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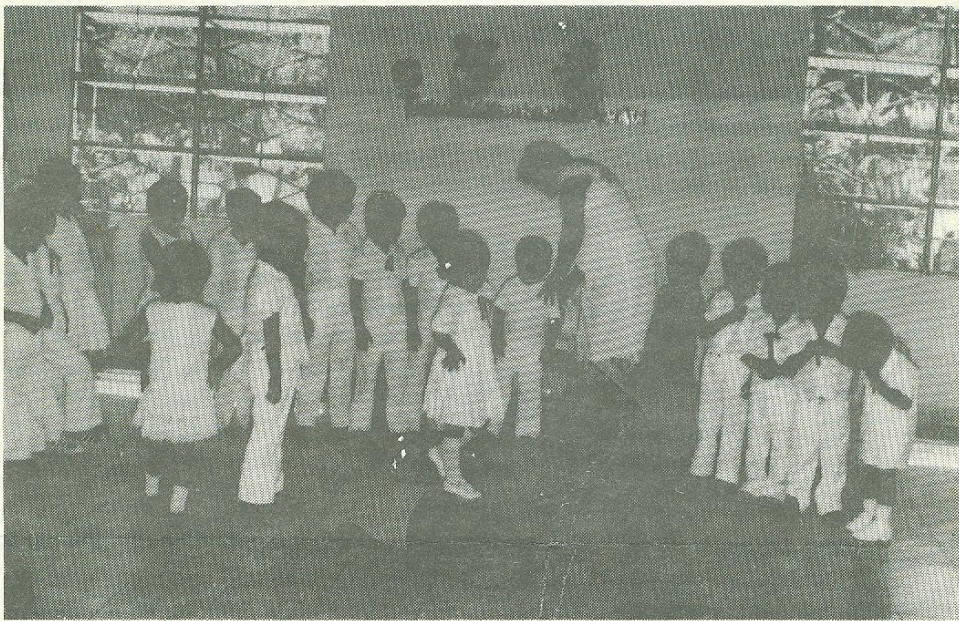
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KINDERGARDEN CHILDREN TAKE PART IN A PLAY AT MAMA PAULITA

HARVEST TIME

In this autumn season our thoughts go back to the time when people followed the beautiful custom of thanking God for a rich harvest and a good crop. They gave God a thank offering.

Let us use this opportunity to share some of our blessings and riches with those who are less fortunate than us. In this manner we can give God thanks for what He has given us.

It couldn't be done in a more appropriate way than helping needy children. Remember the little ones in Mexico. **THANK YOU!**



A GROUP OF CHILDREN AT THE MAMA PAULITA HOME

REPORT from MAMA PAULITA HOME

The directors of MAMA PAULITA HOME, DORA and ESTEVAN VALDEZ, tells that ..
..... the children at the home are generally well. There are always some children who get the usual child illnesses, however. Nohemi, Pepe, Marina and Arthur had to stay in bed a few days for that reason.

BUSS ACCIDENT . . .

A sad accident happened when we were on our vacation. The school bus that takes some of our older children to school was involved in an accident. Three persons were killed, none from our home. Some were injured. Rafaela broke her collar bone. Josefina was injured above the eye. All of those who were hurt are now well again. We are thankful to God that it was not worse.

CAMPING . . . Children at the age of 12-14 years at the home had the opportunity again to go to camp this summer. The camp was held in Rio Verde in the state of San Luis Potosi. It was a happy group that went, but an even more happy group that returned from a successful camp.

SPORTS PROGRAM . . . Several of the older children participated in a sports program that was arranged by the Presbyterian church in Mante. Basilia (an Indian girl at our home) won the first prize in 50 meter track. In volley ball the girls won second prize. The boys succeeded in the game "David and Goliath". After the program all the children were together in a service. They had an excellent speaker, and the children enjoyed it all.

DOCTOR AND NURSES ARRIVE . . . A doctor and nurses from the social security office have been here to examine the children. The children were also given shots against typhoid and polio. When children at our home get sick they are taken to a clinic in Mante - 10 minutes drive from the home.

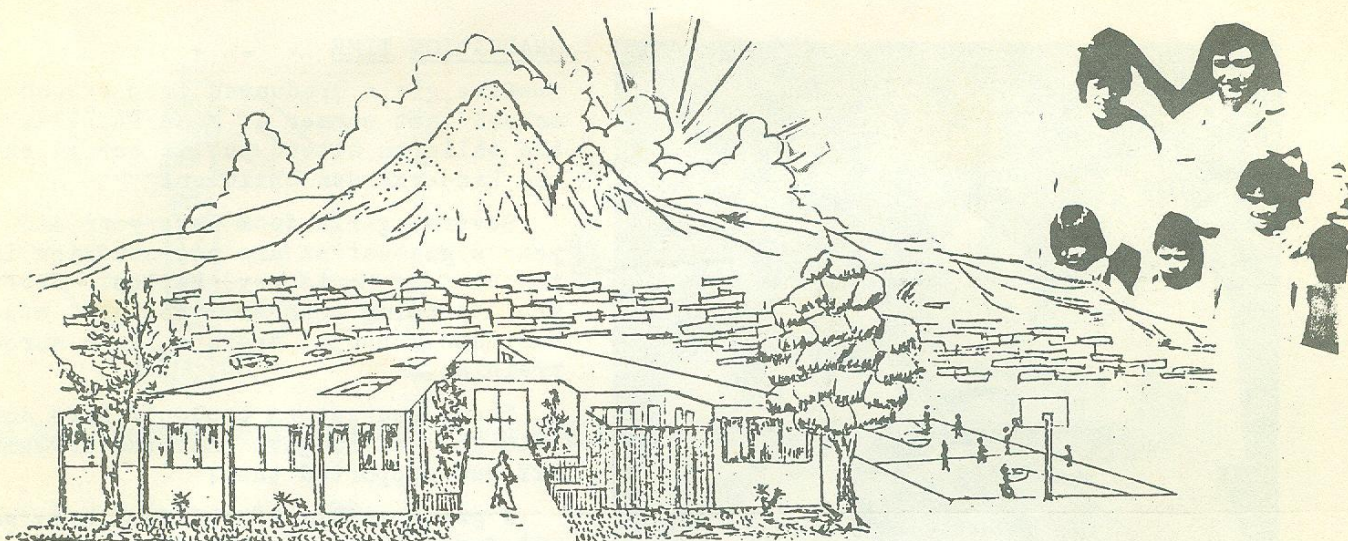
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE . . . The drainage connection was made from the girls' dormitory to the new septic tank. The old septic tank is used exclusively for the boys' dormitory. Bathrooms are completed, and the fans in the ceiling are installed. Steel plates for the kitchen were purchased in Brownsville and they will be installed soon. Fountains are installed with portable water containers. The children's school uniforms are made at the home. In this way we save money. We have an estimate for the installation of the sprinkler system to cover the garden and hope to have it finished soon. The children are looking forward to get the sprinklers installed. When that is done they don't have to carry the heavy buckets with water.

KINDERGARDEN . . . At the end of the school year the photographer took pictures of all the children. About 27 children are registered in the kindergarden, seven of those are from the home. The rest from the neighborhood. The picture in front of this newsletter shows some of the kindergarden perform in a play.

THANK YOU TO ALL AND EVERYONE . . . Finally we want to thank all of you who have been so faithful with your concern and who have been instrumental in helping all these children so they could continue to live in such happy environment and conditions. You do God's work. May God richly bless you for the sacrifice you do.

In the Lord's service,

DORA and ESTEVAN VALDEZ - directors



Activities Report for "MARIA LUISA CHILDREN'S HOME"

We continue to give thanks to God because we know that the Lord has taken care of us up until now and that, thanks to Him and His instruments, we lack nothing.

We continue, one way or another, our Bible classes; I say: one way or another," because sometimes either Lourdes or I give the children their class; other times the children themselves give the class with readings about a certain Bible story or character; and still other times we ask our Christian brothers who are visiting in the Home to give them their class.

Everything is normal in school. Almost all the children are getting good grades. Last year all of the children finished the year with passing grades, some (the majority) in the 90s, others in the 80s, and two in the 70s (the top grade is 100).

Regarding chores, everything is also going well. Each week every child has a different job to do.

The construction of the new facility (see drawing above) for the Home is moving ahead little by little; the walls are now up and shortly we will be pouring the concrete roof. Thanks to God, we now have the right to give tax-deductible receipts. We have hopes that the cement company and the steel company will now be able to make contributions to the construction.

During the summer school vacation the children went to be with relatives in order to maintain family ties. The children returned very happy. I believe it was a very good experience for them.

Days-out in the country continue to be one of our favorite pass-times. Especially when different fruits are in season because we can often pick them ripe off the trees and eat them fresh right away.

In August we started to get some musical instruments together; so far we have three guitars, one tamburine and one triangle. Several of the older children are eager to learn to play the guitar and are already learning certain chords. The younger ones are learning to play the tamburine and the triangle. We hope to give them all something of an education in music and to sing together with accompaniment to the Lord.

Brothers, thank you for being alert to our needs; may the Lord continue blessing you richly!

Your brother and sister in Christ,
MAURILIO and LOURDES FLORES - directors
(Translated from Spanish by Paul Godshall)

ASTRID WEKTERUD from NORWAY

Astrid Wekterud from Norway is now at the Mama Paulita Home. She has been there since the beginning of September. She tells that she is busily engaged with the many chores involved at the home. She understands more and more the Spanish even though it is tough. She sends her greetings to all who support the work and who remember her in their prayers. She says thank you.



CECILIA IS CONGRATULATED BY HER TEACHERS
AS SHE RECEIVES HER DIPLOMA

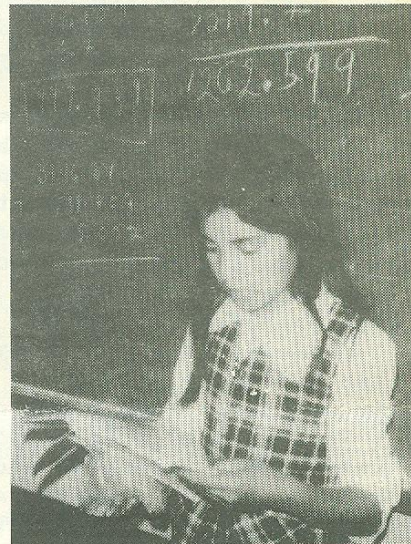
GRADUATION TIME

Five girls graduated from secondary school last summer at MAMA PAULITA. All the children attend public school except the kindergarden children.

Several girls from last year and this year's graduation are now studying in the city of Monterrey, Mexico. Several are attending teachers' college, others business schools, and one is in nurses' training.

These youngsters couldn't have done this unless you gave them the OPPORTUNITY and supported them!

A great number of children have gone out from this home and are now fine citizens of Mexico working in different types of positions. Several have good jobs as teachers, nurses and secretaries. Others are married and have their families. These are the goals we are striving for. We have succeeded because **SOMEONE DID CARE! IT WAS YOU!**
THE CHILDREN THANK YOU! ! !



THE SCHOOL IN TIJUANA

The school in Tijuana, run by the Lutheran Baja California Mission, is "still going strong." They have reduced the number of students because they were not able to get a kindergarden teacher for the morning, which the parents preferred. We are still cooperating with support to these children. There is a great need in Tijuana.

In the picture above (right) is one of the girls reading in front of her class. To the left are some of the boys showing their papers.

If you want to help, let us hear from you.