

DEAR FRIEND OF CHILDREN,

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3, 16

This Holiday Season brings us again the message of God's gift to this world, - JESUS CHRIST. It is a message that every year brings us new hope and new life for mankind.

In the above quotation there is one word that stands out, - the word GAVE. Each and everyone who has received this gift has also become a part of the giver and will in turn radiate the same spirit of giving. This is evident in the result we can show in our work for the children of Mexico. You, dear friends, have been willing to give. You GAVE, and we can show glorious results because of it. Let us reiterate and review some of the results:

- 1) Girls' home "Mama Paulita" dedicated 1974.
- 2) Children's home "Maria Luisa" established 1976
- 3) Program to help children with their education in Tijuana and Mexicali was started 1976.
- 4) Boys' home at "Mama Paulita" dedicated 1978.
- 5) The new wing of the girls' dormitory "Mama Paulita" dedicated 1979.
- 6) New building started 1979 for the home "Maria Luisa".
- 7) New school building to be built 1980 at "Mama Paulita"
- 8) Children and staff maintained since 1966.

These programs would not have been possible unless we had people like YOU, who are willing to give. You GAVE. At this Holiday Season we want to express our appreciation for your generosity. **THANK YOU SO MUCH !!!**

The children and staff in Mexico and the board of trustees wish you a blessed CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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CASA HOGAR MARIA LUISA

Every other week I travel from Mexico City to Cd. Serdán, Puebla, where the CASA HOGAR MARIA LUISA is located. I make the $4\frac{1}{2}$ hour trip by bus ($3\frac{1}{2}$ by car) to Cd. Serdán to give a Bible class to the Pastor of a small church there and about 7 of his members. One of the class members is Maurilio Flores, the Director of the CASA HOGAR MARIA LUISA.

I have been in contact with the CASA HOGAR MARIA LUISA since its beginning. At one point it looked as if we would have to close down the newly started project because of internal problems. But the Council of Mennonite Evangelical Churches decided to continue the project. The churches represented by that Council began to support the project and today we have an ongoing and growing program. Maurilio and his wife, Lourdes, have done a good job in showing love to the 16 children in the CASA HOGAR MARIA LUISA. They also have 4 children of their own. They work hard at helping the children to adjust to life.

After not visiting the CASA HOGAR MARIA LUISA for about a year I noticed a real progress in the children's emotional state. They show calmness and contentment they didn't have before. They will crawl up in your lap and win your attention right from the start.

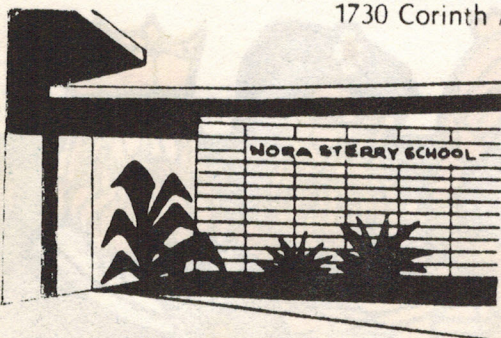
The thing that also interests me when I go there is to see how the construction of the children's new house is coming along. Thanks to LAYMAN'S ACTION, land was purchased and construction is on its way. The last time I visited there about half of the foundation has walls just about at their designated height. All of us involved in the project look forward eagerly for the time when the house can be inhabited. Maurilio and Lourdes think it may occur before Christmas.

God's servants find blessing in serving. They also find that those they serve, apart from being grateful, are also blessed of God. As we work together we extend those blessings to the people around us. Let us be found faithful in the eyes of our God.

Submitted by J. Mark Frederick
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You are cordially invited to a potluck dinner at NORA STERRY COMMUNITY LIGHTED SCHOOL: Friday, December 14, 1979 at 6:00 P. M.

Trygve Jansen will show slides and report on the work among needy children in Mexico.

An auction of Christmas packages will take place. The proceeds from the auction will benefit the home "Mama Paulita" in Mexico. Dr. Robert FUNKE will be the auctioneer.

Bring a dish for the potluck dinner. Bring a wrapped Christmas gift for the auction. THANK YOU! WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME! ! ! !