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The DIRECTORS at MAMA PAULITA REPORT ...

* * * Following are a few excerpts of reports from Dora and Esteban Valdez, directors of the Mama Paulita Home:

* * * During recent months we have cared for 58 to 65 children at the home. Some of these children stay for two or three months because they were brought to the home while the parent was looking for a job, looked for a place to live, or maybe was in prison.

* * * Some of the children have been vaccinated against whooping cough, tetanus, diphtheria and parasites. Nine children were treated by the dentist. Idalia fell outside and broke her arm. She had to stay in the hospital for three days.

* * * Most of the children are doing well in school. We have children attending kindergarten all the way up to junior high school. Three children will graduate from junior high school in June. The children usually have their study hour at the home between 3 and 4 in the afternoon. Mrs. Valdez and the kindergarten teacher, Josefina Saccarias, are there to assist them.



DORA AND ESTEBAN VALDEZ

* * * Regardless of the constant increase in food prices the children eat well. Their diet includes egg, milk, meat, vegetables, fruit, rice, wheat flour tortillas, etc. Their meals are well-balanced, and the children are healthy.

* * * We have some problems with plumbing and the electrical system. Especially leaky faucets and faulty switch boxes caused by lizard eggs. We never kill the white lizards because they eat mosquitoes. Many repairs have been made in recent months. New screen doors have been put in, and broken window glass have been replaced.

* * * During the Christmas season we had great joy. A wonderful Christmas dinner was prepared for the children and the adults. Gifts had been bought

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WE MOVE FORWARD
TOWARD
NEW
GOALS

Greetings through letters and cards wishing me good health and God's blessing have encouraged me greatly. It is a joy to know there are many prayer partners. My health is improving. Thank you for your concern.

Decision has been made - - I have terminated my teaching position and I am now in full-time work for the Mexican children. As you surely know there is enough to do. Beside the administration of Layman ACTION in the U.S.A. I'm involved with the administration of the work in Norway, and constantly in contact with the work in Mexico. The Swedish Mexico Mission also receive assistance from us. It is a blessing to be busy, but even a greater blessing to DO FOR OTHERS.

We have reached many goals. In January 1981 we passed the 15 year mark since the idea to help needy children was conceived. Our building plans for the Home Mama Paulita will be a reality when the school building is completed. The first floor for the Home La Familia is completed. The second story is planned. That story will be used for work hobby rooms, and classrooms for vocational courses. In Tijuana and Mexicali we have had a great opportunity to help children and youth with educational opportunities. We are continuing this help.

SHOULD WE REST? SHOULD WE SAY WE HAVE DONE ENOUGH? NO, new goals and needs are ahead of us. Other places in Mexico - the states of Jalisco and Chihuahua, are asking for assistance. Bangladesh is inquiring if we could help with some of the village schools. Children in countries in Central America cry for help. We can not close our eyes for these needs, or turn our ears away from these cries. Let us with courage face these challenges.

To meet these challenges it is significant to reach new contributors



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and recruit others to the ranks. You can participate.

- 1) You can assist us by giving name and address of relatives, friends and neighbors who may be interested in helping needy children. Send these names and addresses to us and we will provide literature for them to read. In this way you'll have a part in spreading the news about these needy children. Fill in the enclosed form and send it to the address shown on top of the form.
- 2) You can tell others about this work.
- 3) Last, but not least, you can be a prayer partner.

In 1981 let us move forward with courage, enthusiasm and optimism. FOR GOD NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE, WHAT YOU ARE DOING, AND WHAT YOU'LL DO IN THE FUTURE.

GREETINGS,
T. D. JANSEN

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NEW MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We welcome RICHARD A. FARGO, new member of the Board. He is also our new treasurer.

WELCOME DICK!

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TIJUANA and MEXICALI
NEED OUR ATTENTION

We are cooperating with LUTHERAN BAJA CALIFORNIA MISSION who provide an educational opportunity for needy children in TIJUANA and MEXICALI. We take some excerpts from there publication for your information.

"You have all seen them: pictures of emaciated children. They have skeletal bodies with skin stretched over their skulls like fragile parchment. Their stomachs are extended, balloon-like, indicating severe malnutrition."

"They are the starving children of the world who are found in many places."

"Such conditions in the border cities of Tijuana and Mexicali moved highly motivated Christians on the U.S. side to do something. The result was LBCM's creation in 1967."

"But LBCM does not believe in using such pictures of starving children to motivate others to join their efforts to alleviate hunger, whether in body, mind or soul."

"LBCM likes to show the results of providing schooling for children, like those pictured on this page, with health care and nutritional aid that gives the child a good daily meal and helps the mothers to learn how to do the same at home."

"LBCM does not maintain orphanages. It sees its ministry in dealing with family units, so that parents and children can grow spiritually, mentally and physically, and stay together."



"In that way they are enabled to meet the rigors of their lives and find God's will in strengthening the Christian community to combat injustice and selfishness that create these tragic consequences."

"The family is the basic social unit in Latin America. LBCM is dedicated to help the family grow in its God-given responsibilities in the grace of Jesus Christ."

SUPPORT OF A SCHOOL CHILD - - -

"With the operation of the schools now under the supervision of the new civil association (a non-profit Mexican corporation in keeping with Mexican law), the educational programs will be amplified to serve more children in more ways."

"This improvement will cost more money. Hence, one child may now be supported by more than one sponsor. Each will receive a picture of the child and personal information."

"The unit of support will remain at ten dollars per month."

"All new requests will include the choice of child, whether boy or girl, and whether primary school age or adolescent in the vocational courses."

**YOU MAY SUPPORT A CHILD THROUGH
LAYMAN ACTION FOR CHILDREN. +++++**

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and prepared for all the children. It is always a time of gratitude and a reminder of what you people are doing for these children.

*** We thank the Board of Layman ACTION, all the individual donors and groups in the U.S.A., Denmark, Norway and Sweden for the generosity and concern expressed through your gifts. **THANK YOU SO MUCH** - - May God reward and bless you! - -

Greetings to you all,
DORA and ESTEBAN VALDEZ

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B E R I T from N O R W A Y - - -
B E C A M E A N E W P E R S O N

A young lady from Haugesund, Norway, was in Mexico City for several months to study Spanish. She is sponsoring a child at "MAMA PAULITA". After completing her course in Spanish she requested going to the Home "La Familia" in the city of Serdan, Puebla, for one month, before she returned to Norway.

Here is what she reports of her experiences:

"I have now returned to Norway from Mexico. When I reflect on my experiences I must say it was a time of learning and getting acquainted with a different culture, and I'll never regret that I visited casa hogar "La Familia" where I met 27 Mexican children and could breathe fresh air up in the mountains."

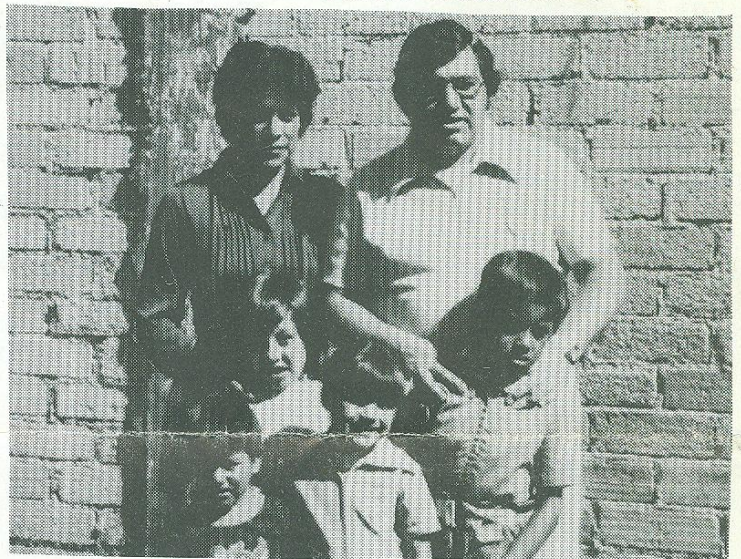
"During the month I was there I tried to help out as much as I

could, washing clothes, and last but not least repairing clothing. There was quite a lot! I participated also with dishwashing and baking for the children. It was my life's finest month. According to Norwegian customs and conditions the living standard was low, but the children were very happy that they had a place to stay. They needed more individual attention, of course. They were so happy when I comforted them in an unhappy situation. They took my hand up to their cheek so I could pet and show my love for them."

"After seeing so many things, and viewing so much sadness in Mexico, my life has changed. I am a new person, and I like this new person so much better."

I'll never forget casa hogar "La Familia," and all I experienced there. Thank you for the opportunity to go and stay there. May God bless you all!"

Greetings,
BERIT NILSSEN



The directors, LOURDES and MAURELIO FLORES, and their children, were very happy to have BERIT assist them.

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R E A C H O U T Y O U R H A N D

YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GO TO MEXICO AND HELP - AS BERIT DID, BUT YOU CAN REACH YOUR HAND OUT BY ASSISTING FINANCIALLY - BY GIVING YOUR DONATION OR SPONSORING A CHILD.

WE WELCOME YOUR HELP!

