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YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW THE LANGUAGE TO KEEP A CURIOUS BOY INTERESTED! "TIO TOR" VISITS "LA FAMILIA"

WE HAVE GREAT NEWS FOR YOU!!

You made it possible to start a new home this spring for our older children in Mexico. We had long been dreaming and praying for a place where the young people could come when they were too old for the children's homes "Mama Paulita" and "La Familia".

Now we have a place where poor homeless youth can live as a Christian family while they are preparing themselves for a future vocation. Better yet, by starting this project we have found over forty Mexican adults who have pledged to help any way they can.

The home is named "Casa Cristiana de Cinco Banderas" (Christian Home of Five Banners). The five banners stand for God and the supporters in Mexico, Norway, Sweden and USA.

Your contributions made is possible to take advantage of an opportunity of a large family house which became available in Monterrey. It must have been God's plan, because the location is very near technical and academic schools and in an industrial area where job opportunities exist. Now we don't have to send the young people out on-their-own when they are 16-17. We can offer them a continued Christian environment with stable house parents and many adult Mexican mentors.

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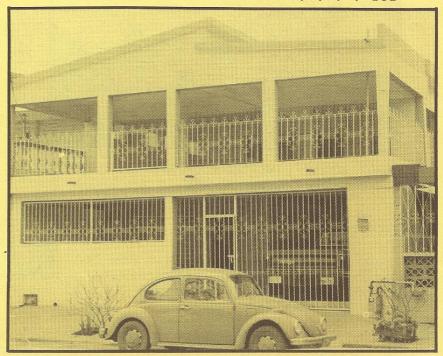
As a non-profit, interdenominational organization, it is our goal to respond to the needs of the under priviledged children of the world. It is our belief that these needs must be met at all levels in a child's life - we must relate to the total being: the physical, the mental, the spriritual. When put 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.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE.

Dora and Esteban Valdes have volunteered to be the house parents. Their past experience at the children's homes and in dealing with our students will give us a good foundation. They have already moved in and are painting and preparing dormitory facilities for the expected boys and girls. The administrative supervision for this home will be provided by the Methodist Church of Mexico. We try to obtain local supervision from similar stable organizations in each of our homes.

I was present at the ceremonies of the title change and dedication party for the house and took some pictures for you. Wish you were there to experience the excitement and thankfulness of the Mexican volunteers. They asked me to greet you in the Name of Christ who made this co-operation possible!

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"CASA CRISTIANA DE CINCO BANDERAS" HOUSE WITH SIX BEDROOMS AND FOUR BATHS.



DORA AND ESTABAN (right), THE "HOUSE PARENTS" HOLD-ING THE FIVE BANNERS.

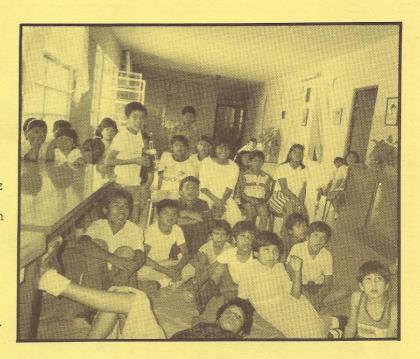
A CHECK FOR 80 MILLION PESOS IS GIVEN BY DORA AND TOR FROM YOU TO THE FORMER OWNER. (left)



NEWS FROM THE OTHER PROJECTS:

CASA HOGAR "MAMA PAULITA"
The home now has 17 girls and 28 boys. Mrs. Hernandez who is now 81-years-old is back directing the operations of the home. "Mina", her niece, who has raised her own children, is learning to take over. The care and feeding of all those children takes much dedication. A young couple Jose and Linda Ramirez has been hired to supervise the boys dorm, tutor and give Christian training after meal times.

They also teach, lead singing and play the piano in the church on Sundays. To the right is a picture of some of the children enjoying TV during their "free" time.



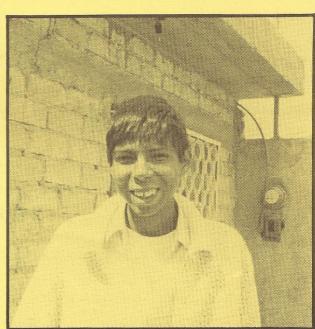
CASA HOGAR "LA FAMILIA"

32 children and youth are doing well as reported by Director, Lourdes, over the telephone. She is working harder now because David left in February to continue his career elsewhere. We are trying to get some more help for her from the Mexican Mennonite Church which is the supervising organization. She needs your prayers. Some visiting ladies from Sweden, reported they were impressed with the home.

STUDENT PROGRAMS

80 young people who need financial help to stay in school are receiving a monthly donation from you. They are so thankful for the opportunity they receive. Graduation time is almost here for about 15. Pictured below left is a breakfast meeting with the seminary students and on the right, Salvador, who is in bad need of a dental operation.





CHILDRENS GOSPEL OUTREACH Every Saturday the teachers go out to the slum areas of Monterrey to tell about Christ. They use visual aid materials paid for by some of our contributors. In teams of two, they reach hundreds of children who live in areas with no churches. We recognized some of the young teachers with a certificate and a cross necklace this April. Some of them had been going out for five years. The picture to the right was taken in the home of one of the Mexican program directors, Martha Graciella Gonzales (standing).



Flores. You see the teachers, the material used, and the other director, Dr.



We are still giving many children breakfast on the streets of Torreon. Rebecca Mitchell, the organizer, reports that

she has talked with the principal of one school to be permitted to serve children at school. The picture to the left shows the ACTION Board of Sweden who suggested this program. On the right is Holgar Hansson, the co-ordinator of the Swedish support.

THE FUTURE We are still exploring the possibility of two other children's homes. We will move as soon as your gifts will permit. This is a mission for God we can do, no matter where we live in the world. Remember Jesus said: The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed (Matthew 13-32)

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER!!!
