama Paulita". It is with great joy we inform you that the building is being erected, and at the present they are putting on the roof and doing the plumbing and electrical installation.



On the photo you see some of the boys, in front of the building being constructed, eagerly expecting the completion of their new home. Let's rejoice with them.



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

It is late October, and many things have happened during the summer and fall seasons. Representing the children in Mexico and those who work with them and for them I like to thank God as well as you who support this work. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

The building of the boys' home is progressing (see photos in this newsletter). Several new girls have been admitted to the girls' home. The kindergarden has a new teacher, and she is also teaching a group of first graders. We have, for a long time, hoped for a new school building. A miracle may soon take place in that regard. A member of the Parliament (Storting) of Norway visited Los Angeles in September. During our visit he informed me that we may have the possibility of getting financial assistance from the Norwegian government for the school building. This will be of tremendous help.

The home "Maria Luisa" in the city of Serdan has now eleven children. Most of them are attending public school. They are depending on our help.

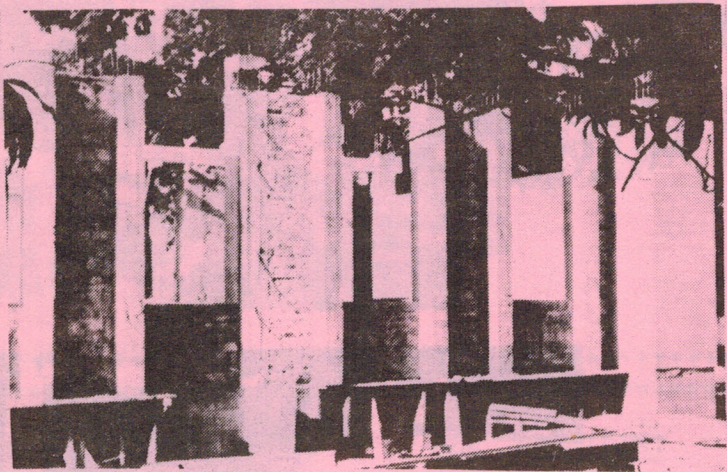
We have launched the program of helping children in Tijuana and Mexicali getting an education. Fifteen children in Mexicali are already receiving financial aid through Layman Action.

From the Norwegian Church Relief we received a large amount to help flood victims in Tamaulipas rebuild their homes.

It is wonderful to receive the financial help from Norway for the larger projects. However, the homes and the daily necessities have to be maintained. They need your continued support. We hope we can depend on you. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

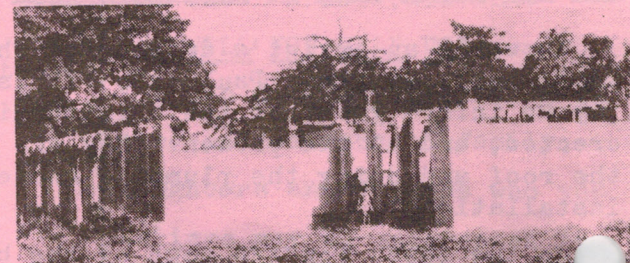
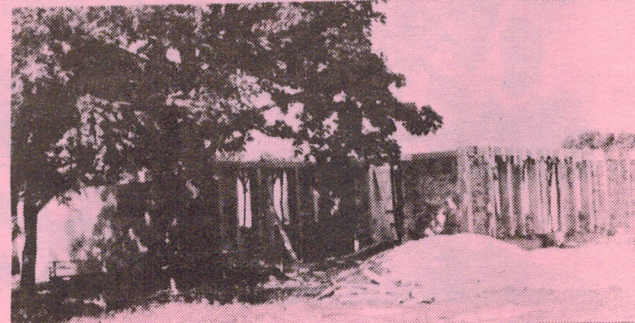
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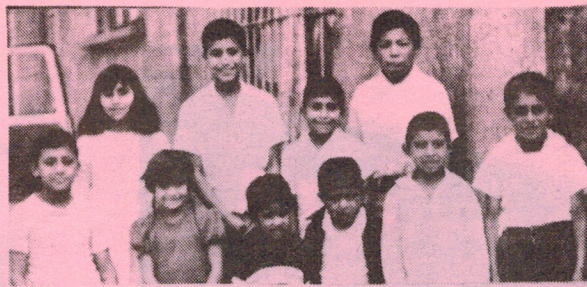
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THESE PHOTOS SHOW THE PROGRESS OF THE BUILDING OF THE BOYS' HOME. BY NOW THE ROOF SHOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

THE PHOTO ABOVE SHOWS THE WING WHERE 16 BOYS WILL SLEEP.





CHILDREN AT THE HOME "MARIA LUISA"

These photos should give an impression how the children at the home "Maria Luisa" feel. High up in the mountain at the foot of a dormant volcano is the city of Serdan located. Mr. Bravo and his family is renting a house there and they started this home for children in January 1976. They are completely dependent on Layman Action for their support. Eleven children are living at the home. They are so happy and thankful because there are people who care. Let us continue the support. ARE YOU CONCERNED ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?



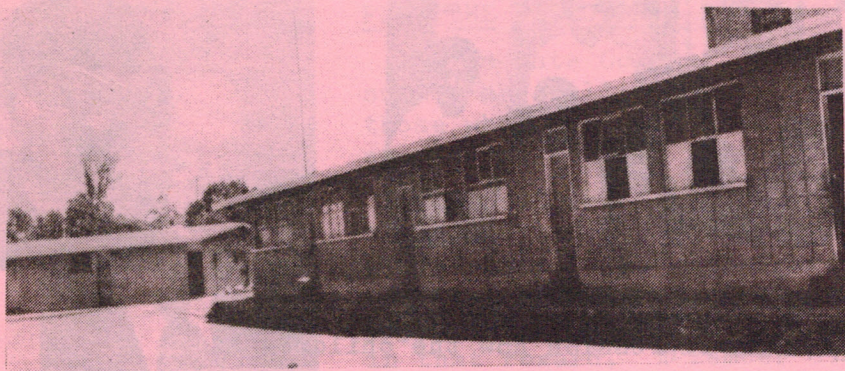
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BANGLADESH CRIES FOR HELP - - - -

JOHN OTTESEN and his family who are working among the suffering people in Bangladesh are telling us about the great need among the children in that country. Hundreds, yes thousands of children do not have any opportunity to go to school because of lack of shoes and clothes. They tell that for \$3 a month a child can be provided with what is needed. He has picked up from the street two boys that now are being taken care of. Below is a photo of one of the boys and an excerpt from the letter. SHOULD WE HELP ?



"While in Rangpur I came across a crying child who was terrifically emaciated - - sores in the mouth and very sparse hair; and when I inquired I found that the child had no parents, but the guardian lady thrust the child on the sidewalk to spend the day begging. From the few paisa gained making a 'business' out of putting children out to beg she maintained her life. Especially one shop keeper urged her to give the child over to my care - - he cited examples of children in similar state that perished in that way, and the lady finally agreed she would give the child over to my care. (We went to the police to get the agreement signed and entered in the record of the police station). Sotish and his wife wished to care for the child and there has been a radical change using medicine, milk, vitamins and clothes from the Mennonites and concerned people. The child was 3½ years old, weight 11 pounds."



THE BAJA CALIFORNIA PROJECT

Recently we started the project of helping needy children with financial aid for education in the cities of Mexicali and Tijuana. Many children in these border cities have no chance to get an education because of poverty.

Our program will now enable some of them to attend school and receive enough school material for their studies.

The public school is not able to admit all the children from the families moving in- to these cities. Therefore some of the children being helped are attending other schools run by various organizations. Our help is channeled through Baja California Lutheran Mission. In the photos you see some of the buildings used for classes and clinic, some of the children, and a visitor from Sweden talking to them.

This aid will create a brighter future for these precious children. We'll do what- ever we can. - - - - WILL YOU JOIN US IN THIS EFFORT ??? - - - -



NEW PRESIDENT

We like to introduce the new president of the Board of Trustees of Layman ACTION for Children, Inc.,

WILLIAM F. SMITH + + +

CONGRATULATIONS BILL!

WE NEED TO EXPAND OUR WORK FOR THESE NEEDY CHILDREN!

WILL YOU HELP US?

You can do that by sending in name and address of family, neighbors and friends who you believe may be interested in this kind of activity.