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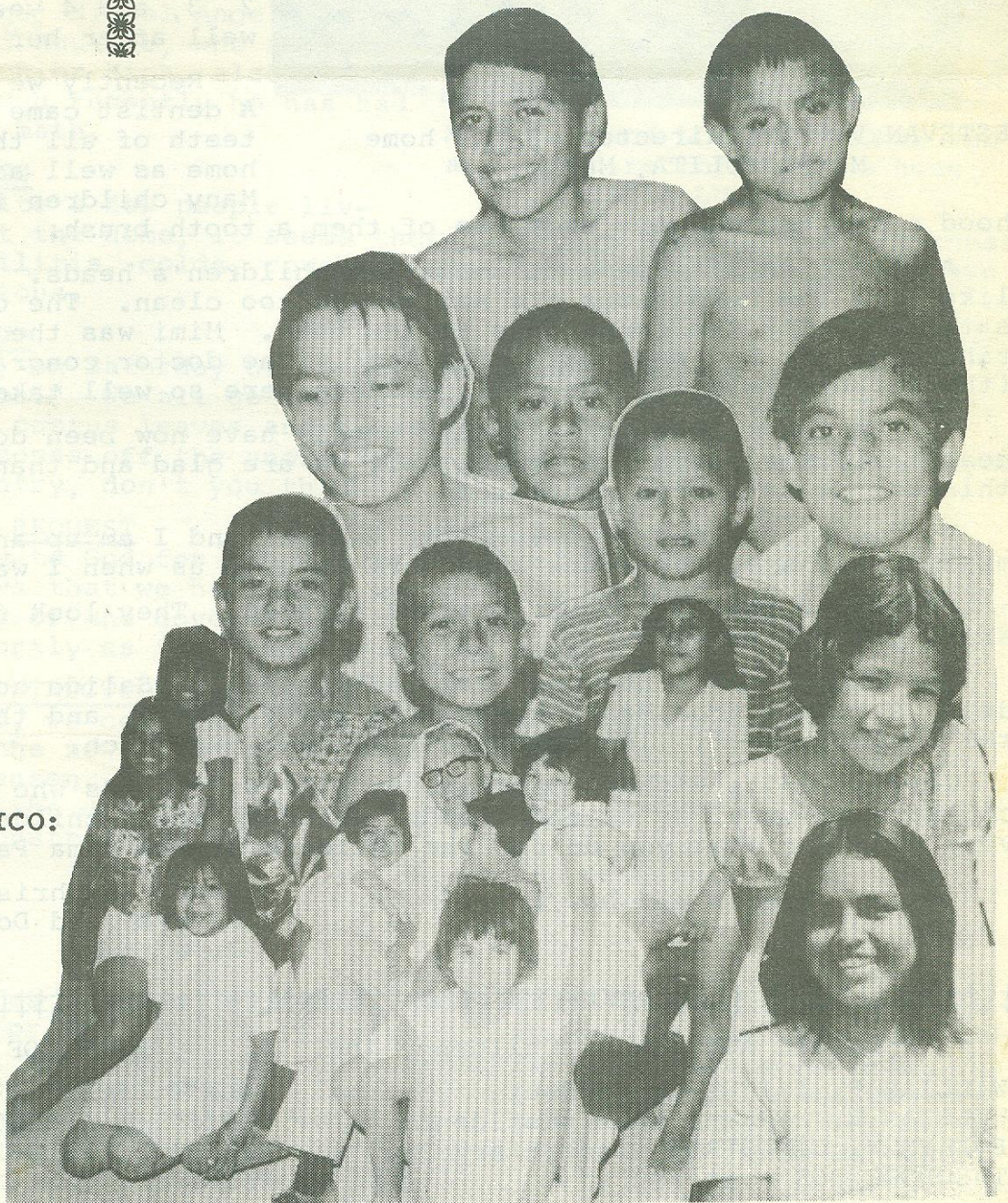
FOUR PLACES IN MEXICO:

- 1) MAMA PAULITA,
- 2) MARIA LUISA
- 3) TIJUANA
- 4) MEXICALI

ARE YOU GOING TO
DO SOMETHING
SPECIAL FOR
CHILDREN THIS
YEAR ? ? ?

REMEMBER MEXICO!

THESE ARE CHILDREN FROM THE HOME MAMA PAULITA





ESTEVEAN VALDEZ, director of the home
MAMA PAULITA, Mexico

MAMA PAULITA HOME

The Directors' Report:

At the home we now have 23 boys and 31 girls who are well, content and happy. The six teen-age girls attending secondary school in Monterrey are doing well.

Last winter we had some colds even though we didn't have any rain. If we don't get rain it'll be a hot summer. We pray for rain.

In the near future we'll admit three more children - ages 2, 3, and 4 years. Rosa Maria is well after her eye operation.

Recently we had a visit here. A dentist came to examine the teeth of all the children at the home as well as the neighborhood. Many children from the neighborhood came, and we gave each one of them a tooth brush.

A physician also came to check the children's heads. In a neighborhood like ours the conditions are not always too clean. The doctor was very satisfied with the conditions at the home. Mimi was the only one who had ringworm. We got medication for that. The doctor congratulated Mrs. Valdez (the director's wife) that the children were so well taken care of.

The various things that needed repair have now been done. The toilet near the dining area has new tiles. We are glad and thankful for the many things that have been completed.

My operation went well (Estevan Valdez) and I am up and around doing my chores. Mrs. Hernandez came here to help us when I was in the hospital.

Yesterday the 20 chester drawers arrived. They look fine and sturdy. We'll paint them soon.

The church tower has been completed. Pastor Salido comes every Thursday. A couple from Mante comes here every Sunday, and they take charge of the Sunday school. The children like them very much.

We wish God's richest blessing on all you friends who help us. Please continue to pray for us and support our work among children. Thank you very much for what you do for the children at the Mama Paulita Home.

Yours in Christ,
Estevan and Dora Valdez
Directors

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MARIA LUISA HOME

Report from the Directors:

Before anything else, we want to give thanks to God because He has watched over us and, thanks to all of you who have helped us, we see day by day that things are moving ahead in the Children's Home.

SCHOOL

Up till now, the children are doing well at school. Several who are doing especially well are: Alejandro Cardenas, who is in the sixth grade, is the third highest in his classroom and has an average of 9 (on a scale of 10) in his grades; Leticia Ortiz, in third, also with 9 average; Esteban Esteves, 8 average; Miguel Angel Pineda, 8 average; David Aguilar, who is in the second year of junior high, also has an average of 8, though recently he has had some difficulties in math.

SICKNESS

Because we are quite a few people living close together at the Home, it seems there's always some kind of sickness around, such as tonsillitis, colds, coughs, etc., but praise the Lord we have not had anything serious.

DAYS OUT

Almost every week, on Saturday or Sunday, we go on a picnic to a place called "The Water Cube." We all go and carry our food and prepare it there. We gather some Nopal cactus leaves and roast them over the fire and drink from the water that comes off the snow-capped peak. So, there are advantages of living in the country, don't you think?

PRAYER REQUEST

We ask you to pray to God for the construction of the new Children's Home and for the interviews that we have been having with persons who can help us, such as the secretary of the governor of the state of Puebla, from whom we're expecting a reply shortly as to whether they can help us.

THE CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN

This past March 23, we celebrated the act of laying the first stone for the construction of the new Children's Home. The secretary to the Mayor of Serdan, and Trygve Jansen, who is helping us by means of his organization with a great part of the needed funds, were present for the ceremony. On May 8th the actual construction began.

In the Lord's service,
Maurillo and Lourdes Flores
Directors



MAURILLO and LOURDES FLORES who
are the directors at the home
MARIA LUISA

Editor's note

Maurillo and Lourdes is a young couple. They have taken on the responsibility as directors for the home Maria Luisa. They are doing a very good job helping the children, however the salary is minimal. They have four small children (see photo on top of page). The baby was sleeping when the photo was taken. If someone would be interested in helping this family, the children could be sponsored. In this way the financial situation would be better for this family. Let's hear from you. (TDJ)

THE CORNER STONE IN PLACE

Finally the day arrived. Last Easter the corner stone of the new building for the children's home Maria Luisa was put in place. It was a great day.

A representative from Sweden, Holger Hansson, and Trygve Jansen from Los Angeles, met in Mexico City, and together with the missionary, Paul Godshall, they drove to the city of Serdan where the home is being built.

We arrived in Serdan just before the ceremony was to take place. The drive took three hours. Many of the children had been sent off on vacation. Some of the children have relatives, and at the home they feel it is important to keep in contact with them and in this way give the children a variety of experiences. Some children were present at the ceremony. Many people from the community were there. The secretary of the Mayor of the town participated in the ceremony.



Trygve Jansen placing a stone



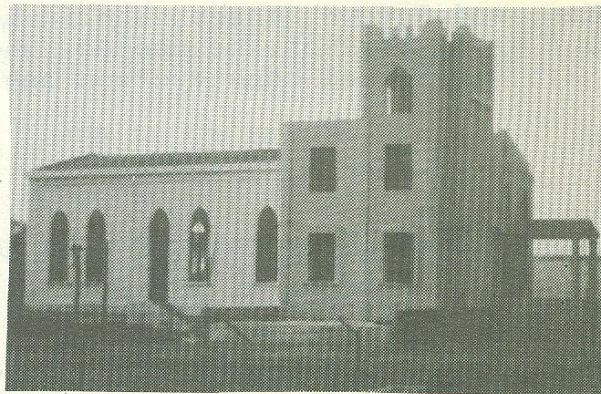
The director gave a short speech. Trygve Jansen was introduced and he gave greetings from the many contributors (in photo to the left he speaks with Paul Godshall as interpreter).

After the speeches the stones were placed. Several people took part. In the photo on top of the page Trygve Jansen is placing one of the stones while the Mayor's secretary looks on.

It was a great day for the people there. Our hope is that the building soon will be completed and the children can move into a better home where they can enjoy liveable conditions. Join us in prayer that this goal will be reached.

Layman ACTION for Children, Inc.

As a non-profit, Christian, inter-denominational organization, it is our goal to respond to the needs of the underprivileged children of the world. It is our belief that these needs must be met at all levels in a child's life - we must relate to the total being: the physical, the mental, the spiritual. When put into ACTION, this means providing food, shelter, and clothing to meet the children's physical needs; providing educational opportunities to enrich and enhance the mental capacities of the children; and providing the opportunity for worship thus encouraging spiritual growth.



THE CHURCH TOWER AT MAMA PAULITA HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETED