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THE CHILDREN WONDER: "WILL THE HELP ARRIVE?"

REPORT OOO FROM MAMA PAULITA

Greetings from us and all the children. We are a big family; some 65 children, and more that want to be admitted. But with our present staff we cannot handle more right now. We are doing well and enjoying the northern wind that has cooled us off.

Things are a little calmer now when the children have returned to school after summer vacation. Keeping them happy and busy during the summer months is quite a job.

Thank you so much for the gift you sent so it was possible for 15 of the older children to go to Christian camp this summer at Rio Verde in the state of Santa Louis Potosi. We have a few older girls that were admitted to the home. Considering their background and their previous upbringing, we have had some problems with them. But when the camp was over we saw that the Lord had done a real work in their lives. Lola and Teresa both came and asked forgiveness for the way they had been acting toward us and the other children. They said that they had accepted Jesus into their hearts, and he had changed their lives. We have seen this change since they returned. The rest of the children also came back refreshed, and

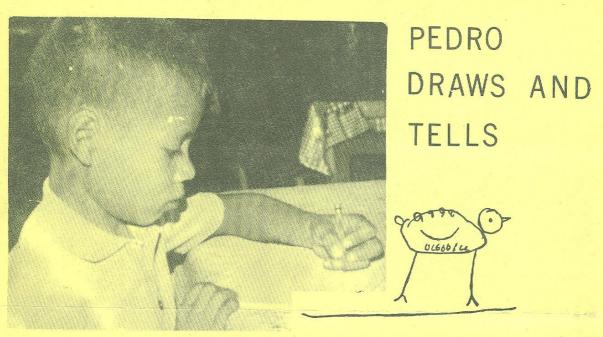
very thankful for the opportunity to be with other children, as well as the spiritual time.

As mentioned before we have 65 children at the home, 30 boys and 35 girls. Six are now in the kindergarden, 52 in elementary school and seven in junior high school. We have been busy making uniforms and buying school supplies. Here the government provides the teacher, and the rest falls on the parents (that means the home for these children) to provide. Things are now beginning to slow down, and more and more gets done.

Mrs. Valdez has not been feeling at all well in the past months. She has been to Mexico City for a check-up to find out what her problem is. She found out that she has problem with her heart and high blood pressure. We thank you for your prayers for her. The job of caring for so many children is big, and she must slow down quite a bit to keep going.

Thank you again for your prayers and support which is great. bless you for your faithfulness. The children send their greetings and love.

SERVING WITH YOU. ESTEBAN & DORA VALDEZ



One of the boys at the home MAMA PAULITA, Pedro Charles PEDRO CHARLES (see photo above), went to school one day. The school for first and second graders is located close to the home.

In one of his classes that day they had drawing. As you may notice in the picture above Pedro uses left hand when writing and drawing. Pedro likes to draw. This day he became very occupied with his idea - drawing a lonely bird. He put forth his best effort.

When finished he proudly showed the drawing to the teacher (the drawing is reproduced on this page). The teacher said that he liked the drawing. However, he wanted Pedro to verbelize and explain his drawing. He therefore said to Pedro, "Idon't see any trees. Where is the bird located? Is it alone?" Pedro hesitated a while before answering, then he replied, "That bird is like me. It is all alone. It has no home with parents, like others. That is the same with me. I neither have a home with a father and mother. I am all alone."



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RAMON

Ramon is one of the youngsters that Layman ACTION is supporting. This young man is being helped financially to obtain an education. He completed his high school education summer of 1981 with top grades. The above copy of his report card for the last semester shows his grades.

scale is 1-10 with 10 being the highest mark. All the other semestershe received similar grades. Ramon wants to go on to university. He is wondering if we will continue the financial support. We do hope we can. Here are excerpts from a letter he sent:

"I have now completed high school (preparatorio) which gives me the educational foundation for further studies. My plan was to become a teacher, but I have changed my plan, and will major in agriculture at the university."

"It is a long way to reach my goal, but the desire to get an education is so strong that I'll do whatever it takes to meet the requirements, even if it takes many years."

"Receive my gratitude, dear friends, for the help you have given me, and for your confidence in me. I'll show myself worthy by becoming an upright and responsible citizen of my country."

"Every day I remember that there are some good people who want to help those who are in need. THANK YOU !!!

Your friend RAMON OROZCO

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Missionary CURTIS JOHNSON conducts children's services each Saturday at the home MAMA PAULITA.

He reports:

"The work here is going well. We thank the Lord for the chance to minister to the children at casa hogar MAMA PAULITA. Our services take place on Saturdays after the evening meal. The children seem to enjoy the service, and all are able to participate one way or another. We sing many songs, the children recite a Bible verse they have memorized, I share with them the meaning of the verse, and we sing some more."

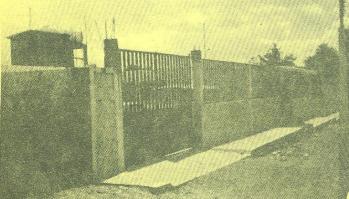
"We can see the change in the children. The Word of God is working in their lives. God has a special love for the children, and we are called to bring the GOOD NEWS to them and the world."

"Our plan for the near future is to have a film campaign showing films of the life of Jesus. These films will be shown in the neighborhood, and we do



THE JOHNSON FAMILY

pray and hope that this will have an impact on the people of the community." "Thank you so much for your prayers and support of this important work.



"LA FAMILIA" CASA HOGAR

IMMEDIATE NEEDS: FURNITURE (chairs, tables, closets, etc.) BLOCK WALL around the property



LA FAMILIA CHILDREN



FILL-IN and levelling of playground PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

TIJUANA PROJECT

We are happy to report that in spite of many problems in the school in Tijuana the school opened in September with an entirely new staff. A well-qualified Christian principal is now working with some fine Christian teachers.

Let us continue with prayers and support for the work and the needy children in Tijuana.

WE HAVE SCORES OF CHILDREN AT THE HOMES AND IN TIJUANA TO BE SPONSORED.

\$15 per child per month. Will you

help the needy?

(Photo to the left - TIJUANA CHILDREN)