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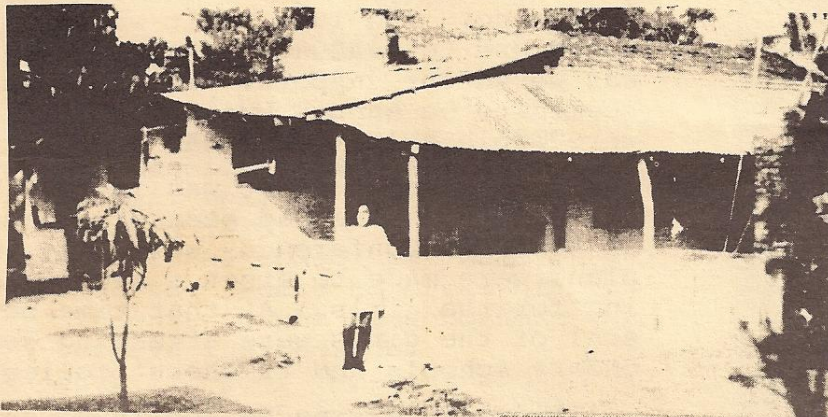
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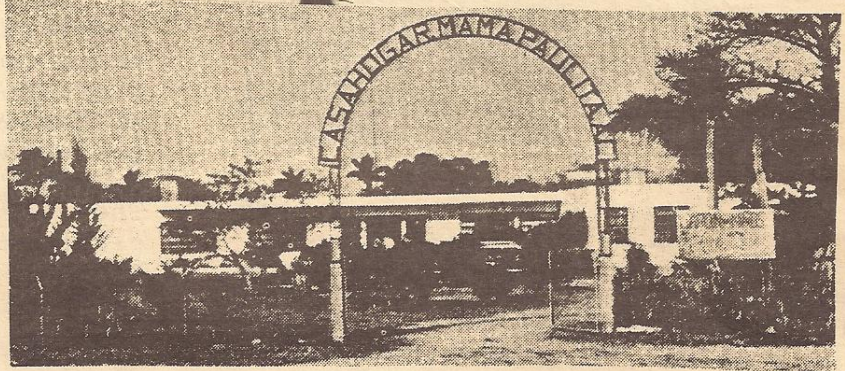


THE OLD DILAPIDATED HOUSE SHOWN IN THE PHOTO ON THE LEFT WAS THE CHILDREN'S HOME "MAMA PAULITA" THAT WE SAW THE FIRST TIME WE VISITED MEXICO IN 1966.

THE CONDITIONS WERE TERRIBLE, BUT THE 16 GIRLS LIVING THERE WERE HAPPY TO HAVE A PLACE TO LIVE.

THE PHOTO TO THE RIGHT SHOWS THE FIRST NEW BUILDING FOR GIRLS THAT WAS DEDICATED IN 1971. THERE WAS ROOM FOR 40 GIRLS. LATER A DORMITORY WING WAS ADDED. NOW THERE IS ROOM FOR 60 GIRLS.

THEY ARE HAPPY BECAUSE SOMEONE CARES.



20 YEARS SINCE WE BEGAN OUR WORK IN MEXICO

20 YEARS HAVE PASSED BY SINCE OUR DREAM OF STARTING A CHILDREN'S WORK IN MEXICO BECAME A REALITY. WHEN THE FIRST NEW BUILDING FOR GIRLS WAS DEDICATED IN 1971 OUR DIRECTOR WROTE AN ARTICLE IN ONE OF OUR PAMPHLETS. We thought it would be a good idea to include this article in this newsletter. SEE NEXT PAGE.

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As a non-profit, interdenominational 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.

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OUR NEWSLETTERS ARE ISSUED SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR. ANYONE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING THEM, PLEASE WRITE US

DONT'T BE DISCOURAGED

Considering the tremendous need among children in the world today, we may ask the questions, "Does it help what we do?" "Is it not only a drop in the bucket?" "Aren't the results so insignificant?"

Yes, we may ask such questions. Especially when we are depressed, we may answer, "We may just as well quit helping those who are suffering and are in need." "It doesn't look like the conditions in the world are getting better."

Fortunately, we don't have to be pessimists. As I sit here at my desk and consider what has been accomplished in such a short time I'll abandon such pessimistic attitudes as shown in the paragraphs above. Of course, there are times when a person feels despondent, lonesome and discouraged. But as we look back on the accomplishments so far, we must say, "IT IS ABSOLUTELY UNBELIEVABLE what has been done."

When we first came in contact with the children's home "MAMA PAULITA," the thought and hope was to contribute \$50 a month to help the girls. Not many months later we were able to send \$140 a month. Of course that was not enough, but it helped. As time went on thousands of dollars was sent monthly.

As we continue to recall, we can not avoid comparing the three visits to Mexico. The 1966 visit was a short one to evaluate if this project was worth our support. The children seemed to be happy, but the conditions were deplorable. HELP WAS SENT.

The second visit was in 1968. A board of trustees had been organized in Mexico. Conferences were held and plans were made to erect a new building for the girls. At that time several of the girls were attending secondary schools and teachers' college.

The visit during Easter 1970 was undescribable. The new building was under roof. There was proof of concrete results of our hopes, and what we had worked for. Several of the girls had completed secondary school, commercial schools and had jobs. They were on their own. Four of the girls attended teachers' college. Younger children had been admitted to the home.

The community was visited, and the great need was evident.

A great deal has been done. THANKS TO GOD! There is no reason to be discouraged. When we meet these youngsters who have been helped, we must say with the Word of God, "ONE SOUL IS MORE WORTH THAN THE WHOLE WORLD."

Are you one who prays? Are you one who wants to help financially? HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!

Our dreams and hopes are that we may be able to establish more children's homes in Mexico, and also establish educational centers to help young people get an education.

It is now 15 years since the article above was written, and in the last paragraph it says, "OUR DREAMS AND HOPES ARE THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH MORE CHILDREN'S HOMES IN MEXICO, AND ALSO ESTABLISH EDUCATIONAL CENTERS TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE GET AN EDUCATION."

These hopes and dreams have become realities. In the 20 years we have existed as an organization following projects have been realized:

- * "Mama Paulita" children's home with separate buildings for girls and boys.
- * "La Familia" children's home in the city of Serdan, state of Puebla, Mexico. New building erected 1978.
- * Vocational school at "Mama Paulita," where hundreds of students in the neighborhood receive instruction.
- * Help for poor families with many children in Tijuana and Mexicali, state of Baja California.
- * Support project in the city of Valles, state of San Luis Potosi, where poor and sick families and children receive help.
- * Student Program in the city of Monterrey, state of Nuevo Leon, where many students receive financial help for education who otherwise would have been denied schooling. These students attend secondary school, commercial school, university, and seminary.

That we should be allowed to see these many results from our work over these 20 years is overwhelming. We must first and foremost say that it is a MIRACLE OF GOD. However, we must also say

that the reason for the success is the help we have received from Scandinavia and the United States of America.

We thank all of you, dear friends, for the love you have shown, and your faithfulness in giving. THANKS also to all the co-workers who have given so much of your time and energy so the work could succeed.

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO YOU ALL!

As we move into the future we cannot neglect to mention that our need for younger co-workers and new givers is great. Many of the older givers pass away. Therefore we need "ACTION" people to step into their place.

STAND WITH US IN PRAYER AND GIVING!



JULIO CESAR REYNA

Julio Cesar Reyna and his brother, Juan Alberto Reyna come from a very poor family. Their father deserted the family. The mother and the children were left without a peso or a home. The mother took a job as a maid. Since they didn't have a place to stay, the mother once in a while was permitted to bring some of the children to work with her. This didn't happen too often. She left the children most of the time with some friends. Usually she found the children roaming the streets when she came back from work. Three of her children are now at "Mama Paulita." THEY NEED YOUR HELP.

STUDENT PROGRAM in

MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON

Among the young people in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, who receive financial help for schooling are six seminary students.

Summer 1985 these students graduated from the seminary (see photo to the right). Six new students have taken their place.

35 youngsters in this program receive help for education. They live in their own home, but the parents cannot afford to help them with clothes and school material. If they don't have this, they will be denied entrance to the school. WE HELP THEM.

Here are great possibilities of helping young people with an education. Many of the youngsters have already finished the instruction and have now good positions in society. Many are standing in line hoping to be admitted into the program. THIS IS HELP TO SELFHELP.



GRADUATING SEMINARY STUDENTS



FAMILY IN VALLES BEING HELPED
EXCERPTS OF LETTER FROM VALLES

Thank you again for your generous help for children in Mexico. Your check for \$400 arrived toward the end of last month.

The important thing is that children are being helped because of your efforts and care.

I want to ask you about a special project we have been involved with. About a month or two ago we helped buy two hearing aids for a boy who was born deaf. He is about nine years old, and never had heard or talked. It was exciting to see him recently with his hearing aids on - hearing and responding to auditory stimuli! I am not sure how much progress he has made in talking - it will take awhile.

We have received a request from another boy who is in the same situation. It will cost about \$400. THANKS AGAIN FOR HELP!

JIM COAD

WHAT ABOUT IT, FRIENDS! WILL YOU HELP?

WE HAVE MANY REASONS TO CELEBRATE OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY

ONE WAY TO CELEBRATE IS TO GIVE AN ANNIVERSARY GIFT TO THE CHILDREN.

IF EACH ONE OF US WHO READS THIS NEWSLETTER GIVES A GIFT, WE WILL REACH FAR THIS SUMMER IN HELPING THE NEEDY CHILDREN AND YOUNGSTERS OF MEXICO.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU! THANK YOU!